

2nd October 2022  
27th Sunday Ordinary Time  
Year C



"That They May All Be One."

Faith Communities  
of Adamstown  
Cardiff and Kotara

*'Son of Man did not come to be served,  
but to serve.'* (Mt 20:28)

*~ A humble service with a smile ~*

## All Saints Catholic Home - Blackbutt South

*'Listening to God's word, growing in faith, reaching out to all'*

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### PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

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- St Kevin's, Cardiff
- St James', Kotara

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- St Pius X, Adamstown
- St Paul's, Booragul

### OFFICE OF SAFEGUARDING

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### SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm Kotara

Sunday: 8.00am Adamstown

9.30am Cardiff

Adoration: 5.30pm(Winter) Kotara

6pm (Summer)

Reconciliation: Saturdays at Kotara by  
appointment (11am-3pm)

### WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday: 9.30am Adamstown

Wednesday: 7.00am Kotara

9.30am Adamstown

Thursday: 10am Cardiff

Friday: 9.15am Kotara

1st Saturday: 9.00am Kotara

## Gospel Reflection

How much faith does one have to have? How much faith is enough? How is it possible to measure one person's faith against another?

"Were your  
faith the size  
of a mustard  
seed...."

Luke 17:6



When the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith, what exactly were they asking of him? These fishermen and nobodies chosen as disciples by Jesus must surely have had moments of realisation that they were not the sorts of young men normally chosen by Rabbis to be disciples. They must have looked around at the disciples of other teachers and seen that, by comparison, they weren't really in the same league. So they ask Jesus to increase their faith. What they're saying is: make us more like the sorts of people we think we should be. Jesus counters their request by telling them that if they had faith the size of a tiny mustard seed they could accomplish great things. It's not a matter of how much faith one has but what they do with it. How much faith does it take to do great things? Jesus says that it only takes the tiniest scrap of faith.

Jesus follows up this statement by pointing out to the disciples that no matter how small the amount of faith, it carries with it a responsibility and duty to act upon it. One shouldn't be looking for acclaim and special treatment when one acts out of faith as that is simply what is expected. The gift of faith carries with it a duty to live that faith and act upon it.

*'As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.'* John 15:9

# ANNOUNCEMENTS—MASS ROSTERS

## Historical Context – Servants and Slaves

When speaking about doing what is expected, Jesus uses the image of a servant or slave. Whilst this image may be a difficult one for us, Jesus is simply using an image that would have held meaning to his audience. The sense of doing what is expected without anticipating acclaim was best captured in the time by talking about a servant or slave. This does not suggest that Jesus condoned the practice of slavery or servitude – they were just cultural norms at the time. When Jesus spoke about these matters it was only to ensure that slave and servants were treated fairly.

## Scriptural context – A lesson for the disciples

For the last few months, in the Sunday gospel readings, we have been working our way through the second half of the gospel of Luke. From the end of chapter 9 onwards, the gospel charts the journey of Jesus towards Jerusalem. Throughout this journey, Jesus teaches his disciples and attempts to prepare them for his departure and their need to step up and take on his ministry. Today's passage is an example of this instruction to the disciples. Jesus makes clear that they are being called to give their lives to faith in service of others without expecting any return – just as Jesus does!

## Gospel Focus – Faith

The disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith, but their question – and the reply given by Jesus – does not make clear the faith that they want increased. Is it their faith in God; their faith in themselves; or their faith in the people they are called to serve? The response by Jesus suggests that, in fact, it is faith in all these things. Faith in God and faith in self are intrinsically linked and Jesus makes plain to the disciples that this faith must find its expression in selfless service to others.

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<b>02/10/2022</b>	<b>ADAMSTOWN</b>	<b>CARDIFF</b>	<b>KOTARA</b>
<b>Commentator</b>	Barry Bourke	Elizabeth Doyle	Bernard Burgess
<b>Readers</b>	Basia Wedesweiler Therese Nolan	Paul Gleeson Majella Maher	Dever Family
<b>Presentation of Gifts</b>	Kathy Kelly Bernadette Maher	Lamotte Family	Burgess Family
<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	Paul Smith	Mark Wilmore	Janelle Oliver
<b>Counters</b>	Hamilton Koelmeyer	Mary Nixon	John Bourke, Mark Noonan, Val Menzies
<b>09/10/2022</b>	<b>ADAMSTOWN</b>	<b>CARDIFF</b>	<b>KOTARA</b>
<b>Commentator</b>	Paul Smith	Paul Gleeson	Emma South
<b>Readers</b>	Therese Nolan Stan Heaney	Carmel Moore Elizabeth Doyle	Marilyn Thomson Bernard Burgess
<b>Presentation of Gifts</b>	Goodman Family	Lerch Family	Dever Family
<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	Vickie Pettett	Len McCullum	Narelle Heard
<b>Counters</b>	Lynn Johns, Dot Reynolds	N/A	N/A

## SICK/SPECIAL NEEDS:

*We remember in prayer ...*

Leonie Pickett, Karen Curran, Algi & Geraldine Bajelis, Jan Hobson, Lewis Peel (Purcell), Rita Martin, Emma Pacifico, Lorraine Caldwell, Loris Jackson, Linda McDonald, Chris Patsan, Dorota Bakowska, Gae Alderton, Ernestina Klein, Alexander Klein, Stanislaw Ksiadz, Maria Kanonczuk, Sharyn Trappel, Clare Sullivan, Jill Heffernan, Laurel Dixon, Jarrad Bryant, Barry Moore, Tom Campbell, Baby Anthony Dib

## RECENTLY DECEASED:

Maria Ghersini, Bernie Robertson

## ANNIVERSARIES:

Alma Bone, Leokadia Florek, Aleksandra Brucki

## BAPTISMS:

Parker Jane Howe



*The Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults — particularly those who participate in the life of the Diocese as part of our faith communities in parishes.*

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Anointing Masses:** will be celebrated during this week, if you know of anyone who would like to come to any of these Masses please let them know or if possible arrange transport for them.

- ♦ Wednesday 5th October 9.30am Adamstown
- ♦ Thursday 6th October 10am Cardiff
- ♦ Friday 7th October 9.15 am Kotara

**Fr Gordon Quinn** will be on leave from 1—31st October. During this time all Masses will be celebrated by Fr Joseph. Please check bulletins for any weekly changes.

**Fr Greg Arnold** will be celebrating his milestone 50th Golden Jubilee of Ordination with us at 5.30pm Mass at Kotara on Saturday 5th November with a Cup of Tea after Mass

**Votive Candle Stands** have been installed in all our Churches. Any donations will go back to the parish.

**Christian Meditation** at St Philip's Kotara, every Tuesday at 6pm. Everyone welcome including new meditators.

**New Parish Rosters** are due to be drawn up—please notify Parish Office on 4954 0977 or via email to [asbsparish@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:asbsparish@mn.catholic.org.au) if there are any changes to your current ministries or if you attend Mass and wish to join in any ministry.

**Rainbow Family Group:** Our next family group get together is on Friday October 21st at King Edward Park meeting near the rotunda between 5 and 6PM. BYO everything! Hope to see you there. Take care. *Janelle & Tim*

**Evangelise** – a national conference for Catholics The National Centre for Evangelisation is getting ready to host an online evangelisation conference from Thursday 20 to Saturday 22 October. There will be a wide range of keynote presentations from well-known Catholic speakers from around Australia, on a variety of topics related to evangelisation and formation. You can find more

**Daylight Saving commences this Sunday at 2am—Don't forget to put your clocks forward for Sunday Mass.**



information about the conference at [www.evangelisation.catholic.org.au](http://www.evangelisation.catholic.org.au) Individual registration costs \$25 or a community can purchase five registrations for \$100.

### World Youth Day Launch Event

The official WYD launch will be hosted on Sunday 9 October at 4pm at the Murray Room (841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West). To register your attendance, please visit the WYD page on the Diocesan website. If you have any questions regarding this pilgrimage, please email Ryan Gato, Diocesan World Youth Day Coordinator at: [ryan.gato@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ryan.gato@mn.catholic.edu.au)

### Bishop's Staff Week

Diocesan Administrator Father Greg Barker is excited to invite you to Bishop's Staff Week! From 10 to 15 October several different experiences will be hosted across 13 locations within the Diocese under the banner Church without Walls. Each year, the Diocese hosts a Bishop's Staff Day for everyone working in the Curia but in 2022 the event will be hosted across one week and will be open for the greater community to enjoy. For more information or to book your spot, visit <https://bsw22.eventbrite.com.au>

### Newcastle Faiths4ClimateJustice Multi-faith Service

The Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC) invites you to attend a Multi-faith Service on 13 October at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Tighes Hill from 10am to 11am It will be one of many services being hosted across Australia, in solidarity with Pacific and First Nations peoples. The service will involve readings, prayers, meditation, music and chanting from a range of religious traditions, aligned with the above themes. Go to [www.arrcc.org.au/f4cj2022](http://www.arrcc.org.au/f4cj2022) for more info.



**All Saints Feast** date claimer for Mass and parish gathering Sunday 30 October. All parish-ioners are warmly invited to come together for a single weekend Mass 10:00 am at Kotara followed by a BBQ lunch. This will be the only Mass celebrated over that weekend and presents great opportunities to connect and support each other through transport assistance, bringing a salad or sweet, or joining the planning team. Register your interest now for catering numbers, transport and assistance via <https://allsaintsfeast.eventbrite.com.au>, QR code or sheet at back of church. For planning team enquiries please text Helene O'Neill on 0400 781 374 .



# READINGS— 27th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C

## First Reading

**Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4**

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help  
while you will not listen;  
to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear  
and you will not save?  
Why do you set injustice before me,  
why do you look on where there is tyranny?

Outrage and violence, this is all I see,  
all is contention, and discord flourishes.

Then the Lord answered and said,  
'Write the vision down,  
inscribe it on tablets  
to be easily read,  
since this vision is for its own time only:  
eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive;  
if it comes slowly, wait,  
for come it will, without fail.  
See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights,  
but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Psalms 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8**

**(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me,  
though they saw my work.' **(R.)**

## Second Reading

**2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14**

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God. Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

## Gospel Acclamation

**1 Peter 1:25**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The word of the Lord stands for ever;  
it is the word given to you, the Good News.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

**Luke 17:5-10**

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and plant-

ed in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'



## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son,  
our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.