

30th October 2022
All Saints Celebration
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

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

PARISH HIGH SCHOOLS

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

OFFICE OF SAFEGUARDING

- www.mn.catholic.org.au/agencies/office-of-safeguarding
- www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm Kotara

Sunday: 8.00am Adamstown

9.30am Cardiff

Adoration: 5.30pm (Winter) Kotara
Until weather warms up

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

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday: 9.30am Adamstown

Wednesday: 9.30am Adamstown

Thursday: 9.30am Cardiff

Friday: 9.15am Kotara

1st Saturday: 9.00am Kotara

Gospel Reflection

Saints are sometimes regarded as 'Catholic superheroes'. Stories of miraculous and remarkable deeds abound, though more in the vein of conversions and cures than speeding bullets and tall buildings. But

to get caught up on the Saints of the stained glass windows is to overlook the vast majority of saints. You see, a saint is anybody whose soul is in heaven. The Church celebrates a certain number of Saints whose lives provide a glimpse of God for the rest of the Church. But there are many, many more saints whose glimpse of God was only ever experienced by their family, friends and those with whom they worked. The feast of ALL Saints is an opportunity to remember and reflect on the lives of those saints who've been known and loved by just a few and whose sphere of influence was such that they will never be recognised as Saints by the universal Church.

Today's gospel, the Beatitudes, from the Sermon on the Mount describes perfectly those 'lower case s' saints we celebrate in this feast day. The Beatitudes are sometimes referred to in parallel with the Ten Commandments. However, the Beatitudes are not 'rules' or 'instructions' for life as the Commandments are. They are more in line with a strategy that today we would call 'positive reinforcement'. They celebrate those who respond to God's call through particular attitudes towards life and towards others. Jesus presents them to the disciples and the crowd as images to inspire imitation. They're not hard and fast rules for life, but attitudes for life; the Be-Attitudes, so to speak. Those who live with these attitudes in this life are to be celebrated – 'Happy are you' – for they will be saints. They will be welcomed into communion with God in heaven.



"Happy the merciful;
they shall have
mercy shown
them."

Matthew 5:7

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS—MASS ROSTERS

Scriptural context – Kingdom Attitudes

Unlike the Ten Commandments, which describe the rules for life on earth for the ancient Jews, the Beatitudes describe the character or attitudes of people of the Kingdom of God. Like the many Kingdom parables that appear later in this gospel (esp. chapter 13), the Beatitudes present an image of what the Kingdom is like without an explicit explanation of the Kingdom. By praising and honouring the attitudes of the Kingdom, Jesus paints a picture of what life could be and should be like if we choose to live in the Kingdom of God.

Living the gospel – Calling on the Saints

Saints play an important role in the devotional life of many Catholic people, but it is a role that causes some confusion for other traditions. Whilst all prayer is directed to God, sometimes that prayer may be directed through one of the Saints or a Saint is called upon to pray on behalf of the petitioner. Images of people kneeling before statues of Saints has led to a misconception that Catholics pray to Saints, rather than to God through the Saint. The Litany of the Saints, with its 'Pray for us' response, calls on the Saints to intercede for us.

Have you thought? – Making Saints

Despite media reports that the Church, or the Pope, has 'made' a person a Saint, the Church is quite clear that what it does is *recognise* a person as a Saint, not *make* them a Saint. This is what happens through the process of canonisation; a person is 'formally recognised' as a Saint by the Church. We might say that it is God who makes Saints, not the Church. The Church formally recognises the saintliness of particular people partly to provide inspiration and example to others. The Church tells the stories of its Saints to keep alive their inspiration.

30/10/2022	ADAMSTOWN ONE MASS	CARDIFF ONLY AT	KOTARA 10AM
Commentator			AS ADVISED
Readers			AS ADVISED
Presentation of Gifts			AS ADVISED
Extraordinary Minister			AS ADVISED
Counters			John Bourke, Mark Noonan, Val Menziens
06/11/2022	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Dot Reynolds	Margaret Bourke	Christine Sheppard
Readers	Barry Bourke Christine Williams	Ben Lerch Majella Maher	Faye Robertson Giavanna Angeli
Presentation of Gifts	Preciosa Winter Gloria Ramage	Murphy Family	Peter & Marie Cunningham
Extraordinary Minister	Paul Smith	Len McCullum	Janelle Oliver
Counters	Hamilton Koelmeyer	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, Helen Tumbers



ANNIVERSARIES:

Richard Marchant, Frank Brucki and we remember our Faithful Departed loved ones.

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

November is the Month of Holy Souls—the time we especially remember deceased relatives, friends and parishioners. Please feel free to place the names of the faithful departed in the Remembrance Books in each of our three churches. As in the past, they will then be remembered at each of our Sunday and weekday Masses throughout the month. Mass Offering Envelopes are available at the back of our Churches.

- All Saints Day Mass Adamstown Tuesday 1st November 9.30am.
- All Souls Day Masses Wednesday 2nd November Adamstown 9.30am
- All Souls Day Blessing and Prayers on Wednesday 2nd November at Kotara Columbarium 10.30am and at Cardiff Columbarium 11.30am

Fr Gordon Quinn welcome back—and we hope you had a restful leave.

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..

The First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated at St Philip's Kotara next Saturday 5th November, and will be offered for Bill Barwell (husband of Margaret), Stephen Cooley (brother of Sue Wood), and for Bishop Bill Wright.

The Rosary will be prayed at 9.10am and Mass will follow at 9.30am. All parishioners are invited to this Mass to pray for the deceased, and with and for their families.

The Bereavement Support Team meets this Tuesday 1st November in St Philip's Church Hall at 4.00pm. New members are welcome. Our contact is Diana 4943 0303

Parish Mass Thursday 3rd November

All are invited to join with the school community to launch our new Vision and Mission statements at Thursday mass 9:30 am 3rd November. Following mass you are invited to join us in the school hall for morning tea. We look forward to you joining us as we set our school's future direction.

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

New Parish Ministry Rosters have now been finalised and distributed. There are some take home copies at back of churches.

Waiting with Purpose is a resource that invites all members of the community to gather a circle of people – family, friends, colleagues, ministry teams – to reflect mystagogically on the Advent gospels. This is an opportunity to encounter Christ where we are, to pay attention to what Christ reveals in the scripture and the living tradition of our faith, to share this, to connect it to our life now and to be changed by it. Mystagogical Reflection deepens our capacity to live from Christ. To access the resource, go to:

www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/liturgy/liturgical-year/

For those wanting to connect via Zoom during Advent we will be hosting Waiting with Purpose Advent Reflection each Monday at 10am. To register go to:

www.eventbrite.com.au/e/waiting-with-purpose-advent-2022-tickets-443044436837

Bishop's Award 2022

Nominations are now open for the 2022 Bishop's Award! The award aims to recognise the good works of students and young people across our Diocese who were actively involved in their parish communities. Applications close on 2 December 2022.

Find out more: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church/youth/bishops-award/>

See Noticeboards for more events or visit Diocesan Website www.mm.catholic.org.au

All Saints Sacramental Program for 2022.23 will commence with Reconciliation on Wednesday 23rd November 2022 at 6pm, St Philip's Kotara. Confirmation and First Eucharist in 2023

Reconciliation Lessons will be held at:

Kotara Monday 7th November at 5pm

Adamstown Tuesday 8th November at 5pm

Cardiff Tuesday 15th November at 5pm

Please note that lesson must be completed before you undertake this program. For more information and Enrolment/Commitment Form to be submitted at Lesson, please contact Parish Office.

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation

READINGS—Feast of All Saints

First Reading

Rv 7:2-4. 9-14

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6

(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.

It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. (R.)

2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?

Who shall stand in his holy place?

The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. (R.)

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.

Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Jn 3:1-3

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;

and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God

but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed

we shall be like him

because we shall see him as he really is.

Surely everyone who entertains this hope
must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'



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.