

27th November 2022  
1st Sunday of Advent  
Year A



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

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- St Pius X, Adamstown
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### OFFICE OF SAFEGUARDING

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### SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm Kotara

Sunday: 8.00am Adamstown

9.30am Cardiff

Sunday Adoration has been cancelled  
till further notice.

### WEEKDAY MASSES:

Wednesday: 9.30am Adamstown

Thursday: 9.30am Cardiff

Friday: 9.15am Kotara

1st Saturday: 9.00am Kotara

## Gospel Reflection

The first Sunday of Advent sees the commencement of the new liturgical year. This new liturgical cycle is referred to as Year A and features the gospel of Matthew. (Year B features the gospel of Mark and Year C, that we have just completed, features the gospel of Luke.) Advent comes from the Latin word *Adventus* which literally means 'coming'; it is also reflected in the Greek word *Parousia*, which is used to describe the second coming of Jesus. So Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation of the coming of Christ into the world that is celebrated in the Nativity at Christmas. The gospel passage chosen for today's reading richly expresses that anticipation and need for preparation.

It may seem a little confusing that we begin our year-long exploration of the gospel of Matthew by taking a reading from chapter 24. However, the need for readiness and alertness that Jesus speaks about in relation to the coming of the Kingdom is equally suitable for a modern audience when preparing to celebrate once again the coming of Jesus into the world. Jesus is the best expression of the Kingdom that we have yet experienced and so rather than seeing the choice of this passage as a confusion, we should recognise the alignment that exists between the anticipation of the Kingdom and the anticipation of the Nativity.

The two great feasts of Christianity – the Nativity and Easter – are each preceded by a period of preparation: Advent and Lent. The emphasis of these seasons is on the mental and spiritual preparation to fully enter into one of the great mysteries of faith. In the Nativity, we celebrate God become human; God present in the world in a physical way. Advent is a time to remember the many and varied ways that God continues to be present in the world.

"So too, you also  
must be prepared,  
for at an hour you  
do not expect,  
the Son of Man  
will come."

Matthew 24:44



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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS—MASS ROSTERS

## The Advent Wreath First Sunday of Advent (Year A)

*The Presider blesses the wreath and the assembly with the sprinkling of holy water,*

**Presider:** May the sprinkling of this water remind all of us gathered here of our first sharing in the grace of baptism. During this time of Advent may we prepare for the Lord's coming with open hearts and minds. May this wreath be a symbol to us of this time of prayerful watching and waiting for the coming of the Lord.

*The Presider or an assistant lights the first candle, which is often named the Prophets' Candle as the prophets prepared the way for the future coming of the Messiah.*

**Presider.** Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophets of old. The Prophet Isaiah called the Chosen People and today calls all people 'to walk in the light of the Lord.' (First Reading)

**All. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Presider .** Lord Jesus, we believe you come among us now. St Paul urges us to be people of the light and to let our armour be the Lord Jesus Christ. (Second Reading)

**All. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Presider .** Lord Jesus, you will come again in glory .You ask us to 'stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour we do not expect.' (Gospel)

**R. Come, Lord Jesus.**

## Presider [Collect: First Sunday of Advent]

Grant your faithful, we pray, Almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that gathered at your right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom, Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son,  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever.

**R. Amen**

<b>27/11/2022</b>	<b>ADAMSTOWN</b>	<b>CARDIFF</b>	<b>KOTARA</b>
<b>Commentator</b>	Diana Hannigan	Sr Clare McCudden	Patrick Farrell
<b>Readers</b>	Basia Wedesweiler Therese Nolan	Sharon Murphy Paul Gleeson	Dever Family
<b>Presentation of Gifts</b>	Preciosa Winter Gloria Ramage	Friere Silveira Family	Burgess Family
<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	Vickie Pettett	Elizabeth Doyle	Siobhan Farrell
<b>Counters</b>	Francine Goodman, Kathy Kelly, Paula O'Neill	Andrew & Sharon Murphy	John Bourke, Mark Noonan, Val Menzies
<b>27/11/2022</b>	<b>ADAMSTOWN</b>	<b>CARDIFF</b>	<b>KOTARA</b>
<b>Commentator</b>	Julie Malaspina	Anne Lamotte	Bernard Burgess
<b>Readers</b>	Stan Heaney Dianna Hannigan	Elizabeth Doyle Ben Lerch	Marilyn Thomson Jessica Moulder
<b>Presentation of Gifts</b>	Kathy Kelly Bernadette Maher	Harrison Family	Dever Family
<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	Preciosa Winter	Sr Clare McCudden	Giavanna Angeli
<b>Counters</b>	Hamilton Koelmeyer	N/A	N/A

## SICK/SPECIAL NEEDS:

*We remember in our prayers ...*  
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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Trevor Aurisch, Fr Thomas Zaremba SChr



*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

### STAFF NEWS:

**We warmly welcome** new staff member Liza Ruitenbach this week, her role will be mainly focusing on Financial Data, Accounts and Reports in Parish Administration.

**Due to Staff Illness** the Parish Office was closed Wednesday and Thursday during this week.

**Thanksgiving Mass for Volunteers** scheduled for 10th December has been postponed. There will be the normal Saturday Vigil at Kotara 5.30pm.

**Volunteers Christmas Masses** : Rosters sheets are at the back of our Churches for our Christmas Masses—If you are available and can help in any ministry or in any way please come forward.

**Notice of Power Outage** for repairs to poles and maintenance is scheduled and will impact St Philip's Church & St James' School on Sunday 4th December 8.30am—4pm. Due to continuing power disruptions **Sunday Adoration has been cancelled** until further notice.

### Columban Calendars and Christmas Cards

Christmas Cards (\$7.00) and Columban Calendars (\$7.00) are now on sale at Adamstown, Cardiff and Kotara.

### St Vincent de Paul - 2022 Christmas Appeal

**The SVdP Conferences** at Adamstown, Cardiff and Kotara Christmas Appeal continues. Envelopes will be available at the back each of our churches. These envelopes can be filled out and placed in the collection containers provided in each of our Mass centres. Alternatively donations can also be made on-line at [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au) or by phoning 13 18 12. Your continued support is greatly appreciated and your donations will directly assist families and individuals in our community particularly at this very difficult time

**SVdP Cardiff Christmas Hampers** The long established tradition and generosity at Cardiff in providing for others at Christmas in the form of hamper donations is up and running following the restrictions placed upon us during the recent pandemic. If you would like to make a donation towards our hampers you are invited to take a card from the Christmas Tree and place your donated items in the baskets provided.

**Art at Advent:** You are invited to join the Blackbutt South community to express your creativity through engaging in reflection and artmaking during the season of Advent. St James Primary School Hall 5.30pm-9pm on 1st December 2022 \$5 cash to be paid on day. Inquiries Angela Hall M: 0488 098 770. See Flyer on Noticeboards.

*Greetings from Sri Lanka,*

*We buried Theeban on Thursday 17th November, around 5.30 pm. It was an extremely emotional funeral for my family and a heartbreaking moment for all of us. I'm truly struggling to console my parents, since he was so close to them, he was looking after them, caring for them. They relied on Theeban so much while I have been away. It is a difficult situation.*

*My mothers' health has become quite critical and I took her to the hospital yesterday. So I have changed the date of my return trip and I will be back in the Diocese on the 13th December 2022.*

*Thanks indeed for all your prayers and understanding.*

*With Prayers and Love in the Lord,*

*Fr. Joseph Figurado*

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

### Newcastle Catholic Charismatic Community

invites everyone to join in celebrations for a Thanksgiving Mass on Friday 2/12/22 7pm at Holy Cross Catholic Church Glendale. We also want to especially invite all priests and deacons in the diocese to concelebrate the Mass as a way of giving you a special thanks for your service and sacrifice as you have shepherded the community through challenging times. There will be Adoration and prayers at 6:30pm if you want to join. Please bring a plate to share so we can celebrate with supper in the hall afterwards. Please contact Wayne Caruana on 0466 631384 for more information.

### Advent Christmas Dates 2022

4/5 December	St Vincent de Paul Appeals continue please have donations / items in by 11th December.
11th December	St Kevin's Cardiff Graduation/ End of Year Mass 9.30am
12th December	* St Columba's Adamstown End of Year School Liturgy 9.30am * St Kevin's Cardiff Grandparents Day and Infants Nativity Liturgy 2pm
13th December	St James' Year 6 Rite of Passage (Graduation) 11am
14th December	* St James Celebration Liturgy 12 pm * St Kevin's Cardiff End of Year Liturgy 1pm in Church
16th December	Advent Reconciliation Service 6pm St Columba's Adamstown

*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— 1st Sunday of Advent Year A

## First Reading

Is 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord

shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills.

All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways

so that we may walk in his paths;

since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.’

He will wield authority over the nations

and adjudicate between many peoples;

these will hammer their swords into ploughshares,

their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation,

there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come,

let us walk in the light of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. see v.1.

**(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:

‘Let us go to God’s house.’

And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

**(R.)**

2. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel’s law it is,

there to praise the Lord’s name.

There were set the thrones of judgement

of the house of David. **(R.)**

3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:

‘Peace be to your homes!

May peace reign in your walls,

in your palaces, peace!’ **(R.)**

4. For love of my brethren and friends

I say: ‘Peace upon you!’

For love of the house of the Lord

I will ask for your good. **(R.)**

## Second Reading

Rom 13:11-14

You know ‘the time’ has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted.

The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Gospel Acclamation

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,

and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

Mt 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘As it was in Noah’s day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

‘So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar

would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house.

Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

## 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.

## Christmas Masses

### CHRISTMAS EVE

Saturday 24th December

Kotara Vigil : 6pm

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday 25th December

Adamstown : 8am

Cardiff : 9.30am

### BOXING DAY

Monday 26th December

Cardiff : 8am Polish

Mass

