

4th December 2022  
2nd Sunday of Advent  
Year A

Faith Communities  
of Adamstown  
Cardiff and Kotara



"That They May All Be One."

*'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 James', Kotara

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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

When John the Baptist performed baptism it was for the forgiveness of sin. The baptism he gave was a mark of the desire to enter into a new life of

right action. It was not a baptism of initiation into community that is the case today. John had two key words that he is recorded as preaching: repent and prepare. His call for repentance was a call to turn away from sin; a call to have a change of heart; a call to turn one's life around and make a fresh start. His call for preparation is in the long line of prophets that includes the great prophet Isaiah from whom we take today's first reading. All of the prophets urged the people towards hope in the future. Isaiah and others spoke specifically of a person – a Messiah – who would bring that hope to reality. But the tradition demanded a readiness for the Messiah and that was the call to preparation that John the Baptist echoed at the beginning of the public life of Jesus.

John's taunting of the Pharisees and Sadducees is an indication of this need for preparation and readiness. He accuses them of being too confident of their own rightness. He demands proof from them of their honest repentance: 'but if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit'. Rather, he suspects that they think that salvation is assured for them by virtue of being a Jew; a son of Abraham. He warns them that an axe hangs poised to cut down any part of the Jewish tradition that is failing to produce good fruit. This is a theme that is picked up later by Jesus himself; you can't be complacent about your own position, you have to welcome the new truth revealed by Jesus and give yourself wholeheartedly to God.

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*'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 2nd Sunday Advent Year A

*The Presider or an assistant lights the second candle, which can be named the John the Baptist Candle. John the Baptist was the one who prepared the way for the Lord.*

**Presider.** Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophet Isaiah who calls us to be a signal to the nations and to recognise the Messiah in our midst. (First Reading)

**R. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Presider.** Lord Jesus, you come among us now. St Paul reminds us to treat each other as Christ treats us and so give glory to the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ. (Second Reading)

**R. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Presider.** Lord Jesus, you will come again in glory. John the Baptist calls us to 'repent for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' (Gospel)

**R. Come, Lord Jesus.**

### Presider [Collect: Second Sunday of Advent]

Almighty and merciful God,  
may no earthly undertaking hinder those  
who set out in haste to meet your Son,  
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom  
gain us admittance to his company  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
**R. Amen**

<b>04/12/2022</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
<b>11/12/2022</b>	<b>ADAMSTOWN</b>	<b>CARDIFF</b>	<b>KOTARA</b>
<b>Commentator</b>	Paul Smith	School Students	Emma South
<b>Readers</b>	Dot Reynolds Barry Bourke	End of Year	Bernard Burgess Nance Schrieber
<b>Presentation of Gifts</b>	Goodman Family	Mass / Graduation	Peter & Marie Cunningham
<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	Albert Erzetch	Paul Gleeson	Marilyn Thomson
<b>Counters</b>	Lynn Johns Dot Reynolds	Len McCullum	Narelle Robb, Patricia Hines, Paul Crosbie

**BAPTISMS...** We welcome into our faith community

Mabel Fogarty, Theodore Roberts

### 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:

Robert Hogg

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Paul & Margaret Harrison, Dawn Stevens



*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 welcome** new staff member Liza Ruitenbach, her office hours are Tuesday 9am to 3pm and her role will be mainly focusing on Financial Data, Accounts and Reports in Parish Administration.

**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 to make our celebrations welcoming to all.

**You are invited** to celebrate Mass next Sunday at 9.30am with the Graduating Class of St Kevin's and also to mark with thanksgiving the end of St Kevin's School Year. Mass will be followed by morning tea in the courtyard.

**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.

**The Bereavement Support Team** has concluded its meetings for this year. The team's next meeting is on Tuesday 7th February 2023.

## 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.

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

On behalf of TREVOR AURISCH'S Family, I would like to convey our thanks, gratitude and appreciation to everyone who attended his funeral mass, offered prayers and masses, sent condolence cards and flowers, labour of love, and financial help; to the Sacristan Team and Mrs Christine Williams with her choir and to our beloved Father Gordon as celebrant. Special thanks to Fr Sabu Adimakiyil of Holy Trinity Parish New Lambton for being with Trevor in his final hour. God truly is present in every one of us to share our love and support as a parish community and family. Again, thank you!

*Yours truly Alice Aurisch (Wife of Trevor) FIAT!*

## Pints with a Purpose:

On Monday 5 December you're invited to join the Diocesan Council for Ministry with Young People at Pints with a Purpose. Ryan Gato, the coordinator of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2023 will explore pilgrimage with us. The event starts at 6pm at the Sydney Junction Hotel. For more information, please contact Mary-Anne de Luca on 0409 077 373.

**Praying the Gospels** has concluded for 2022 and will recommence on February 1 2023. For more info

## Advent Christmas Dates for your Diary

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

## 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**



*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— 2nd Sunday of Advent Year A

## First Reading **Is 11:1-10**

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,  
a scion thrusts from his roots:  
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,  
a spirit of wisdom and insight,  
a spirit of counsel and power,  
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of  
the Lord.

(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)  
He does not judge by appearances,  
he gives no verdict on hearsay,  
but judges the wretched with integrity,  
and with equity gives a verdict for the  
poor of the land.

His word is a rod that strikes the  
ruthless,  
his sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,  
faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb,  
the panther lies down with the kid,  
calf and lion cub feed together  
with a little boy to lead them.  
The cow and the bear make friends,  
their young lie down together.  
The lion eats straw like the ox.  
The infant plays over the cobra's hole;  
the young child puts his hand.  
They do no hurt, no harm,  
on all my holy mountain,  
for the country is filled with the  
knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse  
shall stand as a signal to the peoples.  
It will be sought out by the nations  
and its home will be glorious.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. R. cf. v.7**

**(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time,  
and fullness of peace for ever.**

1. O God, give your judgement to the  
king,  
to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in  
justice  
and your poor in right judgement.  
**(R.)**
2. In his days justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails.  
He shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the Great River to the earth's  
bounds. **(R.)**
3. For he shall save the poor when  
they cry  
and the needy who are helpless.  
He will have pity on the weak

and save the lives of the poor.  
**(R.)**

4. May his name be blessed for  
ever  
and endure like the sun.  
Every tribe shall be blessed in  
him,  
all nations bless his name. **(R.)**

## Second Reading **Rom 15:4-9**

Everything that was written long ago  
in the scriptures was meant to teach  
us something about hope from the  
examples scripture gives of how  
people who did not give up were  
helped by God. And may he who  
helps us when we refuse to give up,  
help you all to be tolerant with each  
other, following the example of  
Christ Jesus, so that united in mind  
and voice you may give glory to the  
God and Father of our Lord Jesus  
Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then,  
for you to treat each other in the  
same friendly way as Christ treated  
you. The reason Christ became the  
servant of circumcised Jews was  
not only so that God could faithfully  
carry out the promises made to the  
patriarchs, it was also to get the  
pagans to give glory to God for his  
mercy, as scripture says in one  
place: For this I shall praise you  
among the pagans and sing your  
name.

## Gospel Acclamation **Lk 3:4. 6**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Prepare the way of the Lord, make  
straight his paths:  
all people shall see the salvation of  
God.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel **Mt 3:1-12**

In due course John the Baptist  
appeared; he preached in the  
wilderness of Judaea and this was  
his message: 'Repent, for the  
kingdom of heaven is close at  
hand.' This was the man the  
prophet Isaiah spoke of when he  
said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:  
Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment  
made of camel-hair with a leather  
belt round his waist, and his food  
was locusts and wild honey. Then

Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole  
Jordan district made their way to him,  
and as they were baptised by him in the  
river Jordan they confessed their sins.  
But when he saw a number of Pharisees  
and Sadducees coming for baptism he  
said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who  
warned you to fly from the retribution  
that is coming? But if you are repentant,  
produce the appropriate fruit, and do not  
presume to tell yourselves, "We have  
Abraham for our father," because, I tell  
you, God can raise children for Abraham  
from these stones. Even now the axe is  
laid to the roots of the trees, so that any  
tree which fails to produce good fruit will  
be cut down and thrown on the fire. I  
baptise you in water for repentance, but  
the one who follows me is more  
powerful than I am, and I am not fit to  
carry his sandals; he will baptise you  
with the Holy Spirit and fire. His  
winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will  
clear his threshing-floor and gather his  
wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will  
burn in a fire that will never go out.'



## 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.