

1st January 2023

Solemnity of Mary the Mother
of God 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 ~

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

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PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

- St Columba's, Adamstown
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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

Sunday Adoration 6pm (Summer Time)

Kotara recommences 15th January

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday: 9.30am Adamstown

Wednesday: 7am Kotara

9.30am Adamstown

Thursday: 9.30am Cardiff

Friday: 9.15am Kotara

1st Saturday: 9.00am Kotara

The Year Ahead - Welcome 2023

Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God and World Day of Peace.

We Trust In Jesus, Dear Parishioners,

It is a privilege and a solemn gift of God that we open the door for another new year and Celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. The English title "Mother of God." is a literal translation of the Latin word "Mater Dei, which in turn is a rendering of the Greek title "Theotokos" meaning bearer of God, dogmatically presented the Blessed Virgin Mary as the acclaimed Mother of God in the council of Ephesus (431). This is what Mother Mary does in the Gospel today that "she kept all these things, pondering them in her heart." This important action of "Pondering" again in Luke 2:51, in the context of Jesus' hidden life. Mary the Mother of God took everything to her heart and in her heart she arranged everything, both joyful and painful events, with love. As we begin this year with new expectations, let us ask God to give us the Grace to look at others with our hearts. Let us bring Jesus at the Centre of whatever we do this year with the Powerful intercession of our Blessed Mother.

Prayer

May God make your year a happy one!

Not by shielding us from all sorrows and pain,

But by strengthening us to bear it, as it comes;

Not by making our path easy,

But by making us sturdy to travel any path;

Not by taking hardships from us,

But by taking fear from our heart;

Not by granting us unbroken sunshine,

But by keeping our face bright, even in the shadows;

Not by making our life always pleasant,

But by showing us when people and their causes need us

most, and by making us anxious to be there to help.

God's love, peace, hope and joy to us for the year ahead. (Author Unknown)



I wish you all a Prosperous New Year 2023.

With Prayers and love in the Lord, Fr. Joseph Figurado PP

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS—MASS ROSTERS

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother; to you do I come, before you I stand sinful and sorrowful; O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen.



1/01/2023	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Volunteer	Paul Gleeson	Christine Sheppard
Readers	Paula O'Neill Julie Malaspina	Sharon Murphy Elizabeth Doyle	Nance Schrieber Wendy Hopkins
Presentation of Gifts	Kathy Kelly Bernadette Maher	Lamotte Family	Paul & Jai Dart
Extraordinary Minister	Paul Smith	Margaret Harrison	Donna Morgan
Counters	Lynn John, Dot Reynolds	N/A	N/A
8/01/2023	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Barry Bourke	Elizabeth Doyle	Marilyn Thomson
Readers	Volunteer Basia Wedesweiler	Ben Lerch Majella Maher	Faye Robertson Emma South
Presentation of Gifts	Goodman Family	Hall Family	Donna & Harper Morgan
Extraordinary Minister	Volunteer	Angela Hall	Henryka Bradley
Counters	Francine Goodman, Kathy Kelly, Paula O'Neill	Andrew & Sharon Murphy-	Narelle Robb, Patricia Hines, Paul Crosbie

SICK/SPECIAL NEEDS:

We remember in our prayers ...
 Leonie Pickett, Karen Curran, Algi & Geraldine Bajelis, Jan Hobson, Lewis Peel (Purcell), Rita Martin, Lorraine Caldwell, Loris Jackson, Linda McDonald, Chris Patsan, Dorota Bakowska, Gae Alderton, Ernestina Klein, Alexander Klein, Maria Kanonczuk, Sharyn Trappel, Clare Sullivan, Jill Heffernan, Laurel Dixon, Jarrad Bryant, Barry Moore, Tom Campbell, Baby Anthony Dib, Helen Tumbers, Kathleen Gurr, Don Robertson

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Maria Bizzotto, Emma Pacifico Jefferson, Geronimo Dable Bacerra

ANNIVERSARIES: Margaret Stanmore

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rainbow Family Group: our 2023 planning day will be a lunch on 25th January, 11.30am in Kotara Parish Hall. This will be a BBQ lunch, please send through dietary requirements so I can plan menu for this. Don't forget your diaries and ideas for the new year of activities!!!

Please let me know if you will be attending as I already have an apology from the Taylor's.

Kerina Marshall

New Parish Mass Ministry Roster is due to be drawn up.

Any new volunteers? Anyone wishing to change or be removed. Please notify Parish Office by email or phone during office hours.

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.

Meditation Group at Kotara will be in recess from December 14th until January 10th.

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

Contact: rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au

Save the Date: Toronto Men's Weekend

A MenALIVE Men's Weekend will be held at the St Joseph's Toronto Parish on the weekend of 25 and 26 March 2023. The weekend is suitable for all men from 18 years of age and provides an opportunity for attendees to explore what makes them feel fully alive.

For more information on MenALIVE, visit: www.menalive.org.au



Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society wish to express our gratitude to the parishioners of All Saints Parish, Blackbutt South who have supported the work of the Society so faithfully throughout 2022.

We have been able to continue to assist several families and individuals with rent, utility payments, food, clothing and medical expenses. Without your generous support, none of this would have been possible.

With the assistance of the children and their families within the primary schools across our three parish centres along with the generosity of the parishioners our 2022 Christmas Hamper Campaign was a wonderful success. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this project in so many ways.

Our volunteers thank you all for your trust and support as we seek to help those whose lives are difficult and who need a helping hand. May we always be able to extend that hand in love and kindness.

We would also like to say thank you for your generous support to the 2022 Vinnie's Christmas Appeal. Your continued belief, gift of giving and prayers have enabled us to provide for those in need. We would like to share the thank you sentiments received from those who received help as well. The thank you was often expressed in words, smiles on the faces of people when help was given, as well as some tears of gratitude.

Again, may we express our sincere appreciation for your faithful and generous support in 2022 and we ask that you keep the Society and its clients in your prayers.

May 2023 bring you much health and happiness.

God bless you all.

Open our eyes to the dignity of all people,

And our ears to the cries of the earth.

Let us walk in solidarity with the poor,

And cleanse our world from oppression.

Let us shout out for justice for all,

And renew our hope for change.

The Lord is coming,

Let us share the Good News! Amen.

I would like to invite all to come and have an Eucharistic Experience by adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament during Sunday Evening Meditation 6.00 PM at Kotara. Recommences 15th January 2023



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— Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God Year A

First Reading

Nm 6:22-27

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you
and keep you.

May the Lord let his face
shine on you and be
gracious to you.

May the Lord uncover his
face to you and bring
you peace."

This is how they are to call
down my name on the sons
of Israel, and I will bless
them.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3. 5. 6. 8. R. v.2

(R.) May God bless us in his
mercy.

1. God, be gracious and
bless us
and let your face shed its
light upon us.
So will your ways be
known upon earth
and all nations learn your
saving help. (R.)
2. Let the nations be glad
and exult
for you rule the world with
justice.
With fairness you rule the
peoples.
you guide the nations on
earth. (R.)
3. Let the peoples praise
you, O God;

let all the peoples
praise you.
May God still give us
his blessing
till the ends of the
earth revere him.

(R.)

Second Reading

Gal 4:4-7.

When the appointed time
came, God sent his Son,
born of a woman, born a
subject of the Law, to
redeem the subjects of
the Law and to enable us
to be adopted as sons.
The proof that you are
sons is that God has sent
the Spirit of his Son into
our hearts: the Spirit that
cries, 'Abba, Father', and
it is this that makes you a
son, you are not a slave
any more; and if God has
made you son, then he
has made you heir.

Gospel Acclamation

Heb 1:1-2

Alleluia, alleluia!
In the past God spoke to
our ancestors through
the prophets;
now he speaks to us
through his Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 2:16-21

The shepherds hurried
away to Bethlehem and
found Mary and Joseph,
and the baby lying in the
manger. When they saw

the child they repeated what
they had been told about
him, and everyone who
heard it was astonished at
what the shepherds had to
say. As for Mary, she
treasured all these things
and pondered them in her
heart. And the shepherds
went back glorifying and
praising God for all they had
heard and seen; it was
exactly as they had been
told.

When the eighth day came
and the child was to be
circumcised, they gave him
the name Jesus, the name
the angel had given him
before his conception.

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.