

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION  
OF THE LORD YEAR A  
9 April 2023

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’*

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

**Weekday Masses**

**Tuesday:** 9:30AM Adamstown  
**Wednesday:** **7:00AM CANCELLED**  
9:30AM Adamstown  
**Thursday:** 9:30AM Cardiff  
**Friday:** 9:15AM Kotara  
**Saturday:** 9:00AM Kotara (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday)

**Sunday Masses**

**Saturday (Vigil):** 5:30PM Kotara  
**Sunday:** 8:00AM Adamstown  
9:30AM Cardiff

**Adoration:** **RESUMES 16/4/2023**

CHURCHES

**St Columba’s Church** Lockyer Street  
ADAMSTOWN NSW 2289  
**St Kevin’s Church** 228 Main Road  
CARDIFF NSW 2285  
**St Philip’s Church** 31 Vista Parade  
KOTARA NSW 2289

PRESBYTERY

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OFFICE HOURS

**Tuesday** 9:00AM to 2:00PM  
**Wednesday** 9:00AM to 2:00PM  
**Thursday** 9:00AM to 2:00PM

PARISH SCHOOLS

**St Columba’s** Lockyer Street  
ADAMSTOWN NSW 2289  
**St Kevin’s School** 226 Main Road  
CARDIFF NSW 2285  
**St James School** 30 Vista Parade  
KOTARA NSW 2289  
**St Pius X College** Park Avenue  
ADAMSTOWN NSW 2289  
**St Paul’s College** 70 Primrose Street  
BOORAGUL NSW 2284

GOSPEL REFLECTION

**by Richard Leonard**

A man was driving along the road when he saw the Easter Bunny hop into his lane. He swerved to avoid hitting the bunny, but couldn’t do so. The basket of eggs went everywhere. The driver felt guilty and began to cry. A woman saw the man and pulled over. ‘What’s wrong?’ she asked. ‘I accidentally killed the Easter Bunny’, he explained. The woman knew exactly what to do. She went to her car, pulled out a spray can, walked over to the bunny, and sprayed the entire contents over the little furry animal. Miraculously the Easter Bunny came back to life, jumped up, picked up his eggs, waved at them and hopped on down the road. Not far away the Easter Bunny stopped, turned around and waved again. He kept doing this for as far as they could see.

The man was astonished. ‘What in heaven’s name is in that can you sprayed on the Easter Bunny?’ The woman showed the man the label. It said: ‘Hair spray. Restores life to dead hair. Adds permanent wave.’

For many of our children the bunny and its eggs are the most important thing about Easter. Over the millennia, Christianity has had a gift for domesticating local traditions and festivals, bringing them on board and making them our own. The name Easter comes from the Anglo Saxon spring festival in honour of the goddess Eostre. Her symbol was the rabbit and the giving of eggs were signs of new life bursting forth as winter withdrew. These associations only make sense in the northern hemisphere, but we can see why the early Christians could be so adaptable and inculturated with this local festival.

In both hemispheres Christians today celebrate Jesus being raised from the dead. In the New Testament there are two traditions about how the disciples come to know about Jesus’ resurrection: the empty tomb and the apparitions of Christ.

Today’s Gospel belongs to the empty tomb tradition. On Magdalene’s urging, Peter and John run to the tomb, find it empty and come to at least an initial belief about the resurrection of Jesus.

We do not believe that God simply revived Jesus’ corpse in the tomb, as our driver resuscitated the bunny in today’s story. Easter Sunday does not celebrate the resuscitation of Jesus, but his Resurrection. We know his ‘glorified body’ was not the same as his human body because Jesus’ presence could be encountered in several places simultaneously and he is reported to walk through walls and to vanish. The link between both resurrection traditions is the importance of Jesus’ death. In the empty tomb accounts, as in today’s gospel, the writers give us extraordinary details about the grave clothes. In the apparition narratives there are usually references to Jesus’ wounds.

Whatever way they came to experience the Resurrection of Christ, the disciples knew that this was Jesus who actually died and was buried and that their personal encounter was with the one who was crucified.

What God did through the death and resurrection of Jesus is what Christians have done with local customs and festivals ever since: he entered into it, understood it, took it on board, domesticated it and vanquished its power. As a result we believe that God empathises with the full limitations of our human mortality and promises to remain faithful to us in death as he remained utterly faithful to Jesus. *CONTINUED PAGE 3*

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

### **First Reading**

Acts 10:34. 37-43

#### **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The Word of the Lord.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

**(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'

2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.

3. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.

#### **Second Reading**

Col 3:1-4

#### **A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians**

*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The Word of the Lord.

#### **Sequence**

*The sequence is said or sung on this day. On the weekdays of the Octave of Easter, its use is optional.*

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.  
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;  
and Christ, the undefiled,  
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.  
Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.  
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.  
The tomb the Living did enclose;  
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!  
The angels there attesting;  
shroud with grave-clothes resting.  
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.  
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.  
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia.

#### **Gospel**

Jn 20:1-9

#### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

*The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

OR Mt 28:1-10

#### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

*He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee.*

After the Sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples.

And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings,' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

*At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.*

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

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

### Second Sunday of Easter Year A

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. v.1

Second Reading: 1 Pt 1:3-9

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 20:29

Gospel: Jn 20:19-31

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### We remember in our prayers...

Sick: Cecelia Spliet, Jim Scott, Amy Perram, Isaac Clifford, 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, Don Robertson, Paula Brown.

*(Once the person is well again, would you kindly inform the Parish Office).*

### Recently Deceased:

### Anniversaries:

*Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon them. ☩ May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen*

Mass Intentions for publication may be written on an envelope on the collection plate, or to the Parish Office by email, or by phone; by 9:00AM Wednesday each week ahead. Mass Offering envelopes are available at the church entrance. Please write details clearly to avoid errors. A reminder that you need the permission of the person, or family, to enable us to publish names.

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April 2023

#### For a Culture of Peace and Non Violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens. <https://www.popesprayer.va/>



## HOMILY (CONTINUED)....

That is why on this day 1,600 years ago St John Chrysostom could say on behalf of us all:

'Hell took a body, and discovered God. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took what it saw, and was overcome by what it could not see. O death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is Risen, and you, O death, are destroyed! Christ is Risen, and evil is cast down! Christ is Risen, and angels rejoice! Christ is Risen, and new life is set free! Christ is Risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead; for Christ having risen from the dead, becomes the first-fruit of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be Glory and Power forever and ever. Amen!'

## PROJECT COMPASSION

**Caritas Australia** would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2023. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) and donate online.

Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations*.

You can donate through Project Compassion, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.



## FEAST DAYS

26 Apr: Saint Mark, Evangelist  
3 May: Saints Philip and James, Apostles  
28 May: Pentecost Sunday  
31 May: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
4 Jun: The Most Holy Trinity  
11 Jun: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ  
16 Jun: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus  
24 Jun: The Nativity of Saint John The Baptist  
29 Jun: Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

## SAFEGUARDING

### Our Children and Vulnerable Adults

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults. Information brochures are available in the entrance to the Church. If you have any concerns for a child or vulnerable adult, contact the Office of Safeguarding via P 02 4979 1390 or E [childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au).

For further information visit:

Website: [www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au](http://www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au)

Facebook: <https://officeofsafeguarding.org.au/>

Complaints: <https://officeofsafeguarding.org.au/making-a-complaint/>

## MINISTRY ROSTERS

9 APRIL 2023	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
<b>Commentator</b>	Barry Bourke	Anne Lamotte	EASTER ROSTER
<b>Readers</b>	Vicki Pettett   Paula O'Neill	Ben Lerch   Veronica Mulroy	EASTER ROSTER
<b>Presentation of the Gifts</b>	Preciosa Winter   Gloria Ramage	Hall Family	EASTER ROSTER
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Stan Heaney	Sharon Murphy	EASTER ROSTER
<b>Counters</b>	Hamilton K		
16 APRIL 2023	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
<b>Commentator</b>	Julie Malaspina	Cathy Waugh	Marilyn Thomson
<b>Readers</b>	Basia Wedesweiler   Barry Bourke	Philip Hall   Majella Maher	Caruana Family
<b>Presentation of the Gifts</b>	Kathy Kelly   Bernadette Maher	Murphy Family	Paul & Jai Dart
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Preciosa Winter	Leo Caldwell	Faye Robertson
<b>Counters</b>	Lynn J, Dot R	Len McCullum	John B, Mark N, Val M



## HAPPY EASTER



*Dear Parishioners,*

*The spirit of Easter is all about hope, love, and joyful living. May you have a blessed Easter!*

*Easter Wishes from - Parish Staff, Deacon Naveen & Fr Joseph*

**Easter Thank you:** A very special thank you to all our ministry volunteers who assisted over Holy Week and the Triduum, making our Liturgies very special.

## PARISH NEWS

**Easter Break:** Fr Joseph will be on a break after Easter until Friday 14 April 2023. Fr Gordon will celebrate weekday morning Mass, except the 7:00AM Mass which will be cancelled on Wednesday 12 April 2023.

**Copyright:** Parish musicians are asked to ensure their list of hymns is emailed to the Parish Office each month, ahead of the month, so that the copyright records can be effectively and accurately maintained. It is imperative that this record be kept up to date for social justice and legal reasons. Your assistance is appreciated. Any further enquiries please feel free to contact the office.

**Adoration:** Adoration will resume on Sunday 16 April at 5:30PM.

**Mellow Yellow Family Group:** The next outing will be on Saturday 15 April. Jesmond Park walks and picnic lunch. Walks from 11:00AM and BYO Lunch from 12 noon. Organiser is Kay P 02 4965 6224.

**Parish Volunteers:** More volunteers are much needed for various activities in our Parish. Please contact the Parish office during office hours, or by email, if you are able to help.

**Can you help?** St Philip's Kotara, St Columba needs new lighting, sound systems upgrade and various refurbishments. The new sound system has been installed. Contributions are welcome. All three Mass Centres need new coffee Machines to encourage families and our parish gatherings. Donations are welcome. Please communicate with Fr Joseph.

**Columba's Church:** We need willing volunteers to be rostered monthly on the second Sunday for Morning Tea/Welcoming Team. Any interested parishioners, please write your name/s on the Expression of Interest sheet provided at the church front table.

**Christian Meditation:** Christian Meditation has recommenced every Tuesday at 6:00PM at St Philip's Kotara. Meditation is a universal wisdom allowing time for simplicity, silence and stillness. Father John Main wrote "in accepting silence we come to know our own spirit." Everyone is welcome.

**Bulletin Notices:** All items for the parish bulletin need to be received by Liza at the Parish Office by 9:00AM Wednesday.

**Collections:** Thank you to all who continue to support our parish financially. First Collection supports Clergy and Second Collection supports the parish. For further information contact the office.

**Thank You:** Please take your bulletin home with you. We no longer re-use them.

## DIOCESAN NEWS

**Catholic Schools Open Days:** If you're interested in enrolling your child at a Catholic School for 2024, you should attend one of our open days. Visit [www.mn.catholic.edu.au/schools/open-days/](http://www.mn.catholic.edu.au/schools/open-days/) for more information.

**Aurora Magazine:** The NEW edition is now available from the church entrance. Copies are free. Pick one up for a friend.

## Parish Employee and Volunteer Safeguarding Training:

All parish workers (paid and unpaid) are required to attend Course 2: Safeguarding in Parishes within 6 months of commencing in their role and every 6 years thereafter.

This training forms part of the Diocese's mandatory training regime and is specifically designed to support paid and unpaid helpers undertaking a broad range of ministries in church facilities and out in the community. The training targets the safeguarding needs of faith communities. The course will address:

Date: Wednesday 26 April 2023

Please register your attendance before Thursday 20 April by contacting the Office of Safeguarding on 02 4979 1390 or email: [gosgtraining@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:gosgtraining@mn.catholic.org.au)

**Enflamed by Love Conference:** Newcastle Catholic Charismatic Renewal invites all people to the Enflamed by Love Conference, a series of workshops on evangelisation through faith, love, prayer and discernment run by the Missionaries of God's Love (MGL) Sisters>

Dates: Saturday and Sunday 22 / 23 April 2023

Time: 9:00AM until 3:30PM

Venue: Holy Cross Church Hall 30 Oakland Street Glendale.

Cost: donation

Morning and Afternoon tea will be provided. BYO Lunch  
Contact Wayne on 0466 631 394 or Mary-Anne 0409 077 373 for further information.

**Print and Pray - Corcoran Centre Morpeth:** Join us during this Easter period for a day of prayer and printing on Thursday 27 April. Participants will make their own Gelatine printing plate and experience the joys of using this form of monoprinting while engaging in prayerful reflection throughout the day. The printing process is extremely simple, versatile and addictive. It is equally well suited for professional or novice printmakers, craft enthusiasts, professional artists, and children. You will need to bring an apron, morning tea and lunch.

Cost: \$25 for materials - participants will take home their own Gelatine printing plate.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/print-and-pray-april-2023-tickets-595247941617>

**The Chosen Experience – Season 2:** We invite you to join us each Thursday evening join us to share a meal, watch and discuss the episode. The Chosen Experience commences on 27 April at 6:00PM in the Murray Room.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-chosen-season-2-tickets-595299666327>

## OTHER

**Loud Sky:** Loud Sky is a powerful collaborative art exhibition featuring five Hunter-based artists who have created new works responding to stories of survival. These stories were uncovered through the Royal Commission into institutional response to child sexual abuse in the Hunter region in 2016. The exhibition opens at The Lock Up in Newcastle on Friday 31 March and runs until 21 May 2023. More information is available at <https://thelockup.org.au/loud-sky/>