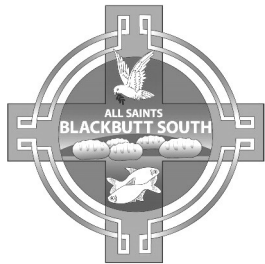


**15th Sunday
Ordinary Time Year A
16th July 2017**

Listening to God's Word
Growing in Faith



Reaching out to All

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 **Catholic Parish of All
Saints Blackbutt South**

ALL SAINTS PARISH BLACKBUTT SOUTH
Faith Communities of Adamstown, Cardiff, Kotara

SUNDAY MASSES

Adamstown
Sunday 9.30am
Cardiff
Sunday 9.30am
Kotara
Saturday Vigil 5.30pm
Sunday 8.00am

WEEKDAY MASSES/COMMUNION SERVICES

Adamstown: Tuesday 9.15am; Wednesday 9.15am;
Cardiff: Thursday 9.30am
Kotara: Monday 7am (Communion Service)
Wednesday 7am; Friday 9.15am;
1st Saturday 9am

RECONCILIATION:

Adamstown: After 9.15am Mass Wednesday
Cardiff: After 9.30am Mass Thursday
Kotara: Saturday 9.30am



As this Saturday is in the third weekend of the month, the 5.30pm vigil at St Philips Church will be the parish/school **Family Mass for July**. With children and staff returning to begin Term 3 on Monday, we look forward to welcoming them back from the recent

break at that Mass. May the coming term be an outstanding one for them and a time in which all children, grow in knowledge, wisdom and faith.

One of an impressive list of speakers visiting the Diocese this year, is Professor Massimo Faggioli, who is an outstanding authority on Vatican II and on Pope Francis. His seminar '**Leadership for the Church Today**' will be given in the Victor Peters Suite at the Diocesan office, Hamilton, on this Tuesday July 18 from 9.00am – 3.00pm. Those interested in attending, are invited to contact Brian Lacey at the Catholic Schools Office. Places are still available but limited, so bookings are essential. Attendance is free.
Contact : brian.lacey@mn.catholic.edu.au

Dramatic television pictures of the **melting ice sheet** in Antarctica this week, are a reminder that as stewards of God's Creation; we must act to care for the earth that we share. Caritas Australia and other concerned organisations wish to submit an urgent petition to the House of Representatives, urging that Australia greatly reduce **greenhouse gas emissions**. The petition also asks that we help our poorest neighbours, so vulnerable to climate change and to assist families and communities effected by the transition to renewable energy.

Kindly sign the petition to be found at **each of our churches**. Adamstown and Kotara (Newcastle electorate) and Cardiff (Shortland electorate)

Genesis 1:31 'God saw all that He had made and it was very good.'

PARISH DIARY

PRAYER LIST

Monday 17th July

St Columba's Playgroup 9.00am Hall
Adamstown St Vincent de Paul 3.30pm
Kotara St Vincent de Paul 5.30pm

Tuesday 18th July

Cardiff St Vincent de Paul 5.30pm
Christian Meditation Kotara 6.00pm
Benedictine Book Club 7.00pm Kotara Hall

Wednesday 19th July

St James' School Playgroup 9am Hall

SICK/SPECIAL NEEDS:

Leonard Timmins, Leonie Pickett, Pauline Deverell, Dean Hart, Olivia & Family, Sandra O, Don Richards, Pat Clancy, Celedonio Casas, Michael Neild, Addison McKenna, John Cunningham, Stephanie, Bella Belicena Flores, Marge Britt, Elizabeth Novak, Lyn Hall, Ella Fahey, Eileen Ayre, Steve O'Shea, Veronica Hipwell, Anne Keevers.....*and for those who have asked for our prayers.*

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mary Devaney (Funeral this Tuesday, 18 July, 10.30am at Kotara)

ANNIVERSARIES: Allan & Jack McVie, Colleen Barski, Bede Westley, Peter Hannigan

BAPTISMS at Adamstown: Quincy Wallace, Nate McDougall, Ruby Marlowe

PARISH ROSTER

ADAMSTOWN	COMMENTATOR	READERS	GIFTS	EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS	CHILDREN'S LITURGY	COUNTING	ROSARY/MORNING TEA
16/07/2017 9.30am Mass	Julie Malaspina	M-J Serrano-White N Truninger	Starkey Family	Matthew Johns Joyce Little	No Liturgy School Holidays	Traevor & Alice Aurisch	
23/07/2017 9.30am Mass	Jeanine Hickmott	Belen Brown Nicole charnock	Preciosa Winter Gloria Ramage	Marion Gardner Alice Aurisch	Michael & Nicole Deed	Elaine Hennessy Carmel Stuart	
CARDIFF	COMMENTATOR	READERS	GIFTS	EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS	COUNTING	ROSARY STATUE	MORNING TEA
16/07/2017 9.30am Mass	Sr Clare	Mary-Anne Jennings Peter Jennings	Murphy Family	Sr Carmel M Wilmore, B Moore + Volunteers	Andrew & Sharon Murphy	Kath Feenan	
23/07/2017 9.30am Mass	Elizabeth Doyle	David Lerch Paul Gleeson	Smith/McCauley Family	D Wessel-Bryde, H&T Woodham W Day D Fennell-Fraser	Vaughan Marten Len McCullum	Anne Lamotte	
KOTARA	COMMENTATOR	READERS	GIFTS	EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS	CHILDREN'S LITURGY	COUNTING	CHURCH CLEANING
16/07/2017 5.30pm Mass	Bernard Burgess	Debra Hawthorne Clare Walsh-Gregory	Alanna Neilson	R Baer A Young S Pink M Thompson Volunteer	16/07/2017 No Liturgy - School Holidays	O'Neill Family	Warwick Nehl Kath Murray
8am Mass	Barry Bourke	Vickie Pettett John Pettett	Gai & John Woodward	P Smith, A Cuskelly H Bradley I Adoranti P Cootes	23/07/2017 5.30pm Carmel Wright Clare Walsh 8am Jessica Crow	Allan & Jeanette Bailey Louise & Graham Jennings	Gai Woodward
23/07/2017 5.30pm Mass	Cathy Waugh	Therese McCloy Bernard Burgess	Anson-Smith Family	S Farrell, H O'Neill, F Robertson, G Angeli Volunteer	30/07/2017 5.30pm T&H McCloy N Warren 8am Jessica Moulder	Elizabeth & Craig Abbs Greg Hayes Ann Keating	Margaret Bourke Kathy Kelly
8am Mass	Gai Woodward	Peter Cootes Paul Smith	Lukaszewicz Family	V Pettett J Woodward P Bowen J Moulder A Erzetich	06/08/2017 5.30pm Deb Hawthorne Gabrielle Carney 8am Vickie Pettett	Peter Cootes John Bourke Val Menzies Mark Noonan	Tom Britt

PARISH NEWS (WEB: www.allsaintsblackbuttsouth.org.au)

Fr Gordon will be away 3 - 31 July. We welcome Fr Bill Burston to our 9.30am Mass at Cardiff this weekend.

Tax Receipts for Planned Giving 2016/17 are now available at back of Churches for parishioners who have requested one.

Hour Adoration and Prayer with some music will be held this Sunday evening at 6:30pm at St Phillips Kotara Church. Call Wayne Caruana on 0466631394.

Ministry to Kotara High School: An opportunity is available for you to be involved in bringing the knowledge of the love of Jesus to students at Kotara High School by becoming a member of the Kotara Christian Education Association. There are only 5 meetings a year to be attended and you will be working with members of other Christian denominations. To respond to this opportunity, or for more information, contact Paula O'Neill M 0411 813 101.

ADAMSTOWN NOTICES

Rosary to Our Blessed Lady will be recited next on Wednesday, 26th July at 7pm in the home of Francisca Adoranti, 19 Morgan Street, Merewether. Phone 4952 3037.

CARDIFF NOTICES

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal—thank you for your generous response. Amount of \$3000 was donated to support those who need our help.

KOTARA NOTICES

First Anniversary Mass: Our next Mass will be celebrated at St Philip's on Saturday 5th August, and will be offered for parishioners or close relatives of parishioners who passed away during July/August 2016. Please give names for remembrance to Paula on M 0411 813 101 by Monday 24th July.

FAMILY GROUP NOTICES

Golden Goodies have postponed their pot-luck lunch until further notice due to the funeral of Mary Devaney this Tuesday, 18 July.

Rainbow are having a casserole night at the home of Annette and Peter Gray on Friday 21st July at 6.30pm.

Greensleeves are celebrating Yuletide in July on Saturday, 22 July from 6.30pm in the church hall. BYO drinks. Contact Peter M 0405 158 414.

Red Rovers are having breakfast at Poppy's Verandah Café, 83 Oakdale Road, Gateshead after 8am Mass on Sunday, 30 July. Please RSVP to Diana P 4943 0303 by Thursday, 27 July.

Mellow Yellows Family Group : Pool & Pizza at the home of Frank & Marj McDonald—Saturday 22nd July from 2.30pm onwards.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Exploring the Seasons of Grief will be held on Monday 24 July at 9.30 AM at St Kevin's Cottage, 230 Main Road, Cardiff. Mondays 24 & 31 July & 7 & 14 August RSVP 19 July. E jenny.harris@mn.catholic.org.au.

Youth Synod : Bishop Bill invites people from all age groups to **Focus Group** conversations:

⇒ 20 July – Thursday 7.00pm East Maitland, Therry Centre, cnr New England Hwy & King St, East Maitland

Information from the Focus Groups will form the basis of the Diocesan Youth Report to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

DARA's Van - provides hospitality and friendship to the marginalised in our community – those who are homeless, socially isolated, financially stressed or who are otherwise vulnerable.

We are currently seeking volunteers to help prepare and serve food on DARA's Van. This service relies on volunteer team members who are highly valued and supported. It will provide the principal hospitality support to Orange Sky Laundry's operation which will commence shortly in Newcastle and the Hunter region.

The Van will operate 5 nights a week with a team of 4 volunteers in Newcastle and the Hunter. Each shift will operate from 6:00-9:00pm and volunteers will need their own transport to arrive at the pre-arranged Service location.

For further information, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator on 02 4979 1145. Email: admin@dara.org.au

Gospel Leadership in Times of Chaos- This eConference, featuring Prof Massimo Faggioli, Paul Kelly, Prof Bob Carr and Elizabeth Proust, will be streamed live on Thursday 10 August 10.30am – 2.45pm. Register at <https://kvgo.com/creomedia/bbi13nationaleconference> For information P Christian Farrington 9847 0572 or E cfarrington@bbi.catholic.edu.au

Caritas Australia and many other faith-based organisations are coordinating a huge campaign for climate justice: a petition in every electorate in Australia, calling on each MP and on our Parliament to support stronger climate action. Help create a resounding message for justice that our political representatives cannot ignore. Find out how you can take part at www.caritas.org.au/climate-petition

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FIRST READING *Is 55:10-11*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 64:10-14. R. Lk 8:*

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruit - ful har-vest! har-vest! _____

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The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

1. You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain.
2. And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth.
3. You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows.
4. The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing.

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

SECOND READING *Rom 8:18-23*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and

glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Mt 13:1-9*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord



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