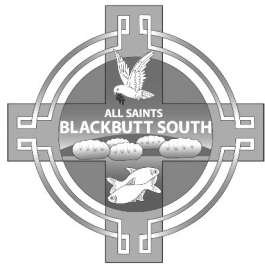


**20th Sunday Ordinary
Time Year A
20th August 2017**

Listening to God's Word
Growing in Faith



Reaching out to All

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St Paul's Booragul
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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
**Hour of Adoration &
Prayer— Sunday**
6.30pm Kotara

WEEKDAY MASSES/COMMUNION SERVICES

Adamstown: Tuesday 9.15; Wednesday 9.15am;
Cardiff: Thursday 9.30am
Kotara: Monday 7am (Communion Service);
Wednesday 8am Pius X; Friday 9.15am;
1st Saturday 9am
RECONCILIATION:
Adamstown: After 9.15am Mass Wednesday
Cardiff: After 9.30am Mass Thursday
Kotara: Saturday 9.30am

This week there are several worthwhile articles in the Catholic Weekly. Catholics and all Christians are urged to see that re-defining Marriage can have a profound effect not only on the priest who performs them but on the freedom of many others. These range from freedom of speech, what children will be taught in school and the rights of business to trade according to conscience. Archbishop Fisher **OP** urges Christians to make our voices heard by voting in the coming postal plebiscite.

Another article deals with the threat posed to the sacramental seal of **Confession** in the wake of the recent Royal Commission. Reconciliation is 'core to the religious beliefs of many Australians.'

I would like to share portion of a chapter of a very readable book, '**The Name of God is Mercy**'. In an interview, Pope Francis is speaking on the Sacrament of Penance or Reconciliation.

Q: Why is it important to go to Confession?

R: 'Jesus said to His apostles, 'Whose sins you forgive are forgiven....'

John 20 : 23

The apostles and their successors, thus became instruments of the mercy of God. They act *in persona Christi*. This has deep significance, because we are social beings. If we are not capable of talking to another person about our mistakes, we cannot talk about them with God either; and so we end up confessing into the mirror, to ourself.

We are social beings and forgiveness has a social implication.

My sin wounds mankind, my brothers and sisters and society as a whole.

Confessing to a priest, is a way of putting my life into the hands and heart of someone else, who in that moment acts in the name of Jesus. This is a way to be real and authentic. We face the facts by looking at the face of another person, not into a mirror.

Francis then tells how St Ignatius was seriously wounded as a soldier and thought he was dying. With no priest around, Ignatius confessed his sins to a comrade in arms. That soldier was not able to absolve him, but the need to face another person and confess was so strong, that he did what he did.

He needed to encounter God's mercy.

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PARISH DIARY

PRAYER LIST

Monday 21st August

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

Tuesday 22nd August

Cardiff St Vincent de Paul 5.30pm
 Christian Meditation Kotara 6.00pm

Wednesday 23rd August

St James' School Playgroup 9am Hall

SICK/SPECIAL NEEDS: for all who has asked for your prayers and .. 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, Marge Britt, Elizabeth Novak, Lyn Hall, Ella Fahey, Eileen Ayre, Veronica Hipwell, Anne Keevers, Charlie Fisher

RECENTLY DECEASED: Stanislaw (Stan) Grenadier

Sr Clare Burgess rsj

ANNIVERSARIES: Stan & Elizabeth Bojkowski, Mary Kathleen Moran, Antonio Laudadio, Klara Palka, Fr Austin Hayes, Allan Feenan, Julia Britt

BAPTISMS at Adamstown: Kaylee Cox

PARISH ROSTER

ADAMSTOWN	COMMENTATOR	READERS	GIFTS	EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS	CHILDREN'S LITURGY	COUNTING	ROSARY/ MORNING TEA
<u>20/08/2017</u> 9.30am Mass	St Columba's	School	Mass	Preciosa Winter Alice Aurisch	Michael & Nicole Deed	Trevor & Alice Aurish	
<u>27/08/2017</u> 9.30am Mass	Joanne Franks	Peter Williams Christine Williams	Tona Morris	Kerrie Guest Matthew Johns	Peter Stone Nadia Truninger		
CARDIFF	COMMENTATOR	READERS	GIFTS	EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS	COUNTING	ROSARY STATUE	MORNING TEA
<u>20/03/2017</u> 9.30am Mass	Anne Lamotte	Sr Clare Catherine Lerch	Maria Richard- son + Volunteer	D Fennell-Fraser, L McCullum L&L Caldwell Sr Jane	Michael Perkins Penny Harrison	Dot Swadling	
<u>27/08/2017</u> 9.30am Mass	Cathy Waugh	Chantelle Smith Sr Carmel Moore	Lerch Family	M-A & P Jennings P Gleeson L Sullivan V Marten	Andrew & Sharon Murphy	Kath Feenan	
KOTARA	COMMENTATOR	READERS	GIFTS	EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS	CHILDREN'S LITURGY	COUNTING	CHURCH CLEANING
<u>19/08/2017</u> 5.30pm St James School Mass	School Staff/ Students	School Staff/ Students	School Staff/ Students	J Oliver, M Thomson, S Farrell H O'Neill Volunteer	<u>20/08/2017</u> 5.30pm Beth Sullivan Taylor Stokes 8am Alanna Neilson	Vickie & John Pettett Kath & John Murray	Colleen Johnson
<u>20/08/2017</u> 8am	Peter Cootes	Louise Byron, Brendan Walker	Gai & John Woodward	P Bowen, N & P Smith, H Bradley, V Pettett	<u>27/08/2017</u> 5.30pm Emma Mather Monica Griffiths 8am Jessica Moulder	Paul Crosbie Narelle Robb Patricia Hines	Maureen & Ian Taylor Val Menzies
<u>22/08/2017</u> 5.30pm	Kevin Mullins	Sophie Dever Charlotte Dever	Peter & Marie Cunningham	T McCloy G Angeli F Robertson P Oke Volunteer	<u>03/09/2017</u> 5.30pm Anne-Maree & Grace Dever 8am Vickie Pettett	Brian Hopson Gerard Bridges Warrick Nehl	Warrick Nehl
<u>23/08/2017</u> 8am	John Woodward	Paul Smith Peter Cootes	Lukaszewicz Family	I Adoranti P Bowen A Erzetich M&J Bourke	<u>10/09/2017</u> 5.30pm Emma Mather Monica Griffiths 8am Jessica Moulder	O'Neill Family Martin & Louise Byron	Gai Woodward Kath Murray



Migrant & Refugee Week
21-27 August
Child Migrants the Vulnerable
and the Voiceless

During this week the Australian Bishop's Conference calls attention to the plight of Migrants and Refugees.

"Whoever received one such child in my name receives me: and whoever received me, receives not me but him who sent me" With these words, the Evangelists remind the Christian community of Jesus' teaching, which both inspires and challenges. This phrase traces the sure path which leads to God: it begins with the smallest and, through the grace of our Saviour. It grows into the practice of welcoming others."
Excerpt from Message of his holiness Pope Francis

Pius X Masses Term 3 — Mass schedule dates are this Wednesday 23rd August and Wednesday 20th September.

Financial Statement 2017 for All Saints Parish Blackbutt South is available on all noticeboards.

Good Friday Collection: Holy Land Commisariat have expressed thanks to the Diocese for the Holy Land Collections — an amount of \$1,441.80 was donated by our Parish.

Christine Williams would like to thank and meet our crafters who have contributed to the "Happy Rugs", and hopes be at the 5.30 Vigil Mass Kotara on 19th August and 9.30am Sunday Mass Cardiff on 20th August.

ADAMSTOWN NOTICES

School-Sponsored Mass this Sunday, 20 August. We extend a special welcome to the families of our local school community. St Columba's P & F will be hosting a cake stall after Mass to raise funds for the school. All welcome. There will be no Children's Liturgy for this Sunday only.

Rosary to Our Blessed Lady will be recited this Wednesday, 23rd August at 7pm in the home of Preciosa Winter 438 Bruncker Road, Adamstown. Phone 4952 9277.

CARDIFF NOTICES

Centenary Fete 9th September : Mary-Anne Jennings is collating information to create a book to sell at the Fete. If you have any old photos or stories about St Kevin's/St Joseph's please share with school.

Year 5/6 from St Kevin's School will join Parishioners at our 9.30am Mass next Thursday 24th August.

KOTARA NOTICES

Cuppa After Mass next weekend 26/27 August. Your hosts will be Therese McCloy (Vigil) and Jackie & Mick King and Kath & John Murray (Sunday). More volunteers would be appreciated to assist after the Vigil Mass. All welcome.

FAMILY GROUP NOTICES

Mellow Yellows: "Lakeside Brunch/Lunch" on Sunday this 20th August at Canon Food & Bar Express Warners Bay please note now booked for 11.30am start.

Rainbow are going to the Lake Cinema, Boolaroo to see 'Dunkirk' on Sunday, 20 August at 12 noon. Please RSVP to Susan M 0415 041 524.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Postal plebiscite on "same-sex marriage"

The Australian Government has announced there will be a postal plebiscite on whether the definition of marriage in the Marriage Act 1961 should be changed to include "same-sex marriage". Ballot papers will be sent out to households on Tuesday, 12 September and all votes must be received back by Tuesday, 7 November. If you are not enrolled to vote, or if you need to update your postal address, go to www.aec.gov.au/enrol/ before the cut-off date of Thursday, 24 August. Vote No, to keep marriage as a unique relationship between a woman and a man.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival

Registrations are now open for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF). Join 15,000 young people (Year 9 to 35 years old) in Sydney 7-10 December 2017. There will be workshops, speakers, social justice activities and great music with Fr Rob Galea, Matt Maher and many more artists. Register at mn.catholic.org.au/acyf.

BBI eConference post-streaming Session 1

will be held on Wednesday 23 August at 9.30 AM at MacKillop Parish Hall, 7 Milson St, Charlestown.

E douglaswallace41@dodo.com.au P 02 4920 8687 Catering You are invited to bring a plate to share. Arrive from 9.30am for 10am start.

20th Sunday Ordinary Time - Year A

FIRST READING *Is 56:1.6-7*

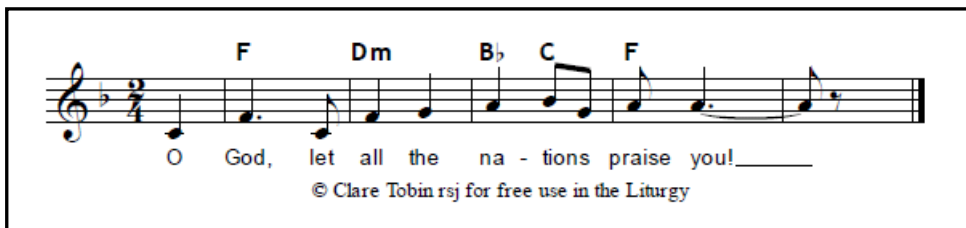
A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4*



O God, let all the na - tions praise you! _____
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O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O 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.
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.
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.

O God, let all the nations praise you!

SECOND READING *Rom 11:13-15. 29-32*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only

because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Mt 4:23*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Mt 15:21-28*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what

she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.



The Gospel of the Lord.

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