

**1st Sunday Advent  
Year B  
3rd December 2017**

Listening to God's Word  
Growing in Faith



Reaching out to All

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St Pius X Adamstown  
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

**Commentator :** The Advent Wreath will be on display in this church and during our liturgies, over the next four weeks. Today we will bless our wreath and light the first (*purple*) candle.



**Celebrant :** (*As 1<sup>st</sup> candle is lit*) God of grace and promise, we ask You to bless our Advent Wreath and all who gather around it. May it remind us of the first coming of Christ into the world; of his continued coming into our hearts and of His future coming in glory.

**All :** Come, Lord Jesus.

A novel and enjoyable celebration took place last Friday evening in the Toohey Room at Hamilton. Bishop Bill and the Diocesan liturgy staff, staged an informal 'party' to acknowledge the work of **people in every parish** and school in the preparation and presenting of liturgies. 'Everyone works so hard and does such a great job throughout the year. The night was about just celebrating and saying thanks to all.' Each parish was asked to name their best liturgical achievement for the past year and a favourite hymn. Musicians from City Pastoral region then entertained us with a countdown of the nominated hymns. Just a few people from Blackbutt South present, but it was a good night.

There is to be a **Second Rite of Reconciliation** at St Philip's, Kotara on Wednesday 13 December from 7.00pm.

**Advent** is an ideal time for us to take advantage of this Sacrament of God's mercy. So far, four priests have agreed to be with us on that night which is for everyone in **All Saints Parish**, regardless of where we attend Mass.

'Come to me all who.... are heavily burdened and I will give you rest'  
**Matt 11 : 28**

Karen Curran who presents **SRE** lessons in our Cardiff State schools, reports that lessons have ceased for this year, following a joint religions Christmas Assembly on Wednesday. Bibles have been proudly received by Year six students on behalf of All Saints Parish. We thank each of our volunteer (Special Religious Ed) presenters in **Cardiff and Adamstown schools**, for their faithful work through the year.

**PARISH DIARY**

**PRAYER LIST**

**Monday 4th December**

St Columba's Playgroup 9am Hall  
Adamstown St Vincent de Paul 3.30pm  
Kotara St Vincent de Paul 5.30pm

**Tuesday 5th December**

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

**Wednesday 6th December**

St James' School Playgroup 9am School  
St James' Advent Liturgy 11.30am

**Thursday 7th December**

Anointing Mass Cardiff 10am

**SICK/SPECIAL NEEDS:** for all who have asked for your prayers and ...Leonard Timmins, Leonie Pickett, Dean Hart, Olivia & Family, Sandra O, Don Richards, Celedonio Casas, Michael Neild, Addison McKenna, John Cunningham, Stephanie, Elizabeth Novak, Ella Fahey, Eileen Ayre, Veronica Hipwell, Charlie Fisher, Catherine Horner, Arthur Chipperfield, Michael G, Lizzy Oates, Karen Curran, Pat Maddison, Lorraine Caldwell, Paul Harrison, Nadzia Marczak

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Ernest Pedley (brother of Betty Kinsella), Maura Gnojek (mother of Mary Anne Little)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Terry & Robyn Neild, Kasia Lojszczyk, Elizabeth Harvey, Ellen Green

**BAPTISM AT Kotara:** Zoe Mason

**PARISH ROSTER**

| ADAMSTOWN                   | COMMENTATOR              | READERS                                   | GIFTS                            | EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS                                      | CHILDREN'S LITURGY  | COUNTING                                       | ROSARY/<br>MORNING TEA                         |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---|----------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| <u>3/12/2017</u><br>9.30am  | Joyce Little             | Belen Brown<br>Mary-Jean<br>Serrano-White | Sharkey Family                   | Preciosa Winter<br>Matthew Johns                              | Peter Stone<br>Nadia Truninger  | Trevor & Alice<br>Aurisch                      |  |
| <u>10/12/2017</u><br>9.30am | Rosemary<br>Karathanassi | Nadia Truninger<br>Nicole Charnock        | Preciosa Winter<br>Gloria Ramage | Alice Aurisch<br>Belen Brown                                  | Michael & Nicole<br>Deed  | Elaine Hennessy<br>Carmel Stuart               |  |
| CARDIFF                     | COMMENTATOR              | READERS                                   | GIFTS                            | EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS                                      | COUNTING  | ROSARY<br>STATUE                               | MORNING<br>TEA                                 |
| <u>3/12/2017</u><br>9.30am  | Vaughan Marten           | Stephen Nash<br>Sr Marie Jones            | Webb Family                      | P Gleeson,<br>B Moore,<br>D Wessel-Bryde,<br>H Woodham,       | Volunteers  | Anne Lamotte                                   |  |
| <u>10/12/2017</u><br>9.30am | Sr Carmel Moore          | M-A Jennings<br>Peter Jennings            | Murphy Family                    | Volunteer<br>L McCullum<br>Sr Jane<br>C Waugh<br>Sr Clare     | Leonie Sullivan<br>Maria Richardson   | John & Julie Lerch                             |  |
| KOTARA                      | COMMENTATOR              | READERS                                   | GIFTS                            | EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS                                      | CHILDREN'S LITURGY  | COUNTING                                       | CHURCH<br>CLEANING                             |
| <u>2/12/2017</u><br>5.30pm  | Marilyn Thomson          | Rita Martin<br>Wendy Hopkins              | Anson-Smith<br>Family            | T McCloy,<br>H McCloy,<br>B Burgess<br>F Robertson<br>S Dever | <u>3/12/2017</u><br>5.30pm<br>Carmel Wright<br>Clare Walsh<br>8am<br>Alanna Neilson   | F Robertson<br>M & T Britt<br>J Errington      | Maureen & Ian<br>Taylor<br><br>Henryka Bradley |
| <u>3/12/2017</u><br>8am     | Vickie Pettett           | John Woodward<br>Gai Woodward             | Lukaszewicz<br>Family            | N&P Smith,<br>A Cuskelly,<br>H Bradley,<br>I Adoranti         | <u>10/12/2017</u><br>5.30pm<br>T&H McCloy<br>Natalie Warren<br>8am<br>Jessica Moulder | V & J Pettett<br>K & J Murray                  | Warrick Nehl                                   |
| <u>9/12/2017</u><br>5.30pm  | Kevin Mullins            | Christine Sheppard<br>Faye Robertson      | Leggett Family                   | L Byrnes, J Angeli,<br>G Dever, N Morgan<br>R Baer            | <u>17/12/2017</u><br>No Liturgy School<br>Holidays                                    | Paul Crosbie<br>Narelle Robb<br>Patricia Hines | Gai Woodward<br><br>Val Menzies                |
| <u>10/12/2017</u><br>8am    | Diana Hannigan           | Gerry Vandermat<br>Barry Bourke           | Gai & John<br>Woodward           | V Pettett, P Cootes<br>A Erzetich<br>P Bowen<br>J Moulder     | <u>24/12/2017</u><br>No Liturgy School<br>Holidays                                    | Brian Hopson<br>Gerard Bridges<br>Warrick Nehl | Margaret Bourke                                |

# PARISH NEWS (WEB: [www.allsaintsblackbuttsouth.org.au](http://www.allsaintsblackbuttsouth.org.au))

**Parish Office Closures** - The parish office will be closed on Mondays & Tuesdays until Monday, 11 December. Louise will be on leave.

**Mass Ministry Rosters** - new rosters are due for the period commencing with the Christmas Weekend 23/24 December through to 25 March 2018. Please contact the parish office to advise of any changes or if you are available in particular for our Christmas Masses - 6.00pm Saturday Vigils at both Cardiff & Kotara, Sunday 8.00am at Kotara and 9.30am at Adamstown. If you would like to join a ministry and have not yet done so, please contact the parish office.

Our final parish **Anointing Mass for this year** will be on this Thursday, 7 December, 10.00am at St Kevin's Cardiff. All welcome.

**Year End Lunch Get Together** - All parishioners are invited to lunch at Wests New Lambton, 88 Hobart Road (Bistro Food Court) on Sunday, 10 December at 11.00am. Bookings essential (If sufficient numbers private space will be made available) Please call Hamilton Koelmeyer P 4957 7542 or Alice Aurisch P 4952 6823 or M 0448 833 712.

'**Bright Sparks**' presents '*That Christmas Glow*' this Sunday, 3 December, 2.00pm at St Columba's Parish Hall. Ticket costs - Adults \$10, Children 5 to 14 \$5.

**St Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Appeal** will be held over the weekends of 2/3rd & 9/11th December at all Masses. This year the Society is expected to help families with food and with general assistance. Through your donation, you make your presence felt in your local area and helps give people in need a sense of hope dignity and joy.

**Bible Study** - 'The Infancy Narratives' - **Reconciling the** differences between Luke's account and Matthew's account - this Wednesday 6th December, St Philip's Church Hall 1.30pm to 2.30pm Ph 4954 0453 The study will be facilitated by Sister Pat Boland.

**Up to 10 six-foot tables** with folding legs no longer needed at St Columba's Adamstown hall, may be collected free from the vicinity of the grassed area nearby. Mostly in good usable condition. Ideal for semi-exposed locations.

**December edition of Aurora** will appear as an insert in The Newcastle Herald, on Wednesday 6 December. The magazine can also be read online at [mnews.today](http://mnews.today) - your source for local Catholic news in the Hunter. Subscriptions are available at <http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/aurora/subscribe>

## ADAMSTOWN NOTICES

**The Rosary** will next be recited on Wednesday, 13th December 7.00pm in the home of Francisca Adoranti, 19 Morgan Street, Adamstown Phone 4952 3037.

**St Vincent de Paul 2018 Columban Calendars** are now available. Cost \$7.00.

## CARDIFF NOTICES



*Pope Francis has appointed **Fr Brian Mascord VG** as the fifth Bishop of Wollongong. Our love, prayers and congratulations go with you as you take up this new ministry.*

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**St Kevin's School:** Year 4 will be joining parishioners on this Thursday, 7th December at 10am Mass for the Anointing Mass.

**Anointing Mass** will be celebrated at Cardiff next Thursday at 10am. All welcome to this Mass and to stay for a cup of tea afterwards.

**Baptism Preparation** for parents of children to be baptized will be held in St Kevin's Cottage after 9.30am Mass this Sunday.

## KOTARA NOTICES

**St Vincent de Paul 2018 Columban Calendars** at \$7 and Christmas Cards at \$5 for packet of 10 are now available.

**The Kotara Bereavement Support Group** meets this Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December, at 6.00pm in the Kotara Office. New members are welcome - phone Paula on 0411 813 101 or just turn up on Tuesday night.

## FAMILY GROUP NOTICES

**Red Rovers** are attending the Parish Year End Lunch Get Together on Sunday, 10 December at Wests New Lambton. Please RSVP to Diana by Saturday, 2 December P 4943 0303.

**Greensleeves** are having their Christmas get together on Sunday, 10 December, 5.00pm at the Cuskellys'. BYO food and drink. Contact Anne & John P 4943 6882.

**Golden Goodies** are having their Christmas Party at Charlestown Leagues Club at 12 noon on Tuesday 5th December. Contact Greg on 4943 2084 or Brian on 4957 2555

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

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# 1st Sunday of Advent - Year B

## FIRST READING *Is 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8*

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

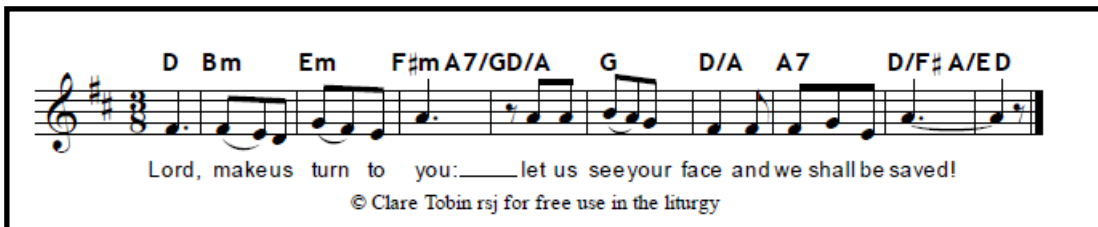
You, Lord, yourself are our Father,  
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.  
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways  
and harden our hearts against fearing you?  
Return, for the sake of your servants,  
the tribes of your inheritance.  
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and  
come down  
– at your Presence the mountains would melt.  
No ear has heard,  
no eye has seen  
any god but you act like this  
for those who trust him.  
You guide those who act with integrity  
and keep your ways in mind.  
You were angry when we were sinners;  
we had long been rebels against you.  
We were all like men unclean,  
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.  
We have all withered like leaves  
and our sins blew us away like the wind.  
No one invoked your name  
or roused himself to catch hold of you.  
For you hid your face from us  
and gave us up to the power of our sins.  
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;  
we the clay, you the potter,  
we are all the work of your hand.

The Word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4*

*Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.*



Lord, make us turn to you: let us see your face and we shall be saved!

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1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
shine forth from your cherubim throne.  
O Lord, rouse up your might,  
O Lord, come to our help.
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted.
3. May your hand be on the man you have  
chosen,  
the man you have given your strength.  
And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon your  
name.

*Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.*

## SECOND READING *1 Cor 1:3-9*

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

The Word of the Lord.

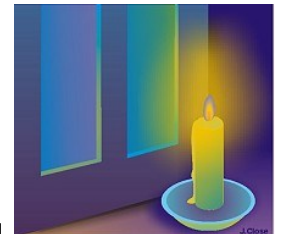
## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Ps 84:8*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL *Mk 13:33-37*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake,



because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from

home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!

The Gospel of the Lord

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