

# ALL SAINTS PARISH BLACKBUTT SOUTH

Faith Communities of Adamstown, Cardiff, Kotara

Listening to God's Word  
Growing in Faith



Reaching out to All

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## PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

St Columba's Adamstown  
St Kevin's Cardiff  
St James' Kotara

## PARISH HIGH SCHOOLS

St Pius X Adamstown  
St Paul's Booragul  
[Links are on our Website](#)

 **Catholic Parish of All Saints  
Blackbutt South**

## SUNDAY MASSES

**Adamstown**  
Sunday 9.30am  
**Cardiff**  
Sunday 9.30am  
**Kotara**  
Saturday Vigil 5.30pm  
Sunday 8.00am  
Sunday Hour of  
Adoration 6.30pm

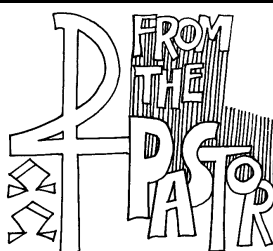
## WEEKDAY MASSES/COMMUNION SERVICES

**Adamstown: Anointing Mass Tuesday 10.30am;**  
Wednesday 9.30am;  
**Cardiff: Thursday 9.30am**  
**Kotara: Monday (Liturgy) 7am; Wednesday 7am;**  
Friday 9.15am; 1st Saturday 9am

## RECONCILIATION:

**Adamstown: After 9.15am Mass Wednesday**  
**Cardiff: After 9.30am Mass Thursday**

## 4th Sunday of Lent Year B ~ 11 March 2018



Last Sunday I attended a dedication of volunteers involved in the Mentoring Programme (Scripture) at Kotara High School. Following sharings from Everelle Mills (Primary) and Shinko Levey (High School), local SRE teachers and Kotara High Board Members renewed their commitment to this important work. Prayer partners and others who support the work, were thanked and encouraged during the afternoon of prayer and rousing hymns. Speaker, Pastor Mark Edwards, outlined some difficulties faced at this time, by those wishing to further the Christian message in State schools. Mrs Paula O'Neill represented All Saints Parish, which contributes substantially to funding of SRE programmes in the area.

**This weekend**, we welcome visitors to the parish for the announcement of winners and highly commended works, in the **All Saints Parish / St Pius X High School Art Competition**. Eighty works selected from among two hundred and seventy entries, will be on display at St Philip's throughout the weekend and at St Columba's Church next Sunday, 18 March. The works by Year 8 students, consider 'What the story of Easter means to Catholics Today?' and reflect the current Religious Studies Scope and Sequence. We encourage everybody to linger after Mass to enjoy this wonderful display of talent and faith.

To mark last Thursday's **International Women's Day**, a Mass will be said to honour women of the Church and general community at 9.30am, this Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton. Immediately afterwards at a function in the Toohey Room, the 2018 **Magdalene Award** will be announced. Both gatherings will be attended by nominees and friends from around the Diocese, including two from All Saints Parish. The awards recognise the long-overlooked dedication and service of women of the parishes and the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese.



Evangeline is strengthening Aboriginal culture while making a living and creating opportunities for her community. Featured in Project Compassion 2016, Evangeline went from seeking employment to being a Senior Artsworker and an inspirational leader for youth. Her work at the non-profit Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation has supported the organisation's growth and it is now a major employer for young people in the remote Northern Territory.

**PARISH DIARY**

**PRAYER LIST**

**Monday, 12 March**

St Vincent de Paul Adamstown 3.30pm  
St Vincent de Paul Meeting Kotara 5.30pm

**Tuesday, 13 March**

Anointing Mass Adamstown 10.30am  
St Vincent de Paul Meeting Cardiff 5.30pm  
Christian Meditation 6.00pm Kotara

**Wednesday, 14 March**

Volunteer Session 10.30am Cardiff  
St James' School Playgroup 9am Hall

**Friday, 16 March**

Prayer Meeting 9.30am Cardiff

**SICK/SPECIAL NEEDS:** for all who have asked for your prayers and ... Leonard Timmins, Leonie Pickett, Olivia & Family, Don Richards, Celedonio Casas, Michael Neild, Addison McKenna, John Cunningham, Stephani, Ella Fahey, Eileen Ayre, Veronica Hipwell, Catherine Horner, Michael G, Lizzy Oates, Karen Curran, Pat Maddison, Lorraine Caldwell, Sabina Nowak, Loris Jackson, Tommy Hawthorne, Bernadette Milne, Bill McWhinnie, Bernie Robertson

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Arthur Chipperfield (brother of Wendy Day), Fr Peter McGrath (Family Group Movement), Gennaro Alterio, Frances Bush, Peter McGrorey (Funeral Liturgy 1.30pm Wednesday at Adamstown)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Barrie Wessel

**BAPTISM at Cardiff:** Rosie Johns

**PARISH ROSTER**

ADAMSTOWN	COMMENTATOR	READERS	GIFTS	EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS	CHILDREN'S LITURGY	COUNTING	ROSARY/MORNING TEA
<b>11/03/2018</b> 9.30am	Dot Reynolds	Matthew Johns Jeanine Hickmott	Tona Morris	Marion Gardner Volunteer		Lynn & Matthew Johns	
<b>18/03/2018</b> 9.30am	Jeanine Hickmott	Nadia Truninger Mary-Jean Serrano-White	Starkey Family	Alice Aurisch Stan Heaney		Trevor & Alice Aurisch	
CARDIFF	COMMENTATOR	READERS	GIFTS	EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS	COUNTING	ROSARY STATUE	MORNING TEA
<b>11/03/2018</b> 9.30am	Sr Marie Jones	Stephen Nash Wendy Day	Lamotte Family	C Waugh, L&L Caldwell, Sr Clare Paul Gleeson	Michael Perkins Penny Harrison	John & Julie Lerch	
<b>18/03/2018</b> 9.30am	Helen Woodham	Cathy Waugh Sr Marie Jones	Maria Richard-son	M-A & P Jennings L Sullivan, Sr Carmel Moore Mark Wilmore	Andrew & Sharon Murphy	Kath Henderson	
KOTARA	COMMENTATOR	READERS	GIFTS	EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS	CHILDREN'S LITURGY	COUNTING	CHURCH CLEANING
<b>10/03/2018</b> 5.30pm	Rita Martin	Wendy Hopkins Peter Cunningham	Taylor Family	J Angeli, G Dever, S Dever, R Baer S Pink	<b>11/03/2018</b> 5.30pm Emma Mather & Elissa Pryke 8am Jessica Moulder	Elizabeth & Craig Abbs Greg Hayes Ann Keating	Maureen & Ian Taylor  Kath Kelly & Diana Hannigan
<b>11/03/2018</b> 8am	John Pettett	Gerry Vandermaat Barry Bourke	Narelle & Paul Smith	V Pettett, J Woodward J Moulder A Erzetich A Cuskelly	<b>18/03/2018</b> 5.30pm Clare Walsh Donna Morgan 8am Jessica Moulder	Peter Cootes John Bourke Val Menzies Mark Noonan	Warrick Nehl
<b>17/03/2018</b> 5.30pm	School Staff/ Students	School Staff/ Students	School/Staff Students	J Oliver, M Thomson, S Farrell, H O'Neill, T McCloy	<b>25/03/2018</b> TBA	Faye Robertson Marge & Tom Britt Joan Errington	Gai Woodward  Henryka Bradley
<b>18/03/2018</b> 8am	Paul Smith	John Woodward Gai Woodward	Lukaszewicz Family	M & J Bourke, N Smith, H Bradley, V Pettett	<b>01/04/2018</b> TBA	Vickie & John Pettett Kath & John Murray	Margaret Bourke

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

**Anointing Mass:** Our first Anointing Mass in our Parish for this year will be at St Columba's Adamstown this Tuesday 13th March at **10.30am**. All welcome.

**Minutes from Parish Pastoral Team Meetings** on 6 February and 6 March are now available on the church noticeboards.

**Parish Office Closed** this Wednesday, 14 March from 9.00am to 1.00pm for the Volunteer Session at Cardiff.

**Reminder to Our Counting Teams** - please ensure you record the amount given on each envelope (or that the amount given equals the amount recorded by the giver). Please then tear all envelopes in half and save the half with the amount and date for our parish tax records. Thank you. *Fr Terry*

**New Mass Rosters** are being drawn up for the period 25 March to 17 June. If you would like to join a Mass ministry, or need to make a change to your existing roster, please contact the Parish Office by **this Monday, 12 March**.

**Ministers for Holy Week Liturgies:** We are also now seeking ministers for our Holy Week Liturgies - Holy Thursday, 7.00pm at Cardiff; The Principal Service on Good Friday, 3.00pm at Adamstown, Cardiff & Kotara; and the Easter Vigil, 7.00pm at Kotara. If you would like to participate, please contact the Parish Office via phone or email **this week**, so these liturgies can be prepared. Please don't rely on somebody else to respond. Easter Sunday will be rostered as per usual. If you will not be available for Easter Sunday please let us know.

**Passion Play : The Bright Sparks Drama Group** urgently need **2 ADULT SOLDIERS** to be in the Passion Play. They are also seeking volunteers to assist as welcomers, parking attendants & to host supper on the night. If you can help, please contact Christine Williams P 4943 3824 or Lyndall Ford P 4957 8527.

**Crossroads Christian Fellowship for the Disabled** is seeking a volunteer bus driver (11 seater Toyota Hi Ace - ordinary car license) once a fortnight (Thursday night). Contact parishioner, Mike Perkins P 4954 0453.

**Save the Date - Annual Trivia Night, Fundraiser for Youth.** Friday May 4<sup>th</sup>. This year it will be held in Blackbutt NORTH parish, at St Thérèse school hall, New Lambton. Book your tickets now to reserve a spot. Contact Ellen Hazelton, 0407 513 813 or Marc Grimer, 0421 125 893.

**Room Needed:** Melissa Periera is a PhD student at Newcastle Uni, based at the John Hunter, looking for a clean, tidy and quiet place to stay. If you can help, please call Melissa M 0405 124 361

## ADAMSTOWN NOTICES

**The Rosary** will next be recited on Wednesday, 21 March at 7.00pm in the home of Hamilton

## During Lent

**Stations of the Cross :** Cardiff Tuesday 6.30pm

**Adoration:** Wednesday & Thursday 5.30pm Kotara

**Day of Lenten Meditation St Columba's:** starting 10am Friday 23 March - with Exposition, Blessed Sacrament remains until Benediction 6pm and concludes with meditative Way of the Cross. Priests will be available for Reconciliation throughout the day.

Koelmeyer, 26 Costata Crescent, Adamstown Heights. Phone 4957 7542. All welcome.

**St Columba's Playgroup** will resume on **Fridays** (during school term) from 9.30am to 11.00am **commencing on Friday, 16 March**. For more information, please contact Jackie Mason M 0410 353 613.

## CARDIFF NOTICES

**Year 2 from St Kevin's School** will be joining parishioners at Mass this Thursday, 15 March at 9.30am.

**Prayer Meeting and Fellowship** this Friday, 16 March at 9.30am in St Kevin's Church.

## KOTARA NOTICES

**Counting Roster** - a new roster will be drawn up soon. We desperately need at least another two volunteers to assist an existing team. If you can assist, or wish to make a change to your existing roster, please contact the Parish Office by Monday, 19 March.

**Family Vigil Mass** next Saturday, 17 March, 5.30pm at Kotara. We extend a special welcome to the families of our local school community.

**Lost and Found:** A SanDisk USB with pink neck cord has been found under the table used for the laptop at Kotara.

## FAMILY GROUP NOTICES

**Mellow Yellows** Music in the Podium, Friday 16 March, 5pm at The Esplanade, Warners Bay. BYO Picnic, food, chairs

**Greensleeves** are celebrating St Patrick's Day in the church hall on Saturday evening, 17 March following the Vigil Mass. Contact Peter Cunningham for more information P 4942 2294.

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

**Ecumenical Way of the Cross** will be held at St Joseph's Conference Centre, 140 Wangi Rd, Kilaben Bay at 2pm on 25 March 2018. P 49791111.

**See church noticeboards for more Diocesan Notices.**

## 4th Sunday of Sunday Lent - Year B

### FIRST READING 2 Chr 36:14-16. 19-23

*A reading from the second book of Chronicles*

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 136. R. v. 6

Let my tongue be silenced if ever I forget you! get you!—

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*Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!*

1. By the rivers of Babylon  
there we sat and wept,  
remembering Zion;  
on the poplars that grew there  
we hung our harps.
2. For it was there that they asked us,  
our captors, for songs,  
our oppressors, for joy.  
'Sing to us,' they said,  
'one of Zion's songs.'
3. O how could we sing  
the song of the Lord  
on alien soil?  
If I forget you, Jerusalem,  
let my right hand wither!

4. O let my tongue  
cleave to my mouth  
if I remember you not,  
if I prize not Jerusalem  
above all my joys!

*Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!*

### SECOND READING Eph 2:4-10

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians*

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 3:16

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

### GOSPEL Jn 3:14-21

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John*

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up  
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,  
so that everyone who believes may  
have eternal life in him.  
Yes, God loved the world so much  
that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him  
may not be lost  
but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world  
not to condemn the world, but so that through him  
the world might be saved.  
No one who believes in him will be condemned;  
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned  
already, because he has refused to believe  
in the name of God's only Son.  
On these grounds is sentence pronounced:  
that though the light has come into the world  
men have shown they prefer  
darkness to the light because their deeds were evil.  
And indeed, everybody who does wrong  
hates the light and avoids it,  
for fear his actions should be exposed;  
but the man who lives by the truth  
comes out into the light,  
so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is  
done in God.'