

ALL SAINTS PARISH BLACKBUTT SOUTH

Faith Communities of Adamstown, Cardiff, Kotara

Listening to God's Word
Growing in Faith



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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](#)

SUNDAY MASSES

Adamstown

Sunday 8am

Cardiff

Sunday 9.30am

Kotara

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm

Sunday Hour of

Adoration 6pm

WEEKDAY MASSES/LITURGIES WITH COMMUNION

Adamstown: Tuesday 9.30am; Wednesday 9.30am

Cardiff: Thursday 9.30am

Kotara: Monday (Liturgy) 7am; Wednesday 7am;

Friday 9.15am; 1st Saturday 9am

RECONCILIATION:

Adamstown: After 9.30am Mass Wednesday

Cardiff: After 9.30am Mass Thursday

Kotara: Saturday 9.30am

3rd Sunday of Advent 16th December Year C

An estimated 130 people attended the newly scheduled **8.00am Mass** at St Columba's, Adamstown last Sunday. It replaces both the longstanding 9.30 am at Adamstown and the original 8.00am at Kotara. I thank those who made the trip from Kotara and those transitioning from the former 9.30am Adamstown Mass. It was indeed, a major change in people's usual Sunday routine. Unaware that our office staff had already added ministers to the roster for that day, two additional special ministers were called from the congregation to assist with distribution of the hosts. **No offence intended** but it is hoped that there will be four ministers distributing the hosts from now on. This will provide opportunities for people from other parts of the parish, to join the Communion roster; along with Readers of the Word, Choir members, Children's Liturgy Presenters, Counters and other important ministries.

It was pleasing to see extra greeters outside the church providing a familiar face to people arriving at St Columba's for the first time. Please be aware that the sealed area of the school playground, has been opened up for Sunday Mass parking. It provides around a dozen car spaces.

Following earlier suggestions from Adamstown Mass-goers, a change in the collection procedure will see the plate passed the full length of each seat to improve the coverage of each collection. Also, in line with the times in which we live, **collectors of both sexes** will be most welcome to assist. Just a reminder though, that people not yet holding appropriate 'Volunteer approval' must **apply by contacting the parish office** for the correct procedure and documents.

Naturally, this major change to long-held timetables at Kotara and at Adamstown will cause initial upset for people, but may I say this : It was reported that newcomers experienced a sense of welcome at St Columba's last Sunday and a feeling that a new inclusive community may come into being in All Saints Parish. **'Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful. Enkindle in us, the fire of Your love.'**

As mentioned on the **Advent handout** some weeks back, the annual **Carols Concert** at Kotara takes place **this very Sunday**. Please join Richard Cootes and his band of musical friends on the lawn at St Philip's from **7.00pm**. Bring your family and food and drink for a picnic. It's always a great evening for Cardiff, Adamstown and Kotara people ..or anywhere, for that matter. **Fr Terry**



**Catholic Parish of All Saints
Blackbutt South**

PARISH DIARY

PRAYER LIST

Sunday 16 December

Parish Christmas Song night commencing 6pm at St Philip's Grounds.

Monday 17 December

St Vincent de Paul Adamstown 3.30pm

St Vincent de Paul Kotara 5.30pm

Tuesday 18 December

St Vincent de Paul Meeting Cardiff 5.30pm

Christian Meditation 6.00pm Kotara

Benedictine Book Group 7.00pm Kotara

Advent **Reconciliation Service** 7pm at St Philip's Kotara

Friday 21 December

St Kevin's Prayer Meeting 9.30am

SICK/SPECIAL NEEDS: We remember in prayer ...

Leonard Timmins, Leonie Pickett, Ella Fahey, Veronica Hipwell, Catherine Horner, Lizzy Oates, Karen Curran, Sabina Nowak, Loris Jackson, Tommy Hawthorne, Bernadette Milne, Marion Bridges, Algi & Geraldine Bajelis, Mick King, Jackie Williams, Margaret McLellan, Jan Hobson, Maria Kennedy, Lewis Peel (Purcell), Warren Sheppard, Marge Johnstone, Jon Runchel, Patricia Nolan, Sisters of Sri Lanka and the Tamil people.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Stephen Antes (Funeral Tuesday, 11.00 am at Kotara), Bernard O'Doherty (Funeral Wednesday 10.30am at Kotara)

ANNIVERSARIES: Sandra Ogrodnik, Pat Feenan, Noreen Heaney, Mary Woodward, Anne Nolan, Mary Cooley, Mark Cooley, Len Donnelly, Eileen Donnelly, Bronislaw Palka

BAPTISMS at Adamstown: Sony Laurie, Levi Powell, Sophie Matthias

PARISH ROSTER

ADAMSTOWN	COMMENTATOR	READERS	GIFTS	EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS	CHILDREN'S LITURGY	COUNTING	MORNING TEA
16/12/2018 8.00am	Rosemary Karathanassi	Julie Malaspina Dot Reynolds	Tona Morris	Preciosa Winter Nadia Truninger	No Liturgy	Lynn & Matthew Johns	
23/12/2018 8.00am	Julie Malaspina	Peter & Christine Williams	Kathy Kelly Gai Woodward	Margaret Bond Marion Gardner Sr Therese Wilkinson	No Liturgy	Alice Aurisch Preciosa Winter Gloria Ramage	
CARDIFF	COMMENTATOR	READERS	GIFTS	EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS	COUNTING	ROSARY STATUE	MORNING TEA
16./12/208 9.30am	Elizabeth Doyle	Vaughan Marten Sr Clare McCudden	Lamotte Family	L McCullum, Sr Carmel Moore C Waugh L&L Caldwell	Anne Keevers Dawn Wessel-Bryde	John & Gloria Reynolds	
23/12/2018 9.30am	Paul Gleeson	Sr Clare McCudden Catherine Lerch	Lerch Family	L Sullivan, V Marten E Doyle B Moore C Waugh	Leonie Sullivan Maria Richard-son	Anne Lamotte	
KOTARA	COMMENTATOR	READERS	GIFTS	EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS	CHILDREN'S LITURGY	COUNTING	CHURCH CLEANING
15/12/2018 5.30pm	Helene O'Neill	Wendy Hopkins Peter Cunningham	Leggett Family	G Angeli, F Robertson B Burgess N Morgan L Byrnes	16/12/2018 5.30pm T, H & L McCloy	Brian Hopson Warrick & Robyn Nehl	Gai Woodward Kathy Kelly & Diana Hannigan
22/12/2018 5.30pm	Leianna McCloy	Elaine Abery Faye Robertson	Luka szewicz Family	H McCloy D Morgan V Pettett M & J Bourke	23/12/2018 5.30pm No Liturgy - School Holidays	Kathy Kelly O'Neill Family	Margaret Bourke

**Christmas
Sing-Along**



You are invited to our
Annual Parish Carol/Song Night
in the grounds of St Philip's Kotara
This Sunday 16th December commences 6pm.
BYO Drinks and nibbles—chairs, picnic rugs for a fun evening.

PARISH NOTICES

Advent Reconciliation Service—at St Philip's, Kotara on Tuesday 18 December from 7.00pm. Volunteer Readers are needed for the service. Please contact Fr Terry, if you are able to help.

New Mass Rosters for the period 23 December to 17 March have now been emailed. Spare copies are available for collection at the back of our churches.

Parish Christmas Lunch - The Terrace at Wests, New Lambton this Sunday, **16 December** at 11.30am. All welcome. Contact Alice on 4952 6823 or Hamilton on 4957 7542.

Bright Sparks proceeds from "*Christmas is the Time To*" are going to the St Vincent de Paul, and towards the new Sanctuary Window. (Maureen Young donated a hamper for the raffle) Overwhelming thanks to the cast, the helpers, OOSH and the audience for making the party/play so wonderful.

Church Parking: There have been a couple of instances lately where parishioners and/or other visitors have been observed parking too close to double white lines (a gap of 3 metres is required), too close to intersections or across the driveways of our neighbours. Please take some time to give due consideration to where and how you park your car. Thank you.

Counters, please note: any Christmas Offering Envelopes are to be noted separately and included in the First Collection. Thank you.

ADAMSTOWN NOTICES

The Rosary will be recited on Wednesday 26th December at 7pm in the home of Terry & Marian Slupik, 29 Crockett Street, Cardiff South. Phone 0414 540 309.

St Vincent de Paul Society has a small number of Columban Calendars for sale at \$7 and **Christmas Cards** available for purchase after the 8.00am Mass.

CARDIFF NOTICES

HELP!!!! needed after Mass on Sunday 23 December to set up church for Christmas and for Christmas Vigil Mass.

KOTARA NOTICES

Wanted: Christmas Bush, Agapanthus & White Daisies to decorate the church for Christmas. Please leave flowers in the buckets at the front door of the St James' School Hall by 9am on Christmas Eve. Thank you.

Volunteers are needed to help prepare the church for the Christmas Mass Vigil Mass. Please gather St James' School Hall between 8-9.00 am on Christmas Eve.

St Vincent de Paul Piety Stall has a limited number of this year's Christmas Cards at \$6.00 for a pack of 10 different designs and a small number of Columban Calendars still available at \$7.00.

Purchase Officer for the Monthly Cuppa - we are seeking a volunteer to purchase the supplies (tea, coffee, milk, biscuits etc.) for the monthly cuppa which is served following the last Vigil Mass of each month from February - November. If you can assist, please call Gai Woodward M 0417 436 536 for a run down on the duties.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Immaculate Conception of Mary Charismatic Prayer group in Carrington invites you to their Thanksgiving Mass on Monday 17 December at 7:30pm at St Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Gipps St Carrington. Praise and Worship will start at 7pm and refreshments will be served after Mass

A new young adults group has begun at St Laurence O'Toole, Broadmeadow. It includes praise and worship, prayer, discussion and mission. It is held every first and third Thursday of the month at 7pm. For more information, call Wayne on 0466631394

Christmas Masses

CHRISTMAS EVE *Monday 24th December*
Kotara Vigil : 6pm (Latecomers BYO Chairs)

Cardiff Vigil : 6pm (BYO Chairs - Outdoor)

CHRISTMAS DAY

Tuesday 25th December

Adamstown : 9am

BOXING DAY

Wednesday 26th December

Cardiff : 8am Polish Mass



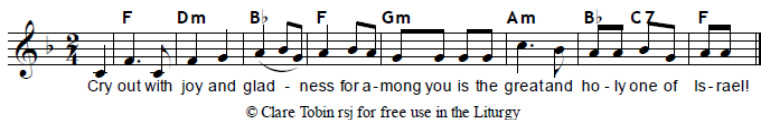
3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT—YEAR C

FIRST READING *Zep 3:14-18*

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,
Israel, shout aloud!
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,
daughter of Jerusalem!
The Lord has repealed your sentence;
he has driven your enemies away.
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;
you have no more evil to fear.
When that day comes, word will come to
Jerusalem:
Zion, have no fear,
do not let your hands fall limp.
The Lord your God is in your midst,
a victorious warrior.
He will exult with joy over you,
he will renew you by his love;
he will dance with shouts of joy for you
as on a day of festival.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Is 12:2-6 R. v.6*



Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

1. Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.
2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his
name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the
peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name.
3. Sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of
Israel.

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

SECOND READING *Phil 4:4-7*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Lk 3:10-18*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

