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All Saints Year A

ALL SAINTS PARISH BLACKBUTT SOUTH

Faith Communities of Adamstown, Cardiff, Kotara

Listening to God's Word
Growing in Faith



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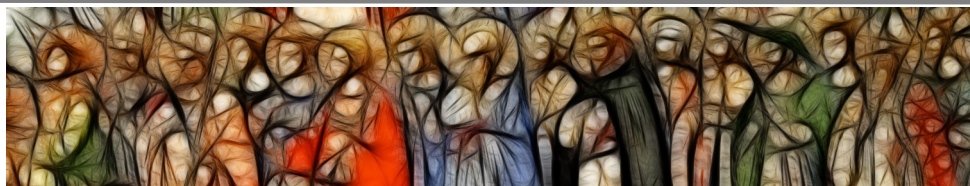
St James' Kotara

PARISH HIGH SCHOOLS

St Pius X Adamstown

St Paul's Booragul

Links are on our Website



SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil Kotara-5.30pm; Sunday Adamstown-8am;

Sunday Cardiff-9.30am; Kotara-5.30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday (All Soul's Day) 7am Kotara; Tuesday 9.30am

Adamstown; Wednesday 7am Kotara; 9.30am Adamstown;

Thursday Cardiff 9.30am; Friday 9.15am Kotara

RECONCILIATION/SPIRITUAL NEEDS

Fr Joseph available by appointment Saturdays from 11 till 3pm

Pastor Piece

Dear Parishioners,

I wish to extend warm wishes to everyone on our Parish Feast day! Unfortunately, we are unable to have any Feast Celebrations because of "Touching and handling rules and regulations." But we can think of our name Saints and try to know about them or read about them would be an excellent Feast Venture!

It has been an exceptional and learning time for me in attending many Principals shortlisting and interviews in the Parish. I wish to thank you all who had been a strength and support to me in doing my Pastoral ministry in this extreme and unprecedented time of a Pandemic. It was an incredible experience to have a Mass in St. Pius High school last Wednesday and had a wonderful celebration with youngsters in our High School.

Further, I wish to urge you to participate in nominating worthy, faith-filled, candidates for our Pastoral Council.

I hope to collect all entries to the Pastoral Council by 15 January 2021, please do the nominations as early as possible. I have handed over the Parish statues for review and correction to the Diocesan canon lawyer to check whether that tallies with the Diocesan new policies. Once that is ready (That would be an interim draft until we come out with a new one after the Diocesan Synod)

Continue to pray for me, as I always say, "Your prayers are my spiritual Blood."

"It's not how much we give how much love we put into giving".

Fr. Joseph Figurado

Parish News

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

Leonie Pickett, Veronica Hipwell, Karen Curran, Algi & Geraldine Bajelis, Mick King, Margaret McLellan, Jan Hobson, Lewis Peel (Purcell), Rita Martin, Emma Pacifico, Lorraine Caldwell, Emilinda Peralta, Loris Jackson, Linda McDonald, Dean Hart, Barry Moore, Leigh Hooper, Chris Patsan, Catherine Horner, Albert Erzetich, Catherine Hobbs, Bernadette Coffey, Dorota Bakowska, Abby Rodwell, Gae Alderton, Ernestina Klein, Alexander Klein, Warrick Nehl

And for all those who have been affected by COVID-19 and the frontline and medical staff that are caring for them.

ANNIVERSARIES: Richard Marchant

We Remember....

ALL SAINTS DAY November 1st (Sunday)

On **All Saints Day** we remember the people in our faith family who have died. Some saints are well known; they have been officially recognised by the Church. Many others are 'ordinary' people, known only to a few - perhaps you can name some in your own family circle. The Church canonises certain people as saints, not as a reward for personal holiness and not because they were perfect (they weren't!), but so as to give the community of faith 'role models'. We can look to the saints to inspire us in particular virtues and qualities. They lift our sights to the 'more' that is possible in following Jesus.

ALL SOULS DAY November 2nd (Mass 7am Kotara)

On **All Souls Day** we commemorate the souls of all the faithful departed. We are very aware of those we miss, and we pray for them. We are aware of the love of God permeating all existence and connecting us even in death. We are reminded of the source of our hope, the risen Christ. As we reflect on the gift of eternal life, the significance of our earthly choices comes into clear view.

During November - We remember our departed loved ones: they are still very much part of our families and parish. As a Sign of Remembrance we write their names in the Remembrance Books at the front of our Churches.

November Mass Offering Envelopes are available at the back of our Churches. All Mass Offering Envelopes are placed on the Altar throughout the month.



To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the canonisation of Saint Mary MacKillop

We invite you to order your free copy of *Encountering St Mary MacKillop in Prayer*

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have created a commemorative prayer booklet to inspire us all to "take fresh courage..." as Mary did so often. These prayers share details of her personal journey, highlighting Mary's values and spirit, and offering prayers and blessings for our modern world.

To order your exclusive copy please go to:
www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/prayer-book
or call us on Ph: 02 8912 2777

MARY MACKILLOP
today

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Nominations for Pastoral Council are now being accepted. Each Mass Centre is asked to nominate at least 15 members please.

Bishops Award Ceremony - recipient, Leianna McCloy, will be recognised for her involvement and contribution in our Parish, Diocese and the wider community through her music, faith and care for others at a presentation ceremony during the 5.30pm Sunday Mass at Kotara. We offer our congratulations to Leianna and her family on this achievement.



A note of thanks and gratitude to God and parishioners who have been praying for the recovery of Carlo Rossi who is now in remission from lymphoma. *Wendy Rossi.*

Counting of the Collections will resume at each Mass Centre commencing Sunday, 15 November. If you can assist, please contact the Parish Office. We also need to hear from existing Counting Team members as soon as possible to confirm if you are happy to continue.

Parish Bulletin is distributed via email each Thursday. If you would like to be added to our distribution list, please contact Parish Office.

Live stream Mass every Sunday at 9.30am at <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream/>

Rainbow Family Group are having a Birthday Dinner on Monday 16 November **5.30pm (please note, change of time)** at Mary Ellen Hotel, Merewether. Contact Christine Sheppard by 9 November for bookings.

Diocese of Maitland- Newcastle presents a range of free presentations and courses this November. **NEW EVENT!**

- ⇒ Nicholas King SJ presents: Bringing The Gospel to Life- Wed., 4 Nov. 6.30pm-8pm
- ⇒ Communion of Saints: presented by the Formation and Education team over 4 weeks. Commencing Thursday Nov 5 to 19. 6.30pm-8pm
- ⇒ Relationships Matter: presented by the Formation and Education team. Wed., 11 Nov. 7-8.30pm

REGISTRATION at WEEKEND MASSES:

You will need to register by 3pm on Wednesday. If you are unable to attend please contact the Parish Office by 3pm on Thursday.

Limit on numbers according to the 4 metre rule are still applicable.

Mass Rosters: Commentators & Readers—due to uncertainty of Mass Attendance at each centre these ministries will not be rostered. Volunteers on the day from registered attendees will be needed to step forward.

- ⇒ Michael Smith SJ presents: Why Pilgrimage? Tues., 17 Nov. 7-8pm
- ⇒ Nicholas King SJ presents: Mark- The Strangest Gospel Wed., 18 Nov. 6.30pm-8pm
- ⇒ Q & A with Father Anthony Coloma. Wed., 25 Nov. 6.30pm-8pm

To register go to Adult Faith Formation page on the Diocesan website.

<https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/>

Pints with a Purpose Date: Monday November 2 Time: 7.00pm-8.00pm AEST Zoom Link- <https://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/95051923535>

Meeting ID: 950 5192 3535 Password: 555999 "Be open to others who see something for you that you don't see for yourself" – Matthew Ames

Join us on the first Monday of November for Pints with a Purpose via Zoom as we welcome home Sam Hill who will share with us her amazing story of faith and how her faith and the support of others has led her to where she is today.

Sam Hill is the current Director of Mission for the St Vincent de Paul Society in Queensland. She is the youngest person in this role in Australia.

As a young person growing up in the diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, Sam highlighted an area of need for young people to experience the different aspects of the Church and the people and agencies within. This led to the set up of the Pastoral Placement Program which is the only one of its kind in Australia.

We are very excited for Sam to join us as our guest presenter for Pints with a Purpose!

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First Reading Rv 7:2-4. 9-14

I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6

(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. (R.)
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. (R.)
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 3:1-3

We shall see God as he really is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,

therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.
Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,

and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 5:1-12

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'



Responsorial Psalm

We will continue to recite the Psalm as normal.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace to people
of good will
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father
Lord Jesus Christ,
Only begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father
You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the most high
Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. Amen

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again
from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.