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32 Sunday Ordinary Time

Listening to God's Word  
Growing in Faith



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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](#)

**ALL SAINTS PARISH BLACKBUTT SOUTH**

Faith Communities of Adamstown, Cardiff, Kotara



**SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday Vigil Kotara-5.30pm; Sunday Adamstown-8am;  
Sunday Cardiff-9.30am; Kotara-5.30pm followed by Adoration.

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

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

Dear Parishioners,

Let us try to follow this prayer of a great Saint,

*"Grant me O Lord, My God,*

*A mind to know you,*

*A heart to seek you,*

*Wisdom to find you,*

*Conduct pleasing to you,*

*Faithful perseverance in waiting for you,*

*and a hope finally embracing you."* – St. Thomas Aquinas

Last week we honoured our three Saints Kevin, Philip and Columba, and we commemorated our own Patron Saints. We remembered all our saints, our family members and those who have gone before us. We remember all the faithful Departed during this month. As our age old Catholic custom this whole month is dedicated to the remembrance of departed loved ones. I would like to encourage everyone in our parish (those who are able) to come to our weekly masses to record the names of the departed souls from our families. Our Parish week day Masses would be offered for them during this month.

Please give prayerful consideration to nominating worthy, Faith filled candidates for our Pastoral Council. Nominations will close on 15 January 2021. Parish statutes are currently being reviewed and I shall present a draft copy to the Parish soon. If you are attending Mass please consider volunteering as readers, commentators and especially for counting after Masses.

As more COVID restrictions are lifted and advice received we will review our current situation and update our Mass Schedules.

Fr Joseph

## 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, Catherine Hobbs, Bernadette Coffey, Dorota Bakowska, Abby Rodwell, Gae Alderton, Ernestina Klein, Alexander Klein, Warrick Nehl, Carole Hart  
And for all those who have been affected by COVID-19 and the frontline and medical staff that are caring for them.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Marie Therese Barrett

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Fr Tom Kennedy

**BAPTISMS at Kotara:** Lily Woodbury, Sonny Smollen

### We Remember....

**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.



### Historical Context – Where was the bride?

It may seem a little odd that the bridegroom was travelling to the wedding hall by himself. What appears to have been the custom is that the bridesmaids escorted the bride to the hall whilst the groom remained behind to settle matters with the bride's family. Whilst the bride price, or dowry, would have been agreed well before the wedding, the family would emphasise and even haggle over the value of gifts to further reinforce the great value of the bride and the wise choice that the groom and his family had made.

#### From the perspective of... a bridesmaid.

My friend, Miriam, was married yesterday. She is 14, two years older than me, and has married a fine man. As we waited to receive her husband, some of the girls ran out of oil. They asked me for some of my oil but I knew that if I gave them my spare oil we might all run out before he arrived and then there would be no one to welcome him and light his way. What shame that would be! Miriam and her husband were so angry they didn't allow the girls into the hall. No one will ask them to be bridesmaids again!

#### Living the Gospel – Living in hope.

A feature of Christian faith is an approach to life that views the future with hope. In our world today many people look to the future with distrust and even fear. As Christians, we look forward with hope. When change occurs, some allow that change to happen to them whilst others engage in the change process and approach it with hope and expectation. Today's gospel reminds us to be ready for what the future holds; to look with hope towards what lies ahead, but to ensure that we've prepared ourselves properly. The future can only be viewed with expectant hope if we've done the proper preparation!

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## Parish News

**Parish Staff will be unavailable this Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 10-12 November from 10.00am.** We will be attending compulsory Catholic Professional Standards Training.

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

**Counting of the Collections will resume at each Mass Centre** commencing Sunday, 15 November. If you can assist, please contact the Parish Office by this Monday, 9 November. We also need to hear from existing Counting Team members as soon as possible to confirm if you are happy to continue.

**Daily Mass Books** - due to health and COVID guidelines the parish will no longer provide these for weekday Mass. If you would like to order your own personal copy, please contact The Mustard Seed Bookshop P 9307 8350, [www.mustardseed.org.au](http://www.mustardseed.org.au) or similar bookshop.

**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/>

**Adoration** will begin after 5.30pm Sunday evening Mass this weekend with silence, music mediation and Benediction.

**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!**

- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ 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

### 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.

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/>

### Hello Hunter is here to support you!

Hello Hunter is an initiative that partners with churches to mobilise volunteers to help people in need, regardless of their faith background, commitment, or other social standing or identity. It is for people in the Hunter Region experiencing loneliness and or social isolation.

Volunteers are available to make a friendly call, deliver essentials, assist in finding specialised help, and pray with you on request.

Hello Hunter is available for any person experiencing hardship due to social isolation, poverty, disease, disability, illness, age, mental health, family, social, or other community network breakdown.

You can call Hello Hunter on 4948 6837, send a facebook message, email [help@hellohunter.org.au](mailto:help@hellohunter.org.au) or fill out the online 'Help Request' form at [info.hellohunter.org.au](http://info.hellohunter.org.au)

### Young Adult Ministry- Sacred@Seven is back!

Join us on Wednesday, November 11 for Sacred@Seven at St. Therese's, New Lambton.

Adoration will start at 7:00pm and will include music, prayer, & silent reflection. Reconciliation will also be made available during and after the service. Following adoration you are invited to join us at West's New Lambton for coffee/supper and a catch up.

The event will also be live streamed @ 7pm from the MN Catholic Youth Facebook page.

## 32 Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

### First Reading Wis 6:12-16

*Wisdom is found by those who look for it.*

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.  
By those who love her she is readily seen,  
and found by those who look for her.  
Quick to anticipate those who desire her,  
she makes herself known to them.  
Watch for her early and you will have no  
trouble;  
you will find her sitting at your gates.  
Even to think about her is understanding  
fully grown;  
be on the alert for her and anxiety will  
quickly leave you.  
She herself walks about looking for those  
who are worthy of her  
and graciously shows herself to them as  
they go,  
in every thought of theirs coming to meet  
them.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2**

*(R.) My soul is thirsting for you,  
O Lord my God.*

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water. *(R.)*
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise. *(R.)*
3. So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy. *(R.)*
4. On my bed I remember you.  
On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. *(R.)*

### Second Reading 1 Thes 4:13-18

*Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.*

We want you to be quite certain, brothers,  
about those who have died, to make sure  
that you do not grieve about them, like the  
other people who have no hope. We believe  
that Jesus died and rose again, and that it  
will be the same for those who have died in  
Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can  
tell you this from the Lord's own teaching,

that any of us who are left alive until the  
Lord's coming will not have any advantage  
over those who have died. At the trumpet  
of God, the voice of the archangel will call  
out the command and the Lord himself will  
come down from heaven; those who have  
died in Christ will be the first to rise, and  
then those of us who are still alive will be  
taken up in the clouds, together with them,  
to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay  
with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts  
as these you should comfort one another.

### Gospel Acclamation Mt 24:42. 44

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Be watchful and ready:*

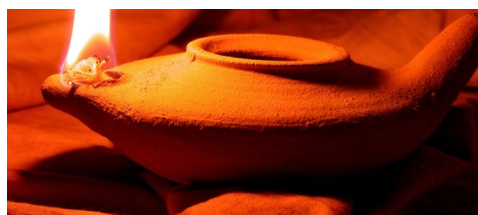
*you know not when the Son of Man  
is coming.*

*Alleluia!*

### Gospel Mt 25:1-13

*Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.*

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The  
kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten  
bridesmaids took their lamps and went to  
meet the bridegroom. Five of them were  
foolish and five of them were sensible: the  
foolish ones did take their lamps, but they  
brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones  
took flasks of oil as well as their lamps.  
The bridegroom was late, and they all grew  
drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight  
there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here!  
Go out and meet him." At this, all those  
bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their  
lamps, and the foolish ones said to the  
sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil:  
our lamps are going out." But they replied,  
"There may not be enough for us and for  
you; you had better go to those who sell  
it and buy some for yourselves." They had  
gone off to buy it when the bridegroom  
arrived. Those who were ready went in with  
him to the wedding hall and the door was  
closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later.  
"Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for  
us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do  
not know you." So stay awake, because you  
do not know either the day or the hour.'



### Responsorial Psalm

We will continue to recite the Psalm  
together.

### 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.