

15th November 2020
33 Sunday Ordinary Time

Listening to God's Word
Growing in Faith



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St Columba's Adamstown

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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

NAIDOC Week, concludes this Sunday 15 November 2020

NAIDOC Week celebrations were held across Australia to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Theme this year— **Always Was, Always Will Be.**

BULLETIN BITS—by Greg Sunter

Gospel Focus – Such a talent!

In its original usage, a 'talent' was a measure of weight. It came to designate a weight measure of silver. One talent was roughly equivalent to a labourer's wages for 10 years. It was a huge amount of money! Due largely to the reference in this gospel parable the word eventually came to its more common meaning of a special natural ability. Although in its original use in the gospel, 'talent' meant nothing more than a large sum of money, it is a happy development of language that makes this scripture passage such a favourite of teachers and retreat providers!

Living the Gospel – Bring forth the Kingdom.

Like the original audience of Matthew's gospel, we can sometimes rely too much on God to bring about the Kingdom in our world. Like the lazy servant in the gospel, we can fall into the trap of handing the world back to God in exactly the same condition that we received it. We have to make a difference in the world! We are called to change the world and bring it closer to the realisation of the Kingdom. The only way that we can do that it is to live our lives as if the Kingdom is already here.

Different View – 'To everyone who has will be given more.'

The parable of the talents is sometimes misused to validate an overemphasis on material wealth in many Western societies. There can be an attitude that says 'more is better'; that possessions are a sign of success. Such advocates point to the favour bestowed on the servants who doubled their money and the punishment dealt to the lazy servant who simply returned to his master what he was given. Proponents of the increasingly popular 'gospel of prosperity' hold that God wants Christians to be materially and financially rich and that their wealth is proof of God's love. This stands in stark contrast to Jesus' vision of the Kingdom.

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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.

ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for all our faithful departed especially those listed in our Remembrance Books.

BAPTISMS at Adamstown: Mae Hargreaves, Isla Riley

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.



COUNTING	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
<u>15/11/2020</u>	Dot Reynolds Lynn Johns	Len McCullum	Kathy Kelly O'Neill Family
<u>29/11/2020</u>	Hamilton Koelmeyer	Mary Nixon	John Bourke Mark Noonan Val Menzies

REGISTRATION at WEEKEND MASSES:

You will need to register by 3pm on Wednesday to:
New Registration Officers

- **8am Sunday** Adamstown—Barry Bourke
M:0434 581 546 or E:bjb080352@gmail.com
- **5.30pm Sunday** Susanna Caruana—
E: caruanasusanna@gmail.com
- **5.30pm Saturday** Kotara contact Parish Office
- **9.30pm Sunday** Cardiff contact Parish Office

Limit on numbers according to the 4 square 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.

Parish News

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 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 commence after 5.30pm Sunday evening Mass this weekend with silence and music mediation and Benediction.

Columban Calendars 2021 and Christmas Cards—Limited number are available from St Vincent de Paul Table at Cardiff at \$7 each.

Kotara Vinnies: Columban calendars (\$7.00 each) and Christmas cards (\$5.00 /pack of 10) will be available from next weekend. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, only a very limited supply of each is available. We can deliver or put aside calendars/cards for anyone unable to attend Mass. Ring Tom on 4943 5396.

Rainbow Family Group are having a Birthday Dinner this 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.

- ⇒ 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/>

Reaching Beyond 2020 People of all trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. Restrictions this year have made communities' needs acute, but your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. Palms Australia will provide you with thorough preparation to ensure your readiness as travel resumes, and support on assignment. See www.palms.org.au and talk to Roger on 0431 995 058, or email palms@palms.org.au

Young Adult Ministry

Join us on Wednesday, November 11 for **Sacred@Seven** 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.

Christian Formation Course (CFC) is a face-to-face learning experience that allows participants to explore their life's journey and their faith within the Catholic Tradition. This one-year course introduces participants to scripture, theology, church history, sacramental life, and liturgy. The course runs across twelve months and comprises of eight units. Commencing on Tuesday February 2, 2021, no prerequisite formation or qualification is required to enrol. All who complete the Course are awarded a diocesan Certificate in Christian Formation.

Bishop Bill writes:

The Christian Formation Course has been a very great contributor to Catholic life in this diocese. It is based on adult learning methods that involve the participants in on-going dialogue and engagement with the material and the staff. It is my hope that many, many people will take this course. I further hope that it will be just the beginning of their living more informed and engaged Christ lives.

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

33 Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading Prv 31:10-13.19-20.30-31

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

A perfect wife – who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have
worked for,
and let her works tell her praises at the city
gates.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. *(R.)*
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. *(R.)*
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Thes 5:1-6

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:4. 5

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Live in me and let me live in you,
says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Mt 25:14-30

Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

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.