

**29th November 2020**  
**First Sunday of Advent**  
**Year B**

**ALL SAINTS PARISH BLACKBUTT SOUTH**  
**Faith Communities of Adamstown, Cardiff, Kotara**

Listening to God's Word  
Growing in Faith



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St Columba's Adamstown

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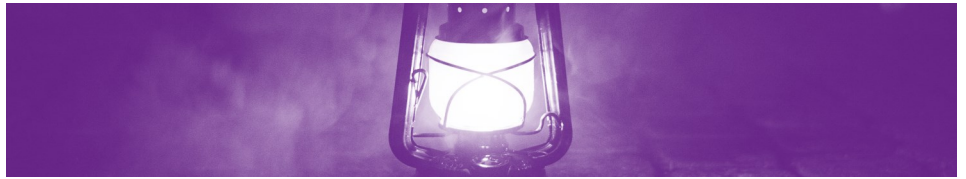
St James' Kotara

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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 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,

Christmas offers us the challenge of joy. Why do I say it is a challenge? When we come to the time of Christmas, the beautiful images and messages of happiness often stand in contrast to the problems and conflict we see around the world. Nevertheless, Christmas reminds us of our responsibility to glorify and praise God, thanking God for the gift of God's Son Our Lord. We have been doing exceptionally well during this pandemic as a Parish. As we march together as one Faith family, kindly come forward to share the workload of arrangements before and after our Christmas Masses. Advent reminds us of the humility of our Lord, becoming Man and allows us time to prepare ourselves with faithful anticipation for the majestic second coming of the King. Hope this Christmas would bring us happiness, joy, Peace and most awaited "Vaccine."

With prayers and love in the Lord.

Fr Joseph Figurado



**Contemporary Advent**

No season of the year is more at odds with the prevailing culture in Australia than Advent. The advertising blitz for the Christmas shopping binge, reinforced by Christmas decor in shops, stores and streets, starts several weeks prior to Advent. To make matters worse, all this commercial Christmas decoration disappears on Christmas night to make way for the Boxing Day sales. It's a busy time of the year. Schools and colleges are marking the end of the school year with exams, graduation ceremonies and farewells. Businesses are holding end-of-the year parties. Time and energy go into sending Christmas greetings of one kind or another. Families are occupied with plans for Christmas Day meals and summer holidays. There's a spirit of indulgence in the air, congruent with the languor of summer days. Advent: the twofold coming of Christ. By contrast, this is what the Church says about Advent. "Advent has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnity of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight." (UNLYGRC #39, 1969) © prepared by the National Liturgy Council (NLC) for parishes, schools and all Catholic communities.

# 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 Hobbs, Bernadette Coffey, Dorota Bakowska, Abby Rodwell, Gae Alderton, Ernestina Klein, Alexander Klein, Warrick Nehl, Carole Hart, Joseph Cuschieri, Geoffrey Caruana, Margaret Sawkins, Marlene Dorney

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Catherine Horner, Sr Marie Matthews rsm, Carmel Matthews

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Brian Parker, Kathleen Donnoley, Frances Williams, Eileen Burwood

COUNTING	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
<b><u>29/11/2020</u></b>	Hamilton Koelmeyer	Mary Nixon	John Bourke Mark Noonan Val Menzies
<b><u>13/12/2020</u></b>	Paula O'Neill Francine Goodman	Sharon Murphy	Narelle Robb Patricia Hines Paul Crosbie

## CHRISTMAS MASSES

**CHRISTMAS EVE 24th December**

**Kotara Vigil : 6pm (Outdoor Latecomers  
BYO Chairs)**

**Cardiff Vigil : 6pm (BYO Chairs -  
Outdoor)**

**CHRISTMAS DAY 25th December**

**Adamstown : 8.30am**

**BOXING DAY 26th December**

**Cardiff : 8am (Polish Mass)**



## Updated COVID-19 Advice to Parishes Outdoor Masses:

With effect from 23 November 2020, the Public Health Order permits a maximum of 300 (at our outdoor masses taking into account our space limitations). This applies to persons who attend the celebration of Mass or other liturgical celebration that takes **place outdoor**.

Current rules and regulations may change.

Watch out for further notifications and updates in next week's bulletins.

## Masses inside Church:

At this stage usual restrictions still apply until further notices.

Registration for Christmas Masses—details next week.

## Parish News

### St Vincent de Paul - 2020 Christmas Appeal

Conferences at Adamstown, Cardiff and Kotara will commence their Christmas appeal this weekend, envelopes will be available at the back of each Parish church which can be filled out and placed in the normal Mass collection baskets or can be returned by post. Alternatively donations can also be made on-line at [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au) or by phone at 13 18 12. Your continued support is greatly appreciated and your donations will directly assist families and individuals in our community particularly at this very difficult time.

Due to COVID-19 Restrictions there will be **no Giving Tree or Hamper distribution** this year, but rest assured families in need will be catered for but in a different way.

**Nominations for Pastoral Council**—boxes for nominations will be available at the back of our Churches from December with nominations to close on January 15. Each Mass Centre is asked to nominate at least 15 members please.

**Parish Finance Committee** will meet on Tuesday, 15 December, 4.00pm at Kotara.

**Counting of the Collections has resumed at each Mass Centre.** If you can assist at any of our Mass Centres, please contact the Parish Office. We would really like to establish a 3rd team at Kotara following the Vigil Mass.

**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.

**Missing - Our box of Baptism supplies** has gone missing from the Church Sacristy at Adamstown. If you can help with its whereabouts please speak with one of the sacristans or call the Parish Office. Thank you.

**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.

### REGISTRATION at WEEKEND MASSES:

You will need to register by 3pm on Wednesday to:

New Registration Officers

- **8am Sunday** Adamstown—Barry Bourke  
M:0434 581 541 or E:[bjb080352@gmail.com](mailto:bjb080352@gmail.com)
- **5.30pm Sunday** Susanna Caruana—  
E: [caruanasusanna@gmail.com](mailto:caruanasusanna@gmail.com)
- **5.30pm Saturday** Kotara contact Parish Office
- **9.30pm Sunday** Cardiff contact Parish Office

**Cardiff Vinnies:** 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 today. 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.

### Parish COVID-19 Safety Plan Requirements

Thank you for your continuing efforts to help us support and protect our fellow parishioners and visitors during this pandemic. It is important we remain vigilant. The Parish COVID-19 Safety Plans continue to be updated as we receive advice from the NSW Government and Bishop's Office. These are available for your information and review at each Mass Centre.

Please remember, it is your responsibility to ensure you stay home if you are not feeling well.

Our capacity limits remain in place (due to the 4 square metre rule) and you must be registered to attend Mass. You are required to provide your contact details.

Sanitisation is required before entering the church. Please maintain social distancing (1.5m) and refrain from gathering outside our churches before/after Mass.

We are also required to have our doors and windows open and fans on to increase natural ventilation.

More updates to follow.

# First Sunday of Advent Year B

## First Reading

*Is 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8*

Oh that you would tear the heavens apart  
and come down.  
You, Lord, yourself are our Father,  
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.  
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways  
and harden our hearts against fearing you?  
Return, for the sake of your servants,  
the tribes of your inheritance.  
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open  
and come down  
– at your Presence the mountains would  
melt.  
No ear has heard,  
no eye has seen  
any god but you act like this  
for those who trust him.  
You guide those who act with integrity  
and keep your ways in mind.  
You were angry when we were sinners;  
we had long been rebels against you.  
We were all like men unclean,  
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.  
We have all withered like leaves  
and our sins blew us away like the wind.  
No one invoked your name  
or roused himself to catch hold of you.  
For you hid your face from us  
and gave us up to the power of our sins.  
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;  
we the clay, you the potter,  
we are all the work of your hand.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4*

**Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your  
face and we shall be saved.**

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
shine forth from your cherubim throne.  
O Lord, rouse up your might,  
O Lord, come to our help.

2. God of hosts, turn again, we  
implore,  
Look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted.

3. May your hand be on the man you  
have chosen,  
the man you have given your strength.  
And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon your  
name.

## Second Reading

*1 Cor 1:3-9*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to  
The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus  
our Lord.  
May God our Father and the Lord Jesus  
Christ send you grace and peace.  
I never stop thanking God for all the graces  
you have received through Jesus Christ. I  
thank him that you have been enriched in so  
many ways, especially in your teachers and  
preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed  
been strong among you so that you will not  
be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while  
you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to  
be revealed; and he will keep you steady  
and without blame until the last day, the day  
of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by  
calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus  
Christ; and God is faithful.

## Gospel Acclamation

*Ps 84:8*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

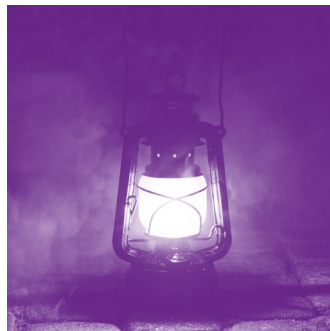
Alleluia!

## Gospel

*Mk 13:33-37*

Stay awake! You never know when the Lord  
will come.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your  
guard, stay awake, because you never know  
when the time will come. It is like a man trav-  
elling abroad: he has gone from home, and  
left his servants in charge, each with his own  
task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay  
awake. So stay awake, because you do not  
know when the master of the house is com-  
ing, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he  
comes unexpectedly, he must not find you  
asleep. And what I say to you I say to all:  
Stay awake!'



## 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.