

6th December 2020  
Second Sunday of Advent  
Year B

## ALL SAINTS PARISH BLACKBUTT SOUTH

Faith Communities of Adamstown, Cardiff, Kotara

Listening to God's Word  
Growing in Faith



Reaching out to All

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### PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

St Columba's Adamstown

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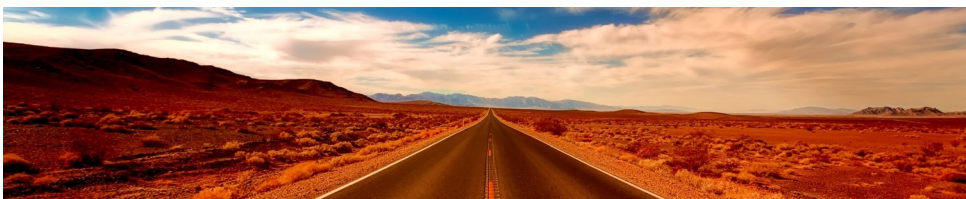
St James' Kotara

### PARISH HIGH SCHOOLS

St Pius X Adamstown

St Paul's Booragul

Links are on our Website



### **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*

### **Prayer Before Lighting the Second Candle:**

**Celebrant:** We light the second candle to represent John the Baptist, who proclaims Jesus as the Messiah. This candle is the candle of peace, a sign that God's promises will be fulfilled in the birth of Jesus Christ - Prince of Peace.



**Celebrant:** Peace is a gift that we must be prepared for. God gives us the gift of peace when we turn to Him in faith.

**All:** Lord God, may the light of this wreath be a sign of peace and tolerance to all people, who prepare for your coming. Let the truth of your Word lead us all toward your kingdom, for which we long. We ask it in the name of the one born in Bethlehem, Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Dear Parishioners,

"As Our journey of Advent continues, this would be our advent meditation during this second Sunday in Advent, as we prepare to celebrate the nativity of Christ, John the Baptist's call to conversion sounds out in our communities. It is a pressing invitation to open our hearts and to welcome the Son of God Who comes among us to make divine judgement manifest. The Father writes St. John the Evangelist, does not judge anyone, but has entrusted the power of judgement to the Son because He is the Son of man.

"And it is today, in the present, that we decide our future destiny. It is with our concrete everyday behaviour in this life that we determine our eternal life with our merciful Father in Heaven. At the end of our days on earth, at the moment of death, we will be evaluated on the basis of our likeness or otherwise to the Baby Who is about to be born in the poor grotto of Bethlehem, because He is the measure God has given humanity.

"Through the Gospel John, the Baptist continues to speak down the centuries to each generation. His hard clear words bring health to us, the men and women of this day in which even the experience and perception of Christmas often, unfortunately, reflects materialist attitudes. The 'voice' of the great prophet asks us to prepare the way for the coming Lord in the deserts of today, internal and external deserts, thirsting for the water of life which is Christ." — Benedict XVI

# 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

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Keith Joseph (husband of Maureen)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Noreen Heaney, Fr Harry Hughes, Paul & Margaret Harrison. Rose Merrion.

COUNTING	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
<u>6/12/2020</u>	Martin & Louise Byron		
<u>13/12/2020</u>	Kathy Kelly, Paula O'Neill Francine Goodman	Sharon Murphy	Val Menzies John Bourke Mark Noonan

## 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)**



**Luke 1:35** The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you."

## Online links to register for our Christmas Masses :

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/christmas-vigil-mass-tickets-130610237737> (Kotara)

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/all-saints-catholic-parish-christmas-mass-adamstown-tickets-131317527259> (Adamstown)

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/all-saints-catholic-parish-cardiff-tickets-131318572385> (Cardiff)

Ticketed registration is required under new guidelines for Christmas Services.

It is **free event**. Please register online to follow instructions to print your tickets for entry.

If you do not have internet access please contact Parish Office.

# Parish News

## PARISH ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE:

⇒ **Thursday 10th December 7pm St Philip's Kotara**

**Advent is a time of spiritual renewal as we prepare to celebrate the great Feast of Christmas.**

### 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.

**REGISTRATION at WEEKEND MASSES until further advice:**

**Registrations to be in by Wednesday 3pm**

Registration Officers

- **8am Sunday** Adamstown—Barry Bourke  
M:0434 581 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 Vigil** Kotara contact Parish Office
- **9.30pm Sunday** Cardiff contact Parish Office

**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 with silence, music mediation and Benediction.

### 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 may change in the near future but you will still be required to provide your contact details.

Sanitisation is required before entering the church. Please maintain required social distancing.

Our doors and windows will be open and fans on to increase natural ventilation.

More updates as restrictions ease from next week.



## Second Sunday of Advent Year B

### First Reading Is 40:1-5. 9-11

*Prepare the way for the Lord.*

'Console my people, console them'  
says your God.  
'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem  
and call to her  
that her time of service is ended,  
that her sin is atoned for,  
that she has received from the hand of the  
Lord  
double punishment for all her crimes.'  
A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness  
a way for the Lord.  
Make a straight highway for our God  
across the desert.  
Let every valley be filled in,  
every mountain and hill be laid low,  
let every cliff become a plain,  
and the ridges a valley;  
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed  
and all mankind shall see it;  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'  
Go up on a high mountain,  
joyful messenger to Zion.  
Shout with a loud voice,  
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.  
Shout without fear,  
say to the towns of Judah,  
'Here is your God.'  
Here is the Lord coming with power,  
his arm subduing all things to him.  
The prize of his victory is with him,  
his trophies all go before him.  
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,  
gathering lambs in his arms,  
holding them against his breast  
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8**

*(R.) Lord, let us see your kindness,  
and grant us your salvation.*

1. I will hear what the Lord God has  
to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace,  
peace for his people.  
His help is near for those who fear him  
and his glory will dwell in our  
land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from  
heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper  
and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him  
and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

### Second Reading 2 Pt 3:8-14

*We wait for new heavens and a new earth.*

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

### Gospel Acclamation Lk 3:4. 6

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Prepare the way of the Lord, make  
straight his paths:*

*all people shall see the salvation of God.*

*Alleluia!*

### Gospel Mk 1:1-8

*Make straight the paths of the Lord.*

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger  
before you;  
he will prepare your way.  
A voice cries in the wilderness:  
Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight,

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

### 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.