

13th December 2020
Third 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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PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

St Columba's Adamstown

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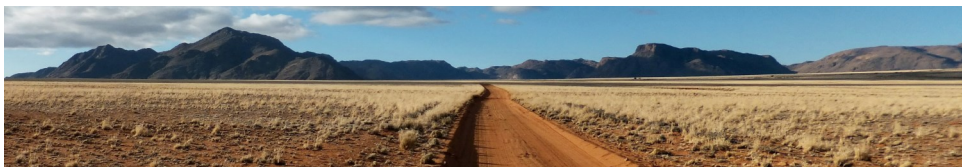
St James' Kotara

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

Advent Wreath Prayer—Lighting the Third Candle:

On this third Sunday of Advent we will light the rose coloured candle on our wreath. It is the candle of rejoicing.



Celebrant: (As the rose coloured candle is lit)

Heavenly Father we light this candle as a sign of our hope that Your coming at Christmas, will bring new and lasting peace into our troubled world.

All : Come, Lord Jesus

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word meaning "rejoice." This Sunday is so named because "Rejoice" is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near."

Happiness is a gift from God. God's gifts should be able to transform the person who receives them in his or her environment. Joy and peace come from a prayerful soul. When we think about prayer the personal union with Christ, brings Serenity to heart. Peace in the heart produces joy in the mind. Joy in your mind makes you a people's person and that would be a memorable Christmas gift to you to share this year.

With love and prayers in the Lord, Fr. Joseph



We warmly welcome Kingsley Dibia to our Parish.

He is with us for Parish Pastoral experience until Christmas. During this time he will participate and help with our Masses / Liturgies.

We wish him well with his future studies at Homebush Seminary.

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mary Aurisch (sister-in-law of Alice)

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Woodward, Anne Nolan, Aleksandra (Sandra) Ogrodnik, Dawn Stevens, Pat Feenan

BAPTISMS at Cardiff: Maeve & River Lynch

COUNTING	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
<u>13/12/2020</u>	Martin & Louise Byron	Sharon Murphy	Val Menzies John Bourke Mark Noonan
<u>20/12/2020</u>	Dot Reynolds Lyn Johns		

CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE 24th December

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

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

CHRISTMAS DAY 25th December

Adamstown : 8.30am

BOXING DAY 26th December

**Cardiff : 8am (Polish Mass-Register on
Day)**



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 are available from our Parish Website on left hand side
Christmas Masses 2020:

www.allsaintsblackbutsouth.org.au

Ticketed registration is required under new guidelines for our Christmas Services.

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

If you do not have internet access, please ask a family member or friend or contact the parish office for assistance.

Outdoor Masses at Cardiff and Kotara
Please bring your own chairs.

Parish News

St Vincent de Paul - 2020 Christmas Appeal

Conferences at Adamstown, Cardiff and Kotara continue their Christmas appeal, envelopes are 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 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 and forms are now at back of churches. Nominations will close on January 15. Each Mass Centre is asked to nominate at least 15 members please.

Parish Finance Committee will meet this 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.

Cardiff Vinnies: Christmas Cards— 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.

Praying the Gospels this Advent

You are invited to join the Advent online Praying the Gospels group. This group was established at the beginning of Church closures and is still going strong and growing in number. The group reflects on the Gospel using Lectio and Visio Divina.

The group meet each Wednesday at 5pm until 5.45pm.

<https://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/92777151360>

Password: Prayer

IMPORTANT CHANGES to Parish COVID-19 Safety Plan Requirements (Effective 7 December)

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.

The capacity limits of our churches have now increased due to the 2 square metre rule : Adamstown & Kotara - 100 each and Cardiff - 84. This includes funerals.

The Public Health Order expresses a clear preference for the **required contact details to be collected via an electronic method e.g. QR code.** For this reason, effective immediately, registration for Mass and other liturgies (except our Christmas Masses) will be via QR code **on arrival.** We ask parishioners with phones to assist others who may not have a phone to register. Capacity will be subject to the limits outlined above.

The previous arrangements concerning a 'discrete' group (e.g. a family, a household etc.) **have been discontinued. The contact details of all persons entering a church building or attending a religious service must now be collected.**

Sanitisation is required before entering the church. Please maintain required social distancing and refrain from gathering before/after any liturgy.

Parishioners are asked to ensure doors and windows are open and fans on to increase natural ventilation.

Third Sunday of Advent Year B

First Reading Is 61:1-2.10-11

I exult for joy in the Lord.

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,
for the Lord has anointed me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,
to bind up hearts that are broken;
to proclaim liberty to captives,
freedom to those in prison;
to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.
'I exult for joy in the Lord,
my soul rejoices in my God,
for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation,
he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity,
like a bridegroom wearing his wreath,
like a bride adorned in her jewels.
'For as the earth makes fresh things grow,
as a garden makes seeds spring up,
so will the Lord make both integrity and praise
spring up in the sight of the nations.'

Responsorial Psalm

Lk 1:46-50. 53-54. R. Is 61:10

(R.) My soul rejoices in my God.

1. My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed. (R.)
2. The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him. (R.)
3. He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Thes 5:16-24

May you all be kept blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

Gospel Acclamation Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn1:6-8.19-28

There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me.

A man came, sent by God.
His name was John.
He came as a witness,
as a witness to speak for the light,
so that everyone might believe through him.
He was not the light,
only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked, 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not,' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied:

*a voice that cries in the wilderness:
Make a straight way for the Lord.'*

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.



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.