

20th December 2020
Fourth 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

St Kevin's Cardiff

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 Fourth Candle:

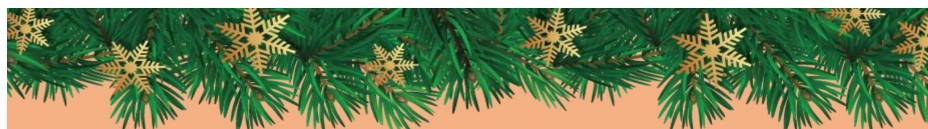
Presider: Lord Jesus, you established the house of David to be
secure forever and from which the Saviour would be born.



All: Come Lord Jesus

Presider: Lord Jesus, you sent the angel Gabriel to give the good news
to Mary so that she would bring Jesus into the world through the power
of the spirit. Giving birth is painful. Change can be frightening. Mary
trusted in God and let herself be led by the Holy Spirit so that we can
say:

All: Come Lord Jesus



*For
unto us
a Child is born—
unto us
a Son is given—*

*"The light of the Christmas star
to you—*

The warmth of home and hearth to you—

The cheer and good will of friends to you—

The hope of a childlike heart to you—

The joy of a thousand angels to you—

The love of the Son and God's peace to you.

With Christmas love, prayers and New Year's wishes."

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 Hobbs, Bernadette Coffey, Dorota Bakowska, Abby Rodwell, Gae Alderton, Ernestina Klein, Alexander Klein, Carole Hart, Joseph Cuschieri, Geoffrey Caruana, 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: Nancy Belgera Lising, Margaret Sawkins

ANNIVERSARIES: Anne-Maree Quigg, Mary Coeey, Bronislaw Palka, Les Chipperfield, Paul Day, James W. Bridges, Marion Bridges, Len Donnelly

BAPTISMS at Adamstown: Rowan Bromilow, Noah Lino

COUNTING	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	
<u>20/12/2020</u>	Dot Reynolds Lyn Johns		
<u>27/12/2020</u>	Hamilton Koelmeyer	Len McCullum	Narelle Robb, Patricia Hines, Paul Crosbie

CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE 24th December

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

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

CHRISTMAS DAY 25th December

Adamstown : 8.30am (Now Full)

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 for entry under new guidelines for our Christmas Services.

Adamstown is now Full!!!

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

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

Parish News

Preparation for Christmas Mass - Volunteers are sought to assist with preparing all three churches for Christmas Mass. Volunteers are asked to meet at each church on the following days:

Cardiff - Sunday, 20 December after Mass
Adamstown - Tuesday, 22 December 10.00am
Kotara - Wednesday, 23 December 4.00pm.

The Parish Office will be closed from Christmas Eve, 24 December and will re-open on Monday, 4 January. There will be no bulletin for Sunday, 3 January.

The Parish Finance Committee met last Tuesday. It was noted the collections are have dropped significantly during the pandemic. As people return to Mass with the easing of restrictions we encourage you to **collect your planned giving envelopes** from the church foyer at Adamstown or the hall at Kotara. Please consider converting to regular electronic giving from your bank account or credit card to help reduce our stationery costs. It is convenient, safe, flexible and confidential. The form is available from the Parish Office. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the planned giving program. Even though the pandemic has stopped us gathering together for Mass, our expenses remain constant and we need your help to meet these ongoing costs e.g. insurance, repairs & maintenance, cleaning, utilities, wages, supplies, etc.

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.

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.

Latest edition of 'Aurora' copies available from back of churches.

See noticeboards for Diocesan events or visit website: www.mn.catholic.org.au

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.

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.

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First Reading 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

The kingdom of David will be established for ever in the sight of the Lord.

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent'. Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 88:2-5, 27, 29. R. see v.2

(R.) For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim
your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for
ever,
that your truth is firmly established as
the heavens. (R.)
2. 'I have made a covenant with my chosen
one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
I will establish your dynasty for ever
and set up your throne through all ages.' (R.)
3. He will say to me: 'You are my father,
my God, the rock who saves me.'
I will keep my love for him always;
or him my covenant shall endure. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 16:25-27

The mystery kept secret for endless ages is now revealed.

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:

may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 1:26-38

You will conceive and bear a son.

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.



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.