

**17th January 2021**  
**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**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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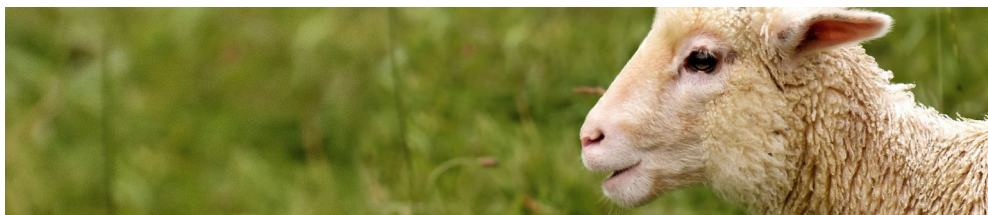
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**SUNDAY MASSES**

*Saturday Vigil Kotara 5.30pm; Sunday Adamstown 8am;*

*Sunday Cardiff 9.30am*

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

*Tuesday 9.30am Adamstown;*

*Wednesday 7am Kotara; 9.30am Adamstown;*

*Thursday Cardiff 9.30am;*

*Friday 9.15am Kotara*

Dear Parishioners,

In real life, it's very hard to believe that God knows each of us by name. Sometimes we need an older woman or man to guide us like the old priest Eli or John the Baptist, to help us to recognize the voice of God. God calls us personally, and sometimes He whispers very much intimately within our heart and mind. Every day we can prepare ourselves for this wonderful experience! Like in the lives of our Saints! We can make the words of Samuel our own: "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."

Yet how can we say that we are listening if we do not spend time reading the Scriptures and listening to God's Word and spending at least 30 minutes a day in personal prayer? Spiritual urge, Spiritual Thirst, and Spiritual commitment are not momentary! They are constant and they are spontaneous. In my opinion, listening to our brothers and sisters' worries and sighs and offering them in our prayers would be a better method of prayer during this time of pandemic.

The Gospel speaks about Discipleship. In this account from the Gospel of John, it is the followers of John the Baptist who are now seeking out Jesus because of the testimony of John the Baptist. It is clear from this account that Andrew was completely converted by this short encounter with Jesus because he goes to his own brother, Simon, and tells him: We have found the Messiah! We can only imagine the incredible message that was to Simon. Most likely, Simon had his doubts because that seemed to be part of his nature, but he went along, and he also becomes completely converted.

Jesus has shown them a path of life that convinced them that He, Jesus, was the long-awaited Messiah, the Saviour, the one who could lead them to the Father. May Jesus be that Messiah and Saviour in our lives too. Let us burn within us with the missionary zeal of John's Disciples in today's Gospel so that, we shall become real participants in spreading the Love of the Lord to the Universe!

I continue to pray for all of you to have a peaceful and happy week ahead.

With love and prayers in the Lord,  
Fr. Joseph Figurado

# 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, Joseph Cuschieri, Geoffrey Caruana, Anthony Swadling, Ian Barton

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Christopher Johnson

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Cec Battersby

COUNTING	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
<u>17/01/2021</u>	Dot Reynolds Lynn Johns	N/A	N/A
<u>24/01/2021</u>	Hamilton Koelmeyer	Sharon Murphy	John Bourke Mark Noonan Val Menzies

Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant

Samuel was a person destined for great things. There is disarming innocence in his mistaking the voice of God for that of Eli. It is curious that the priest Eli misunderstood, not once but twice. Since the ark was a sign of God's presence in the midst of the people, Eli should have expected an occasional communication from God. The fact that God called the inexperienced Samuel rather than the seasoned priest Eli may mean that something new was happening, that a new period in the history of the people was opening, that a new day was on the horizon.

The psalm response contains thanksgiving for release from some difficulty, dedication to God who is the saviour, and personal witness in the midst of the community. Though in distress, the psalmist waited in expectant hope and with patient trust. After God drew the suffering believer out of the troubling situation, the cry for help was replaced by a grateful song of praise. What appears to be a dismissal of the ritual really indicates that rather than public worship, God requires an interior commitment that will result in a life of righteousness and faithful worship. The psalmist then publicly proclaims the justice or righteousness of God.

Paul contrasts the sanctity of the human body with sexual immorality. According to him, since it is through one's body that union with Christ is possible, this same body is to be revered. Sexual immorality has no place in the kingdom of God, because it defiles the intimate bond that exists between Christ and every Christian. It is through our bodies that we are members of Christ and so joined we become one spirit with Christ. Paul further asserts that our bodies are temples of the Spirit, the same Spirit with whom we are one through our union with Christ. As temples, our bodies should be kept sacred, free from whatever might defile or debase them.

Not jealous of his own importance as a preacher and religious leader, John the Baptist identifies Jesus as the Lamb of God and directs two of his disciples to follow him. The designation suggests the Suffering Servant who, though innocent of transgression, gives his life as an offering for the sins of others (cf. Isa 53:7). Jesus is also called Rabbi, meaning religious teacher, and Messiah, a reference to 'The Long Awaited One'. Initially it was John who pointed to Jesus. Then it was Jesus who invites John's disciples to follow him. Andrew is the one who recognises something in Jesus, and Jesus interacts with Peter only after Andrew has brought his brother to him. The faith of another begins his journey to discipleship.

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## Our Parish Notices

### COMBINED

**Australia Day** will be celebrated with Parish Mass 9.30am on Tuesday, 26 January at St Philip's, Kotara. It will be held at Cardiff in 2022 and Adamstown in 2023.

There shall be a **Special Holy Mass** offered on Saturday, 30 January at 11.00am followed by Light Refreshments (if possible) for all our Altar servers, youngsters and children.

**Effective Immediately Registration for Mass** and other events at our parish sites will be via the **Service NSW QR code** on arrival. Please download the Service NSW App if you have not already done so.

**Reminder re Singing** - under the Public Health Order, no communal singing is allowed. Only the choir is permitted to sing and this is currently limited to 5 people. Specific physical distancing restrictions also apply.

**Parish Finance Committee Meeting** this Tuesday, 19 January, 4.00pm at Kotara.

**Prayer Partners** are required to support the Religious Education program at Kotara High School. We ask only that you spend a minute a day asking God to bless the teacher in her efforts to bring the love of Jesus to the students who attend her class, and that SRE continues to be welcomed by the school community. If you are able to commit to this ministry please contact Paula on 0411 813 101.

### CARDIFF

**Convent/Cottage internal doors** are to remain unlocked at all times except during Parish Office hours.

Copies of **Noele Corrigan's Funeral Booklet** from October are available from the Parish Office if anyone would like one.

### KOTARA

**Volunteers** are needed from the **Kotara Vigil Mass** to assist with counting the weekly collections. If you can assist please contact the Parish Office.

### FAMILY GROUP

**Rainbow** are having an Australia Day brunch on Tuesday, 26 January after the 9.30am Mass at Kotara. Contact Kerina for details M 0409 448 255.

### 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.

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

Effective immediately, registration for Mass and all other liturgies will be via the **Service NSW 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 be collected** (this includes anyone assisting with the liturgy including sacristans, lectors etc.)

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.

## LIVING THE GOSPEL

### Vocation

*These days, the word 'vocation' seems to be applied to whatever job someone happens to find themselves in. More traditionally, the word carries with it a sense of undertaking work that has a deliberate purpose about it and that is outwardly focused. Usually, there is a sense that there is 'importance' to the work and that it is linked to God's dream for the world. The Church has tended to use vocation in reference to religious life. The word comes from the Latin, vocare, meaning call or name. Realizing to what it is we are called can be one of the great challenges of life.*

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### First Reading 1 Sm 3:3-10.19

*Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.*

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuell! Samuell!' He answered, 'Here I am'. Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuell! Samuell!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuell! Samuell!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. v. 8.9**

*(R.) Here am I, Lord;  
I come to do your will.*

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord.  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry.  
He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God. *(R.)*
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and  
offerings,  
but an open ear.  
You do not ask for holocaust and  
victim.  
Instead, here am I. *(R.)*
3. In the scroll of the book it stands  
written  
that I should do your will.  
My God, I delight in your law  
in the depth of my heart. *(R.)*
4. Your justice I have proclaimed  
in the great assembly.  
My lips I have not sealed;  
you know it, O Lord. *(R.)*

### Second Reading 1 Cor 6:13-15. 17-20

*Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.*

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, which is in you since you have received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

### Gospel Acclamation Jn 1:41. 17

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**We have found the Messiah:**

**Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.**

**Alleluia!**

### Gospel Jn 1:35-42

*They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.*

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' - which means Teacher - 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' - which means the Christ - and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' - meaning Rock.



### Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial  
with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
and became man (all bow).  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of  
the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,  
the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the  
Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is  
adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and ap-  
ostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the for-  
giveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection  
of the dead  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.