

24th January 2021
3rd 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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St Columba's Adamstown

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St James' Kotara

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St Paul's Booragul

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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil Kotara 5.30pm; Sunday Adamstown 8am;

Sunday Cardiff 9.30am

WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK

Tuesday 9.30am KOTARA (Australia Day)

Wednesday 7am Kotara; 9.30am Adamstown;

Thursday Cardiff 9.30am;

Friday 9.15am Kotara

Prayer for Peace

Almighty God and Creator, You are the Father of all people on earth. I beseech You to guide all the nations and their leaders in the ways of justice and peace. Protect us from the evils of injustice, prejudice, exploitation, conflict and war. Help us to put away mistrust, bitterness and hatred. Teach us to cease the storing and using of implements of war. Lead us to find peace, respect and freedom. Unite us in the making and sharing of tools of peace against ignorance, poverty, disease and oppression. Grant that we may grow in harmony and friendship as brothers and sisters created in Your image, to Your honour and praise. Amen.
(St. Ephraim- the Syrian)

Dear Parishioners,

I start this item with best wishes and blessing for Australia Day on Tuesday! And we remember the Traditional Owners of this Land!



"Come along, let us celebrate, and I shall make you Fishers of Men." I invite all of you to our Australia Day Celebration, on Tuesday 9.30am at Kotara. "Bring a Plate" we shall try to have a "Cuppa" after Mass. We will take care of hygiene and other prerequisites! Touching and Handling! Pull out your Australia day symbols, caps, shirts, flags, and all, come colourful! Lets us celebrate, Lets us salute the Nation and Heroes!!

A small note of reflection:

It is fitting that we celebrate Australia Day this week and Heed the Call of Jesus to come out and serve our people in the Parish, Society and in our country!

Taking Jesus at his word, being converted to genuine faith in God the Father, does not mean living with our head in the clouds. Real Christian devotion indeed fixes our ambition away above the passing things of life but also keeps us aware of everyday duties towards other people. Hearing the Gospel, welcoming and following it, keeps a person well-grounded in reality, more keenly involved than ever in carrying out the tasks that have to be done here and now, because now is the day of salvation; now is the time, given us by God to pay him our thanksgiving through service.

Let us remember all heroic men and women who have invested, toiled, built, sacrificed, their time, energy and life for us to live such a beautiful life in this Land of Joy and Harmony.

With Love and Prayers,
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, Nance Schreiber

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Terry Fitzpatrick

ANNIVERSARIES: Bob Hopwood, John Moore, Kathleen Mullan, Mary Burke, Oliver Garrety

COUNTING	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
<u>24/01/2021</u>	Hamilton Koelmeyer	Sharon Murphy	John Bourke Mark Noonan Val Menzies
<u>31/01/2021</u>	Martin & Louise Byron	N/A	N/A

Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant

The word of the Lord comes to Jonah with a message for Nineveh, Israel's mortal enemy. Much to the prophet's chagrin, the people of Nineveh heeded the message, believed in God, and proclaimed a fast. The incongruities of the story are striking. First and most important, God is concerned with the salvation of a nation other than Israel. Second, the city renowned for its wickedness repented of its sins as soon as it heard the proclamation. Third, the comprehensiveness of the spirit of repentance was exceeded only by its geographic breadth. All people, great and small, put on the garments of penance. Even the worst sinners can repent and be made new.

The psalm response opens with a prayer for divine guidance in one's style of life. The psalmist first asks for insight into God's saving ways, presumably in order to sing God's praises and to offer thanks for God's goodness. Covenant language – compassion and lovingkindness – is very strong in the second stanza (vv.6-7). The psalm is speaking of God's remembrance of covenant commitment and not of the psalmist's former sins. This plea that God remember may be the psalmist's way of asking for God's forgiveness. Both sinners and the humble are taught the way of the Lord, the way that God acts toward people's loyalty and infidelity. The psalmist ends with a prayer: Teach me your ways.

Paul is teaching about the end time. Unlike the regular unfolding of time (*chrónos*), this time is of the greatest theological significance (*kairós*). It refers to decisive moments, those that mark the inbreaking of God's action. It is frequently the time of fulfilment, of divine revelation. The normal priorities of life must give way to very different behaviour, a way of living and acting that is extraordinary. Paul suggests that the *kairós* is fast approaching, but has not yet arrived. He advises the Christians to live in the present age as though it had already come. Time is running out and the world as they know it is passing away. Paul wants them to be ready for Christ's return.

The failure of Israel's monarchy prompted the people to look to the future, to a time when a king who was totally faithful to God would establish God's kingdom. Jesus inaugurates his ministry with the bold declaration: The kingdom of God is at hand! The time (*kairós*) has arrived. After this initial announcement, Jesus issues a call for repentance. Just like the prophets of old, he calls for a change of heart, a return to God. Jesus then calls the fishermen Simon, Andrew, James and John. He summons them to follow him, to cast their nets and together gather up other followers. The abruptness with which they respond to him is an indication of the radical nature of life in the kingdom of God.

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Our Parish Notices

COMBINED

The New Parish Mobile Number for Fr Joseph is 0438 769 922.


Australia Day will be celebrated with a Parish Mass 9.30am this Tuesday, 26 January at St Philip's, Kotara. It will be held at Cardiff in 2022 and Adamstown in 2023. The Parish Office will be closed (Public Holiday).

There shall be a **Special Holy Mass** offered next 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.

Lent 2021 with Bruce Downes The Catholic Guy Be inspired, Be refreshed, Be renewed! Come on a 40 day journey with me and I know this will be a powerful and prayerful Lenten journey together. Receive a short inspiring video each day during Lent. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent> Call 1300 734 880 for more information.



Have you thought?
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Although the new liturgical year began with Advent, this week's reading is the first time that we enter into the cycle of the gospel for this liturgical year, the Gospel of Mark. The Church calendar works on a cycle of three years: Year A; Year B; and Year C. Each of the three synoptic gospels is associated with one of the years: Matthew in Year A; Mark in Year B; and Luke in Year C. Throughout this liturgical cycle we will move through the Gospel of Mark from beginning to end – usually in the part of the liturgical calendar known as Ordinary Time.

CARDIFF

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

DIOCESAN

2021 Annual Catechist Mass - Saturday, 20 February, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newcastle West at 2.00pm. Refreshments will be served in the Victor Peters Suite following the Mass. RSVPs including dietary requirements are essential for this event. RSVP by Friday, 5 February P 4979 1193
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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.

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First Reading Jon 3:1-5. 10

The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.4

(R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and
teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from
of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.
(R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who
stray,
he guides the humble in the right
path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)



Second Reading 1 Cor 7:29-31

The world as we know it is passing away.

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near:

believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 1:14-20

Repent, and believe the Good News.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

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.