

**14th February 2021**  
**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Year B**

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

**ALL SAINTS PARISH BLACKBUTT SOUTH**  
**Faith Communities of Adamstown, Cardiff, Kotara**



**SUNDAY MASSES**

*Saturday Vigil Kotara 5.30pm; Sunday Adamstown 8.00am;*

*Sunday Cardiff 9.30am*

*Holy Hour of Adoration Sunday 6.30-7.15pm at Kotara*

**WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK**

*Tuesday 9.30am Adamstown*

*Wednesday 7.00am Kotara; 9.30am Adamstown;*

*Thursday Cardiff 9.30am; Friday 9.15am Kotara*

**Entering into 40 days of Retreat .....Lent is a Time of  
Self examination of Conscience.**

Let us find time to pray with our Family and Children during this Lent  
.....Let us find a quiet time to look at the Holy Cross to meditate upon  
the Price Our Lord Paid for us!

"Start by doing what is necessary, then what is possible, and suddenly  
you are doing the impossible." St. Francis of Assisi

Lent offers us all a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship  
with God and to deepen our commitment to a way of life, rooted in our  
baptism. In our busy world, Lent provides us with an opportunity to re-  
flect upon our patterns, to pray more deeply, experience sorrow for what  
we've done!

"Never stop doing the little things for others; sometimes those little things  
occupy the biggest part of their Heart."

Lent—Easter 2021 insert is in the bulletin : take it home with you for all  
our Easter dates and timetable.

*Fr Joseph Figurado*

**PENITENTIAL SERVICE - Shrove Tuesday 16 February**  
**Shrove Tuesday 16 February 2021 St Kevin's Church**  
**An opportunity for all in the Parish to prepare for Lent. Includes  
burning of Palms.**

**Pancake supper has been cancelled due to planned power / maintenance  
outage to Cottage Hall by Ausgrid**

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES 17th February**  
**Day of Fast and Abstinence**

- Kotara 7am
- Adamstown 9.30am
- Cardiff 6pm



## 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, Ian Barton, Nance Schreiber, Maria Richardson, Stanislaw Ksiadz, Maria Kanonczuk

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Sr Therese Lawler

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Peter Sawkins,

**BAPTISMS:** Oliver Milne, Rumi Wilcox & Poppy Frazer

COUNTING	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
<u>14/02/2021</u>	Dot Reynolds Lyn Johns	N/A	N/A
<u>21/02/2021</u>	Martin & Louise Byron	Mary Nixon	John Bourke, Mark Noonan, Val Menzies

## Living the gospel

### **Who is your leper?**

*There is a story of Francis of Assisi in which he encountered a horribly disfigured leper. Initially, Francis was repulsed by the man but remembered that this man too was a child of God and made in the image and likeness of God. Overcoming his fears, Francis ran forward and embraced the man. Rather than seeing the disease, Francis saw the person. We can ask the question, Who is your leper? Who is the person in your life that you need to embrace rather than reject? Who would benefit from you viewing them with different eyes? Soft eyes! Eyes of compassion!*

### **PROJECT COMPASSION BE MORE**

This week the season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which also marks the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion Appeal. Donations to Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to alleviate poverty, hunger, oppression and injustice. We encourage you to put your compassion into action this Lent through your prayer, fasting and almsgiving by supporting Project Compassion. Compassion box and/or a set of envelopes are available in our churches or you can donate online via the Caritas Australia website at: [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au)

### **REFLECTION**

We know that we will all have to face some kind of suffering, and so we try to prepare ourselves for it. Yet when it comes, as prepared as we try to be, it can overtake us with such fury that we fall back defenceless. We look to others for support and assistance, and if we are fortunate, we find it. However, even in the most supportive of communities, suffering tends to alienate us from those who are healthy and secure. Suffering reminds us of our own finitude and the contingent nature of all of life. It threatens our sense of order.

Jesus is not deterred by human suffering. He welcomes all who approach him; his healing touch reincorporates those who have been ostracised; his loving embrace reassociates those who have been alienated. In the reign of God, there are no outsiders. All belong to Jesus, and, therefore, all belong to each other. When the one afflicted is embraced by the community, the community is an authentic manifestation of the inclusive reign of God.

In suffering we witness human vulnerability and our desperate need of each other and of God. There, at the edge of life and on the fringes of the community, we may experience the tenderness and compassion of God. The loving touch of Christ that can heal our souls, if not our bodies. It is there that we may most authentically participate in the cross of Christ. Joined to him we are anything but unproductive or worthless.

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## Our Parish Notices

### COMBINED

**Effective Immediately Registration for Mass** and other events at our parish sites will be via the **Service NSW QR code** on arrival.

**Holy Hour of Adoration** with Music, Meditation, Exposition and Benediction from 6.30 - 7.15pm each Sunday at St Philip's Kotara. All are welcome.

**Parish Planned Giving Program** - The Parish is looking to finalise our next order of Planned Giving Envelopes for the 2021 – 2022 Financial Year. The deadline for the order is this

**Thursday, 18 February.**

We would like to hear from you **before this date if any of the following apply.** You:

- have not yet collected your Planned Giving Envelopes for the current financial year 2020 -2021
- would like to join the Parish Planned Giving Program
- would like to move to Regular Electronic Planned Giving from your account or credit card (the preferred method)
- consider you no longer need Planned Giving Envelopes

We look forward to hearing from you.

### ADAMSTOWN

**Car parking** is available inside the school playground. To access, please drive through the school gates between the back of the parish hall and school toilet block.

**St Philip's and St Columba's** Bereavement Support Group and Fr. Joseph plan to recommence the First Anniversary Mass on Saturday 1st May. We will remember those who passed away between January and May 2020. There will be reminder notices as the date approaches.

### CARDIFF

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

**World Day of Prayer** - This year's service has been prepared by the women of Vanuatu with the theme "Build on a strong foundation". St Kevin's is the host church in Cardiff this year and you are invited to join us as we pray for the people of Vanuatu. The service is on Friday 5th March at 10.30am. All welcome

**The need is acute!** Low-income communities are not asking us for money or gifts. They reject degrading dependence. They want you to share your skills to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. The call is to all trades and professions to assist build the ability of their people and the capacity of their organisations. To properly prepare for a 2022 placement you do need to enquire now. Visit [palms.org.au](http://palms.org.au) , call Palms on 02 9560 5333 or email [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)

### DIOCESAN NOTICES: See Noticeboards

Don't miss out on anything in your Diocese! Go to [mnnews.today](http://mnnews.today) to see updates and read stories about what is happening locally.

#### 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.

Everyone is encouraged to download and to continue to keep the COVIDSafe App active.

## 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

### First Reading Lv 13:1-2. 44-46

*As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7**

*(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.*

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,  
whose sin is remitted.  
O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,  
in whose spirit is no guile. (R.)
2. By now I have acknowledged my sins;  
my guilt I did not hide.  
I said: 'I will confess  
my offence to the Lord.'  
And you, Lord, have forgiven  
the guilt of my sin. (R.)
3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,  
exult, you just!  
O come, ring out your joy,  
all you upright of heart. (R.)

### Second Reading 1 Cor 10:31-11:1

*Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.*

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jew or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

### Gospel Acclamation Lk 7:16

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*A great prophet has appeared among us;*

*God has visited his people.*

*Alleluia!*

### Gospel Mk 1:40-45

*The leprosy left him and he was cured.*

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to 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 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.

