

**21st February 2021**  
**1st Sunday of Lent - Year B**

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

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**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*

**Synod Preparations in our Parish**

As we continue the synodal journey, take advantage of the multiple resources as you contemplate leading towards the risen Christ at Easter and the second session of Synod. You can reflect on the Bishop's response to the Gospel, immerse yourself in visual liturgy of our Christian story and contemplate the data gathered from the first session of Synod and the Plenary Council for our diocese. Each week we encouraged you to engage in the resources before coming together to pray and connect in contemplative dialogue.

— The Synod Working Party



**Our Synod delegates** have been asked to facilitate a series of contemplative dialogue sessions during Lent. Please feel free to join any session.

Zoom meeting invitation is for a group meeting online every **Wednesday evening for 5 weeks from 24<sup>th</sup> Feb until Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March from 7.30pm (until 9pm if not concluded earlier).**

This invitation below is for members of the Parish who are available to join a meeting from their home computer or other device. Alternatively, there are a number of other 'gathered' or online groups occurring during Lent in the Parish for the same reason if this time doesn't suit. It would be preferable to commit to one of these groups for the 5 sessions.

To accept the meeting invitation please click on the link in the link below and type in the password. The meeting will open a few minutes prior to 7.30pm to give time to meet and greet. Feel free to have nibbles, cuppa etc. on hand if you wish.

<https://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/91589489350>

**Password: Allsaints**

The "Building the Kingdom of God Together – Our Journey" booklet can be obtained at the Presbytery at St Philip's. Please pick one up from Fr Joseph after Mass. Follow this link to see resources available for each week <https://www.domnsynod.com.au/building-the-kingdom/>. Looking Forward to meeting with you—Adam Frost.

**Lenten Group Reflection**

Are you interested in participating in a weekly Lenten Reflection group, with discussions contributing to the upcoming Synod? Please contact:

- ⇒ Therese Nolan M:0408 676 807 or [therese.nolan@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:therese.nolan@mn.catholic.edu.au)
- ⇒ Kim Hogan M:0417 752 497 or [kim.hogan@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kim.hogan@mn.catholic.edu.au)
- ⇒ Giavanna Angeli Sunday evenings 6pm at Kotara Church before Adoration M: 0425 262 784 or [giavanna.angeli@outlook.com](mailto:giavanna.angeli@outlook.com)

## 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:** Elizabeth & Mario Dintino

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Margaret McVie, Patricia Taylor

**BAPTISM:** Ruby Allen

COUNTING	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
<u>21/02/2021</u>	Dot Reynolds Lynn Johns	Mary Nixon	John Bourke, Mark Noonan, Val Menzies
<u>28/02/2021</u>	Hamilton Koelmeyer	N/A	N/A

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

#### Fridays of Lent 6.30pm

26 February St Columba's Adamstown

05 March St Kevin's Cardiff

12 March St Philip's Kotara

19 March St Columba's Adamstown

26 March St Kevin's Cardiff

#### After Weekday Masses

Kotara - Tuesday

Adamstown—Wednesday

Cardiff—Thursday



## Have you thought?

### Temptation?

*When we adopt a view of Jesus as the Son of God, it is hard to imagine him even facing temptation, let alone the possibility of him giving in to it. However, when we see Jesus as also being fully human, we realise that he was just as likely to face temptation as we are. But what might have tempted Jesus? Was he tempted to simply go back to his life in Joseph's carpentry business and not respond to God's call? Was he tempted to display his power in flashy demonstrations for all to see? Was he tempted to despair at what lay ahead of him?*

We begin our annual Lenten Project Compassion journey by learning about the story of Jamila and her family. Jamila, 22, is a Rohingya woman, living in the world's largest refugee camp in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. A single mother, she fled armed conflict in Myanmar to save herself, her elderly mother and eight-month-old baby.

With the support of Caritas Australia, through Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila was able to access emergency food and shelter. She also received counselling, emotional support and learnt sewing skills, to help her earn an income. Jamila now feels less alone, with a sense of community around her. She is able to 'Be More' to her little family.

- 860,494 people remain in the densely populated camps, in desperate need of humanitarian assistance, especially due to COVID-19. ([UNHCR](https://www.unhcr.org/))

"Aspire not to have more, but to be more." Please support Project Compassion: [lent.caritas.org.au](https://lent.caritas.org.au)

Boxes are available at our Churches.



## 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.

**Christian Meditation** - Meditation will not instantly solve all problems. But it changes how we view and deal with the challenges we face. It helps us to "set our troubled mind at rest" and to find the authentic, interior peace that stabilises us when we are in turmoil. It is a way of silent prayer. The Meditation Group will recommence at St Philip's Church on Tuesday March 2nd at 6.00pm. Contact: [annecuskelly@hotmail.com](mailto:annecuskelly@hotmail.com) or 0407 436 808

### ADAMSTOWN

**Counting Teams of 2 people are urgently needed** to assist with counting immediately after the 8.00am Mass on Sundays. This task takes approximately 20 - 30 minutes to complete. If you can help, please contact the Parish Office.

**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)

**Rainbow Family Group** are having a Fish'n'Chip night this Friday, 26 February, 6.00pm at Warners Bay. Meet in the usual spot on the foreshore near the roundabout at the corner of The Esplanade and Lake Street. Contact Lisa & Darrin Gray.

### 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.



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## First Reading Gn 9:8-15

*I will recall the covenant between myself and you...the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.*

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10**

*(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.*

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 Pt 3:18-22

*The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.*

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

## Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

*No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from  
the mouth of God.*

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

## Gospel Mk 1:12-15

*He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.*

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

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.'



## Confiteor

I Confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned.

In my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and what I have failed to do.

Through my fault, through my fault

Through my most grievous fault.

Therefore I ask, the blessed Mary ever-virgin, all the angels and saints and you, my brothers and sisters;

to pray for me, to the Lord our God.

## 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.

## HISTORICAL CONTEXT

### The Wilderness

The Jordan Valley was a relatively fertile area. However, Jesus would not have had to travel too great a distance to find himself in very arid, desert-like wilderness. Crossing the River Jordan and climbing out of the Jordan Valley to the east, Jesus would have emerged onto the northern part of the TransJordan Plateau and the edge of the Syrian Desert. The area was not only geographically rough but it was also full of bandits and rebels. It was a dangerous place to be. However, the desert wilderness holds great significance in the Bible as a place of preparation for a new stage of life or a new relationship with God.