

**6th March 2022**  
**1st Sunday of Lent Year C**

## **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

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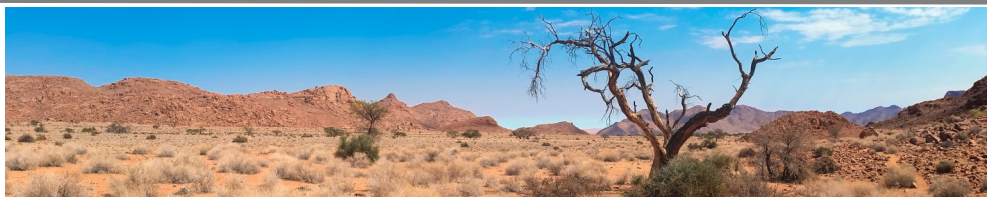
St James' Kotara

### **PARISH HIGH SCHOOLS**

St Pius X Adamstown

St Paul's Booragul

Links are on our Website



### **SUNDAY MASSES**

*Saturday Vigil 5.30pm Kotara*

*Sunday 8.00am Adamstown; 9.30am Cardiff*

**Adoration in recess until 20 March**

**WEEKDAY MASSES – Please note changes for 3 - 18 March**

*Wednesday 9.30am Adamstown*

*Thursday Cardiff 9.30am; Friday 9.15am Kotara;*

*1st Saturday 9.00am Kotara*

### **Jesus our Model for Lent - Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving**

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness and tested by the devil for forty days. During this time Jesus proved his love for his Father was stronger than everything else. Our love for Jesus leads us to want to draw closer to Jesus during Lent and overcome anything in our lives that keeps us apart from Jesus.

Jesus in the desert is our model during Lent. If Jesus had given in to any temptation of the devil he would have wrecked his Father's plans. When we give in to temptation we wreck God's plans for us. Sin separates us from what God intends for us. It has been like that since the first sin, the sin of Adam in the Garden of Paradise. As a result of that sin Adam and Eve were thrown out of the garden.

Sin separates us from Jesus. But our love for Jesus impels us to want to overcome sin during Lent so that we will not be separated from Jesus. Our love for Jesus impels us to take Lent seriously so that at the end of Lent we will be closer to Jesus. Do you love Jesus enough to fix whatever in your life is separating you from Jesus? Lent is the time to do it. Do we love Jesus enough to take Lent seriously so that at the end of Lent we can say we gave up this sin or overcame that sinful inclination so that we could be closer to Jesus? Do we love Jesus enough so that when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at the end of Lent we can also celebrate Jesus' new life in us because we overcame sin during Lent? Do we love Jesus more than anything keeping us from Jesus? Lent is the time to draw closer to Jesus.

When we are ill we go to the doctor and the doctor writes a prescription. If we take the medicine we hope to get better. For centuries the Church has recommended medicine during Lent to help us get better, to bring us closer to Jesus and help us overcome sin. That medicine is the three things we heard in the Gospel on Ash Wednesday (Matt 6:1-6, 16-18); prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These are a remedy to help cure our soul. This remedy is the wisdom of centuries of experience; holy people who drew closer to God during Lent with the remedy of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Not only is this remedy the wisdom of centuries of experience of holy people, it is the teaching of Jesus. As we heard in the Gospel on Ash Wednesday it is Jesus who taught us about prayer, who taught us the value of fasting, who taught us the value of almsgiving. Why would someone question what Jesus taught us and say there is a better way during Lent? Jesus in the desert is our model during Lent. Our love for Jesus leads us to want to draw closer to Jesus during Lent and overcome anything in our lives from the devil that keeps us apart from Jesus. We can do this through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

To pray we need quiet time. We cannot pray if the TV is turned on, or there are other distractions around us. We often read in the Gospels that Jesus went up into the mountains to pray (Matt 14:23; Mark 6:46; Luke 6:12; 9:28). It was quiet up there. If Jesus needed

## Parish News

### **SICK/SPECIAL NEEDS:** *We remember in prayer ...*

Leonie Pickett, Veronica Hipwell, Karen Curran, Algi & Geraldine Bajelis, Mick King, Jan Hobson, Lewis Peel (Purcell), Rita Martin, Emma Pacifico, Lorraine Caldwell, Loris Jackson, Linda McDonald, Dean Hart, Barry Moore, Chris Patsan, Catherine Hobbs, Bernadette Coffey, Dorota Bakowska, Gae Alderton, Ernestina Klein, Alexander Klein, Stanislaw Ksiadz, Maria Kanonczuk, Sharyn Trappel, Clare Sullivan, Craig Hart, Jill Heffernan, Helen Campbell, Laurel Dixon, Jarrad Bryant, Helen Woodham

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Joan Levey, Eileen Gleeson

<b>06/03/2022</b>	<b>ADAMSTOWN</b>	<b>CARDIFF</b>	<b>KOTARA</b>
<b>Commentator</b>	Dot Reynolds	Elizabeth Doyle	Christine Sheppard
<b>Readers</b>	Therese Nolan Barry Bourke	Ben Lerch Sr Clare McCudden	Bernard Burgess Emma South
<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	Paul Smith	Paul Gleeson	Gerard Mowbray
<b>Counters</b>	Kathy Kelly, Paula O'Neill Francine Goodman	Mary Nixon	Narelle Robb, Patricia Hines, Paul Crosbie
<b>13/03/2022</b>	<b>ADAMSTOWN</b>	<b>CARDIFF</b>	<b>KOTARA</b>
<b>Commentator</b>	Paul Smith	Sr Carmel Moore	Giavanna Angeli
<b>Readers</b>	Vickie Pettett Basia Wedesweiler	Anne Lamotte Paul Gleeson	Jessica Moulder Dever Family
<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	Narelle Smith	Angela Hall	Siobhan Farrell
<b>Counters</b>	Hamilton Koelmeyer	NA	NA



### First Sunday of Lent 5 & 6 March



**Anatercia 12**, was struggling to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died. Then she participated in Caritas Australia-supported training and gained access to psychosocial supports. Now, her quality of life has improved and she can focus on school.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow ***For All Future Generations***.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.

## Our Parish Notices

quiet for prayer, how much more do we need quiet for prayer? Can we find quiet time every day to spend with Jesus and Our Lady?

We read that Elijah hid in a cave, and a windstorm went by but God was not in the windstorm, there was an earthquake but God was not in the earthquake, there was a fire but God was not in the fire. Finally a gentle breeze went by and Elijah knew God was in the gentle breeze (1 Kings 19:11-13). To find God we need a place of gentle breeze in our life every day. A Church or Adoration Chapel is an obvious place but can we also as a family pray together for a significant length of time at least once day?

The Rosary is a beautiful prayer for us to use together as a family. Most of the time, after reconciliation, the priest may say, "say 5 Hail Marys." Often people think this is a prayer of Punishment. No! Holy Rosary is a Prayer interwoven in the Scripture and with simple spiritual rhythm, a Perfect prayer of Meditation and protection. All our saints did this to attain purity and Holiness. Let's pray together, especially during Lent. Pray the Rosary, especially before Mass; at least one decade for the suffering world, moreover for Church, Our Country, and Our Diocese.

Let us begin our Lenten observance with an open heart, Praying for ourselves, the people in Ukraine, the people in our country who are affected by Floods.

With love and blessings  
Fr Joseph Figurado

**Fr Joseph is now on sick leave until 18 March** (following minor surgery). During this time Fr Gordon Quinn will celebrate Mass and look after emergencies during the day time. If there is an emergency (of Prime importance) at night, call Father Joseph, and he shall arrange someone to assist you. **During Father Joseph's absence: the Tuesday (9.30am) & Wednesday (7.00am) Masses will be cancelled, and Adoration is in recess until 20 March.**

**Louise is now on leave** until Tuesday, 29 March. Anna will commence working (Casual) for a few hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays to help Father Joseph.

**The Way of The Cross**, like last year, will continue after weekday Mass in each Mass centre during Lent. Volunteers, please come forward to help do this.

**Vinnies NSW Flood Appeal** - Give Generously. Donate Now. [vinnies.org/nswfloodappeal](http://vinnies.org/nswfloodappeal) or P 131812

**Casual Maintenance Volunteer** - There is often

a need to small/repaired/odd jobs to be done. If you would be willing to put your name on a list that could be accessed for this purpose, would you please contact Anne Foat M 0414 572 025 or Marlene Dorney M 0426 800 262.

**The Rite of Election** this Sunday, 6 March 2022 is an opportunity to welcome all the catechumens who will be baptised in their parishes at the Easter Vigil (a catechumen is an unbaptised person whose search for meaning has brought them to the Catholic Church). You are invited to join the People of God in witness and prayerful support of those who choose to be Catholic. 2.30pm Sacred Heart Cathedral Newcastle West.

**The Ecumenical and Interfaith Council** invite you to attend the *Sisters in Faith Dinner* this Tuesday, 8 March, 6.00 - 8.00pm online via Zoom. This year's theme is 'Women and their faith' and is an opportunity for all women of faith to join together. You are invited to share dinner together, as we join with our sisters in the virtual space. RSVP: [www.mn.shor.tn/sistersinfaith](http://www.mn.shor.tn/sistersinfaith)

**Feast of St Joseph** - A Mass and parish celebration will be held on the Saturday, 19 March 9.00am at St Philip's church Kotara. Morning tea to follow so please bring something to share if you can. All are welcome to celebrate Fr Joseph's Feast Day. School children and parents are especially welcome.

**Rainbow Family Group** are sharing a Meal at Charlestown Bowling Club, to say Goodbye, to one of our long term members, Elizabeth, who is moving to Brisbane. Dinner is 6.00pm on Wednesday 9 March. Please let Christine Sheppard know by Sunday 6/3 if you are attending.

**Rainbow Family Group** are also going to Stockton Bowling Club on Sunday, 20th March 12 noon for lunch. Contact Susan Lane.

### 2022 Liturgical Calendar for the First Sunday of Lent

Solemnities are in CAPITALS. Feasts are bold.

Memorials are in ordinary type.

Optional Memorials are in *italics*.

7 March	<i>Saints Perpetua and Felicity (commemoration)</i>
8 March	<i>Saint John of God (commemoration)</i>
9 March	<i>Saint Frances of Rome (commemoration)</i>

## First Sunday of Lent - Year C

### First Reading Dt 26:4-10

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy  
Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 90:1-2, 10-15. R. v.15

**(R.) Be with me, Lord,  
when I am in trouble.**

**Response to be repeated after each verse**

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **(R.)**
2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. **(R.)**
3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. **(R.)**
4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.'  
I will save him in distress and give him glory. **(R.)**

### Second Reading Rom 10:8-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

### 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 Lk 4:1-13

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'  
Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:  
He will put his angels in charge of you

to guard you,  
and again:

They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

### 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.

