

ALL SAINTS PARISH BLACKBUTT SOUTH

Faith Communities of Adamstown, Cardiff, Kotara

Listening to God's Word
Growing in Faith



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SUNDAY MASSES

Adamstown
Sunday 9.15am

Cardiff
Sunday 9.15am

Kotara
Saturday 5.30pm
Sunday 8.00am

WEEKDAY MASSES/LITURGIES

Adamstown:

Tuesday 5pm ; Wednesday 9.15am

Cardiff:

Thursday 9.30am

Kotara:

Monday Liturgy 7am; Wednesday 7am; Friday 9.15am;
1st Saturday 9am

RECONCILIATION:

Adamstown: Wednesday after 9.15am Mass

Cardiff: Thursday before 9.30am Mass

Kotara: 9.30am Saturday Morning

Parish Clergy: Fr Greg Arnold PP, Deacon Martin Johnson
Fr Gordon Quinn (Retired)
Associate: Terry Skippen (Administrative)



Seventh Sunday Year B

19th February 2012

In a Nutshell

Jesus returns to his home town, where he is greeted joyfully by the people. He is preaching the good News to them when a man unable to help himself is brought by friends for healing. Forgiveness of sins and physical healing are all the same to Jesus. He knows what the scribes are thinking, and challenges them to consider the source of his authority.



LENTEN GROUPS Commence this week

PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE

Thursday 23rd February 7pm at Kotara Hall (Anglican/Catholic Group): Fr Fergus King, H Bradley, W Hopkins, G Ryan, J Woodward, R Martin, S Cother, A Bajelis, R Shamley, F Goodman, R Fabien, I Adoranti, J Walking, M & L Rogers, L Sullivan, E Kerr, L Abbs, + Anglican members.

Friday 24th February 9am now St Thomas' Hall P Gleeson, M and W McWhinney + Anglican members.

Books for the program can be picked up from the back of churches at Cardiff & Kotara (\$10 to be paid to group leader). Adamstown's books will be supplied by Sr Luke.

Anna broke her arm at home on Friday. Expected to be off work for round 2 months. Office at Cardiff will be unattended. All enquiries to Louise at Kotara office.

PARISH DIARY

Monday 20th February
 Adamstown Playgroup 9-11am Hall
 Meditation Group meets 9.30am Convent
 Adamstown St Vincent de Paul 7.30pm
 Cardiff Parent Information Night 7pm
 Life Teen Leaders' Meeting 7pm Kotara
Tuesday 21st February (Shrove Tuesday)
 Reconciliation Service / Supper Cardiff 6pm
 RCIA Team & Candidates 6.30pm Kotara
 Kotara Parent Information Night 7pm
 Kotara Liturgy Group Meeting 7pm
Wednesday 22nd February
 Kotara Legion of Mary 9.30am Church Hall
 Cardiff Playgroup 9.30am Cottage
 Adamstown Parent Information Night 7pm
Thursday 23rd February
 Cardiff St Vincent de Paul 5.30pm
Friday 24th February
 Blessing and Opening of St Kevin's School new facilities.

PRAYER LIST

Please Pray For

SICK/SPECIAL NEEDS:

Geoff Hughes, Joshua Fish, Annette, Joshua Barclay, Maree, Patrick Hoare, Joy Couroussis, Fred O'Leary, Marie Philp, Arch Jones, Lina Fitzsimon, Sister Therese Lawler rsm (Adamstown Community), Terry O'Connor, Leonie Picket, Alma Pitkin, Phyll Jones, Marie Laffy, Denise McDonald, Sally Bower, Julie-Anne Littlewood, Peter & Karen Curran, Leonie Feenan, Brian Ure, Megan O'Leary, Jean Hayes, Merv Tull, Gwen Howden, Rosalie Murphy, Charlie Fisher, Neil Redshaw, Pat Hodson, Anne Foley, Michelle Anderson,

RECENTLY DECEASED: Michelle Addison, Betty Dever, Arch Jones (Uncle of Colin Oaten), Brian Redpath

ANNIVERSARIES: Ada Partridge, Moira Marley,

BAPTISMS at

PARISH ROSTER

ADAMSTOWN	COMMENTATOR	READERS	GIFTS	SPECIAL MINISTERS	CHILD LITURGY	COUNTING	ALTAR SERVERS	MORNING TEA
19/2/2012 9.15am	Alice Aurisch	Pat Gibson Sr Luke	O'Donoghue Family	Preciosa Winter Joyce Little	Lisa Hoar	Lynn Johns	Eloise, Genevieve	
26/2/2012 9.15am	Sr Luke Crich	Julianna Malaspina Pat Gibson	Starkey Family	Marion Gardner Phil Jeffery	Nicole & Michael Deed	Alice & Trevor Aurisch	Emily, Aidan	
CARDIFF	COMMENTATOR	READERS	GIFTS	SPECIAL MINISTERS		COUNTING	ROSARY STATUE	MORNING TEA
19/02/2012	SCHOOL	FAMILY	MASS	H&T Woodham, D Wessel-Bryde, L&L Caldwell		Leonie Sullivan Colin Oaten	Veronica & Jim Hipwell	
26./02/2012	Elizabeth Doyle	Mary-Anne Jennings Peter Jennings	Harrison Family	D Fennell-Frazer, F&A Ferguson, B Moore, T Bates		Tom & Helen Camp- bell	John & Gloria Rey- nolds	
KOTARA	COMMENTATOR	READERS	GIFTS	SPECIAL MINISTERS	CHILD LITURGY	COUNTING	CHURCH CLEANING	ROSARY STATUE
19/2/2012 5.30pm	Cathy Waugh	Ann Young Ron Phelan	Gray Family	K Spence P Oke J Oliver G Angeli Volunteer	19/2/2012 Jenny & Peter Bowen Megan Vidler	Dawber Family Tracey Hampton Stephen O'Shea	Gai Ryan Val Menzies	S Smith G Nickisson G Milne M Owen P Deverell C Shannos C Fabien
8.00am	John Pettett	Louise Byron Paula O'Neill	Kath & John Murray	M & J Bourke R Nehl N & P Smith	26/2/2012 Carmel Wright Melissa Szekelyhidy	Marie Howard Carmel Wright Patrick Farrell Algie Bajelis	Margaret Bourke	M O'Brien M Britt S Grob J Gallacher G Smith S Morgan G Kerr
26/2/2012 5.30pm	Christine Sheppard	Patrick Farrell Cathy Waugh	McCloy Family	R Baer W Sheppard A Young H O'Neill S Pink	4/3/2012 Louise & Graham Jennings	L Bourke G Bridges B Hopson J McLoughlin R & W Nehl	Ann & Geoff Mason Maureen & Keith Joseph	F Bowen S Hafey L Searant C Andrews H Ciezak
8.00am	Paul Smith	Louise Walsh Sr Margaret Sinclair	Gai Ryan & John Woodward	A Cuskelly V Pettett G vandermaat N Smith A Bajelis	11/3/2012 Teresa Pearce Annette Leggett	O'Neill Family	Marge & Tom Britt	TBA



COMBINED NOTICES

Questionnaire during normal homily time. Questions relate to our experience of an overseas priest (Fr Maurice) as part of the discernment by Bishop Bill as to whether we will continue to invite them here.

- ⇒ **Reconciliation Service** will be held on Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Tuesday) 21st February at St Kevin's Cardiff 6pm including Burning of Palms for Ash Wednesday. This will be followed by Pikelet Supper in the Cottage. An opportunity for all in our Parish to prepare and take stock for Lent.
- ⇒ **Palms from last year** to be included in the burning ceremony to be left at churches this Sunday 19th.
- ⇒ **Sacramental Program 2012 for Confirmation** continues this week commencing with Parent Information Nights:
 - Cardiff Monday 20th February 7pm Cottage**
 - Kotara Tuesday 21st February 7pm Hall**
 - Adamstown Wednesday 22nd February 7pm Library**Lessons for children will then continue over the next four Sundays.
- ⇒ **Passion Play 2012:** Rehearsals have been tentatively arranged for each Sunday afternoon from 3.30pm to 5.30pm commencing Sunday 26th February. If you would like to participate please contact Christine Williams on 49433824 or just turn up to the first rehearsal.
- ⇒ **Blackbutt Region Youth Group, Life Teen**, are requesting parishioners support their youth group with hospitality/catering for the fortnightly 'Life Nights'. **Thus far only one group of parishioners have stepped forward to cater for one night.** Please contact Dallas 0466 157 380 if you can donate your time & talents assisting with this worthy ministry.
- ⇒ **Blackbutt Life Teen Group** – The next Life night is: **Wednesday 29 February** from 6.30am at St Phillip's Parish Hall, Vista Parade, Kotara. All teens who turn 14 this year, to end of year 12, are welcome regardless of location. Theme: Chain Reaction. For more information contact Ellen P 0407 513 813.
- ⇒ **Anointing Mass:** Please note our first Mass for the year will now be on **29th February 9.15am** at Adamstown.
- ⇒ **Taste & See:** a systematic Scripture course will be held at Broadmeadow by Sr Patricia Boland rsj, commencing February. Enquiries P TWE 4930 9601 or Patricia 4960 8831. See noticeboards for further information.
- ⇒ **RCIA No meeting this Tuesday. Rite of Election** will be held on **Sunday 26 February** from 2.30pm at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West. Send Off Liturgy for our 1 Elect and 5 Candidates: Jessica Deren and Scott Clegg, Keira Bale, Julie Davies, Kate Dundas and Lisa Toms will take place at the Vigil and 9.15am Mass at Adamstown.
- ⇒ **Copies of Aurora** are available this weekend.

ADAMSTOWN NOTICES

St. Columba's Faith Community is activating/re-organizing its **Welcoming Ministry**. We are looking for any willing parishioners to be part of this vital Ministry. Anybody is welcome to approach either Marion Gardner (4950 9641) or Maureen Young (4943 3476) for further info/orientation. Children are most welcome. Thank you!

Nance & Kevin Bull - thank Fr Greg for the Special Blessing and friends for cards and good wishes on their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

CARDIFF NOTICES

You are invited to a "Cuppa and Conversation" and explore ways to further develop our community February 20th at 10am in new School Hall. Parents, Family and Parishioners are encouraged to come along.

Our first Family Mass will be celebrated this Sunday. Welcome to our children who take on various the various Mass ministries .

Official Opening & Blessing of new school facilities by Bishop Bill this Friday at 9.30am—you are all invited to come.

Congratulations to our SRE Teachers who received Awards from Bishop Bill at the Diocesan Mass at Sacred Heart last week:

Recognition of Service Award

Karen Curran 10 years

Leone Barnett 5 years

We thank you and all those involved in SRE teaching for your commitment to Children in State Schools.

St Kevin's Playgroup has now recommenced in the Mackillop Room St Kevin's Cottage on Wednesdays 9.30am - 11.30am. New children and parents are welcome to come along for information phone David Witts on 0439 485 621.

World Day of Prayer Service Friday 2nd March St Thomas' Cardiff. Morning Tea 10am Service 10.30am. All Welcome.

KOTARA NOTICES

St James' School We honour our parish school at the Vigil Mass for its recently awarded Diocesan Award of Excellence and personal award to teacher Lucy Harvey and secretary Ruth Stevens.

St James' School Playgroup will resume weekly on Wednesday, 29 February from 9-10.30am in school hall. Contact Mel Stevens 0400 480 317.

New Cuppa Roster will resume weekend of 25/26 February. Volunteers prepare, set up, serve and clean up after the monthly cuppa at either the Vigil or Sunday Masses. If you would like to become involved or wish to make a change, please contact Louise by Monday, 20 February.

After Mass Cuppa next weekend, 25/26 February. Your hosts will be Jenny & Peter Bowen and Siobhan & Patrick Farrell (Vigil) and Liz & Craig Abbs and Anne & John Cuskelly (Sunday). All are invited and encouraged to stay after Mass for a cuppa and a chat to help foster community spirit.

John Hunter Hospital Ministers rostered on next Sunday, 26th February are Colleen Johnson, Therese Vivian & Rachael Unicomb.

FAMILY GROUPS

Blue Heelers are having a morning at Merewether Beach/Surfhouse next Saturday, 25 February from 8.30am. Breakfast/morning tea & fun on the beach. Contact Maryanne Murray 0427 100 232.

Red Rovers are going to the DAPA Theatre on Saturday, 25 February to see a comedy. RSVP to Ron Phelan by Thursday, 16th February P 49525648.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

International Women's Day will be celebrated with Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Sunday, 4 March at 9.30am. Presider: Bishop Bill. Followed by Morning Tea in the Toohey Room and Guest Speaker Susan MacLeod. Bring a friend. RSVP Patricia Bannister by 24 Feb P 4932 5601/0409 300 192.

World Meeting of Families: Milan May 30 – June 3. Join with families of the world as they meet with the Holy Father to explore 'Work and Celebration' - the challenges and blessings of modern family life. A Theological and Pastoral Congress, Festival Vigil and Papal Mass. A 10 day pilgrimage with optional 7 night Italy extension. Details: www.harvestpilgrims.com Inquiries: Ron & Mavis Pirola 02 9349 1710 | rmpirola@ozemail.com.au

Christian Meditation: Is your prayer life dry and dull? Maybe Christian Meditation / Centring Prayer is for you with leaders Revs Nerida and Malcolm Drake at a one-day workshop 10am - 2.30pm on Saturday 10th March at the Hunter Presbytery Office, 7 Myall Rd Garden Suburb. Booking and prepayment is essential by 5th March. Cost \$25 payable to Malcolm Drake 2/96 Wallsend St. Kahibah Phone 4920 9878 (H) or 0448 672 496 (M). BYO lunch.

Parish Musicians Network Meeting will be held on **Sunday 4 March** at the Parish Centre, 25 Farquhar Street, The Junction, from 1.00pm to 4.00pm. This meeting will discuss music licensing and copyright issues. To register or obtain further information **E:** network@evensounds.com.au.

7th Sunday Ordinary Time — Yr B

First Reading **Is 43:18-19. 21-22. 24-25**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

No need to recall the past,
no need to think about what was done before.
See, I am doing a new deed,
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,
paths in the wilds.

The people I have formed for myself
will sing my praises.

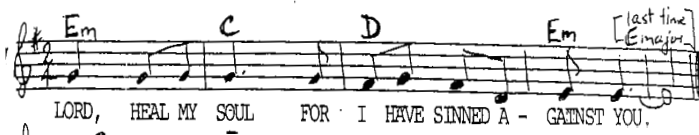
Jacob, you have not invoked me,
you have not troubled yourself, Israel, on my behalf.

Instead you have burdened me with your sins,
troubled me with your iniquities.

It is, it is, who must blot out everything
and not remember your sins.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 40:2-5. 13-14. R. v.5**



Lord, heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.

1. Happy the man who considers the poor and the weak.

The Lord will save him in the day of evil,
will guard him, give him life, make him happy in the land
and will not give him up to the will of his foes.

2. The Lord will help him on his bed of pain,
he will bring him back from sickness to health.
As for me, I said: 'Lord, have mercy on me,
heal my soul for I have sinned against you.'

3. If you uphold me I shall be unharmed
and set in your presence for evermore.
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel
from age to age. Amen.

Lord, heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.

Second Reading **2 Cor 1:18-22**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I swear by God's truth, there is no Yes and No about what we say to you. The Son of God, the Christ Jesus that we proclaimed among you – I mean Silvanus and Timothy and I – was never Yes and No: with him it was always Yes, and however many the promises God made, the Yes to them all is in him. That is why it is 'through him' that we answer Amen to the praise of God. Remember it is God himself

who assures us all, and you, of our standing in Christ, and has anointed us, marking us with his seal and giving us the pledge, the Spirit, that we carry in our hearts.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation **See Lk 4:18**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor
and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Mk 2:1-12**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

When Jesus returned to Capernaum, word went round that he was back; and so

many people collected that there was no room left, even in front of the door. He was preaching the word to them when some people came bringing him a paralytic carried by four men, but as the crowd made it impossible to get the man to him, they stripped the roof over the place where Jesus was; and when they had made an opening, they lowered the stretcher on which the paralytic lay. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralytic, 'My child, your sins are forgiven.' Now some scribes were sitting there, and they thought to themselves, 'How can this man talk like that? He is blaspheming. Who can forgive sins but God?' Jesus, inwardly aware that this was what they were thinking, said to them, 'Why do you have these thoughts in your hearts? Which of these is easier: to say to the paralytic, "Your sins are forgiven" or to say, "Get up, pick up your stretcher and walk"? But to prove to you that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins,' – he said to the paralytic – 'I order you: get up, pick up your stretcher, and go off home.' And the man got up, picked up his stretcher at once and walked out in front of everyone, so that they were all astounded and praised God saying, 'We have never seen anything like this



The Gospel of the Lord.

STEWARDSHIP: Time Talent and Treasure

A disciples response

Forgiveness, too, is a gift from God. Freed from the paralysis of sin, the man in today's Gospel was able to stand and give witness to the power of God. How do I let sin cripple me? Am I a good steward of the gift of God's forgiveness?

