

ALL SAINTS PARISH BLACKBUTT SOUTH

Faith Communities of Adamstown, Cardiff, Kotara

Listening to God's Word
Growing in Faith



Reaching out to All

WEBSITE:

www.allsaintsblackbuttsouth.org.au

The Introductory Rites:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

AMEN.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

All: And with your spirit.

At the Gospel:

The Lord be with you

ALL: And with your spirit

Our Father...

...who live and reign for ever and ever

ALL: Amen

The peace of the Lord be with you always

ALL: And with your spirit

The Eucharistic Prayer

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

ALL: It is right and just

ALL: Holy Holy Holy Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth

The Communion Rite...

Behold the Lamb of God,
Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

The Concluding Rites:

The Lord be with you

ALL: And with your spirit

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit

ALL: Amen

The Dismissal ...

ALL: Thanks be to God

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

RECONCILIATION:

Adamstown: Wednesday after 9.15am Mass

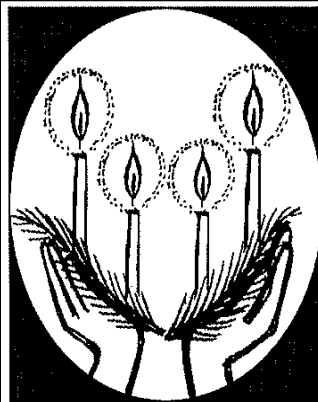
Cardiff: Thursday before 9.30am Mass

Kotara: 9.30am Saturday Morning

Parish Clergy: Fr Greg Arnold PP, Deacon Martin Johnson

Fr Gordon Quinn (Retired)

Associate: Terry Skippen (Administrative)



Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year B

18th December 2011

in a nutshell

King David wishes to build a house for the Lord, but God's way is different. In God's time, Mary is chosen to be the mother of Jesus, the Messiah who will be given the throne of his ancestor David. We, too, can be part of God's kingdom if we say with Mary, 'I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it be as you have said.'

Mary, our mother

As I write this I am making a retreat. The retreat is in a monastery located in a beautiful valley surrounded by rolling hills criss-crossed with vineyards.

Yesterday, near where I was walking, a car drove up and parked under one of the huge gum trees. A young boy jumped out, while the driver, a young mother, stayed in the car. She held her chin in her cupped hands, deep in thought. She also looked a little worried. Then she got out of the car and called her son who was racing in and out of the trees. They walked together to a grotto of Our Lady, near the entrance to the property.

The statue is quite high up, and the mother had some flowers which she laid at the feet of the Blessed Virgin. While her son continued to run around the grotto, she stayed at the feet of the Virgin, resting her head on her hands holding the Virgin's feet. Being a mother myself I could not help wondering what prayer she must have been offering the Mother of God. The whole scene reminded me of the various times my mother would gather me and walk to the church, and stay for what seemed forever, kneeling while I would race around the church wondering how my mother could have so much to say to God.

Eventually the young mother called her son and they walked back to the car. As they passed me the young boy said, 'We don't have a TV so we come here every night and pray.' The mother gave me a smile as though she knew I understood what was going on. I think I did. (Mary)

PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS
In the Church Grounds Kotara
THIS SUNDAY 18th DECEMBER
commencing at 6pm BYO Food and Chairs
Music by Richard Cootes and Company



PARISH DIARY

Monday 19th December
 Kotara St Vincent de Paul 9am in the hall
 Meditation Group meets 10am in Convent
 Adamstown St Vincent de Paul meeting 7.30pm
 Life Teen Leaders' Meeting 7.30pm Kotara

Wednesday 21st December
 St Kevin's Playgroup 9.30am Cottage
 Kotara Legion of Mary 9.30am
 Life Teen Social 6.30pm Kotara Hall

Thursday 22nd December
 Cardiff St Vincent de Paul meet 5.30pm Convent

PRAYER LIST

Please Pray For

SICK/SPECIAL NEEDS:
 Annette, Joshua Barclay, Maree, Patrick Hoare, Joy Couroussis,
 Fred O'Leary, Betty Dever, Marie Philp, Arch Jones, Lina
 Fitzsimon, Sister Therese Lawler rsm (Adamstown Community),
 Terry O'Connor, Leonie Picket, Alma Pitkin, Phyll Jones, Marie
 Laffy, Margaret O'Brien, Denise McDonald, Sally Bower, Julie-
 Anne Littlewood, Peter & Karen Curran, Baby William
 Schumacher, Leonie Feenan, Brian Ure, Megan O'Leary, Jean
 Hayes, Merv Tull, Gwen Howden, Rosalie Murphy, Mertyl
 Armstrong, Sr Luke Crich, Emma Stedman

ANNIVERSARIES: Paul Clake, James William Bridges, Mateusz
 Kanonczuk, Maureen Skippen, Mark Cooley, Mary Cooley, Pat Feenan,
 Bronislaw Palka, Catherine Palmer, Freda Oldham, Hannah Curry, Paul
 Day, James Day

BAPTISM at Adamstown: Tahlulah Williams

PARISH ROSTER

ADAMSTOWN	COMMENTATOR	READERS	GIFTS	SPECIAL MINISTERS	CHILD LITURGY	COUNTING	ALTAR SERVERS	MORNING TEA
18/12/2011 9.15am	Alice Aurisch	Belen Brown Phil Jeffery	Preciosa Winter Gloria Ramage	Marion Gardner John Fitzgerald	No Liturgy - School Holidays	Dot & Hayley Reynolds	Eloise, Genevieve Matilda, Emily, Siane, Taylah	
25/12/2011 9.15am Christmas Day	Sr Luke	Dot Reynolds Pat Gibson	O'Donoghue Family	Alice Aurisch J Malaspina Volunteers	No Liturgy - School Holidays	Elaine Hennessy Carmel Stuart	Matilda, Eloise, Genevieve, Siane	
CARDIFF	COMMENTATOR	READERS	GIFTS	SPECIAL MINISTERS		COUNTING	ROSARY STATUE	MORNING TEA
18/12/2011 9.15am	Anne Lamotte	Peter Jennings Mary-Anne Jennings	Lerch Family	Sr Judith, W Day, L Skippen, A Grenadier, T Bates		Marie Alford Michael Perkins	Kath Feenan	
24/12/2011 6.30pm Outdoor Vigil	Vaughan Mar- ten	Peter & Mary- Anne Jennings	Lori & Rhys Hitchcock & Baby Charlotte Rose	Sr Clare, D Wessel-Bryde, L Skippen, A & F Ferguson				
25/12/2011 9.15am Christmas Day	Sr Clare McCudden	Geoff Stevens Lynne Skippen	Margaret Harri- son	B Moore J Hipwell, Volunteer, Sr Jane		Andrew & Sharon Murphy	Anne Lamotte	
KOTARA	COMMENTATOR	READERS	GIFTS	SPECIAL	CHILD LITURGY	COUNTING	CHURCH CLEANING	ROSARY
18/12/2011 5.30pm	Phil Oke	Victoria Parr Madeline Parr	Anson-Smith Family	A Hopkins L Robertson P Bowen J Oliver A Erzetich	18/12/2011 No Liturgy - School Holidays	Algie Bajelis Patrick Farrell Carmel Wright Marie Howard	Gai Ryan	A Matano M Murphy N Janicki G Milne D Little E Puccetti K Stanbridge
8.00am	Barry Bourke	Paul Smith Craig Abbs	Gai Ryan	A Lloyd, R Nehl A Cuskelly I Adoranti V Pettett	25/12/2011 No Liturgy - School Holidays	O'Neill Family	Margaret Bourke Val Menzies	As Above
25/12/2011 5.30pm Christmas Vigil	Rita Martin	Clare Langworthy Craig Abbs	TBA	S Kinsella L Robertson J Oliver, S & R Farrell P Bowen, K Spence, H O'Neill	1/1/2012 No Liturgy - School Holidays	B Hopson L Bourke R & W Nehl J McLoughlin G Bridges	Ann & Geoff Mason	G Hughes J Walking J McDermott T Tully M Young C Johnson
8.00am Christmas Day	Gai Ryan	Sr Margaret Sinclair Derek Moylan	Edna & Greg Petfield	M & J Bourke R Nehl I Adoranti Volunteers	8/1/2012 No Liturgy - School Holidays	L & G Jennings A & J Bailey A Hopkins M Hopkins	Marge & Tom Britt M & K Joseph	



St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal The Giving Tree is a tradition in our parish each year and we ask for your support. Please return donations of **food only** this weekend **17/18 December**. Your generosity will be appreciated.



SRI LANKAN MISSION OUTREACH Thanks to your support at Functions, Donations and the Christmas Masses Collection this year. We have sent over \$10,000 to the Haputale School for Girls from the Tea Plantations, the Bishop's Homeless Men's Shelter and Medical Supplies for the Lepers. We look forward to your continuing generous response in the coming

COMBINED NOTICES

Office Messages: The Cardiff Office will be closed from 20 December to 14 January as Anna will be on annual leave. Please have all bulletin requests, anniversaries etc in by **2pm on Wednesdays**. There will be **no bulletin** for the weekend of 24/25 December. We will be moving to the **'Summer Edition'** (smaller) bulletin during January.

Parish Vacancies/Appointments: Chisolm Region (Moderator Fr Matthew Muller is off to study Canon Law). Singleton (PP Fr Bill Goldman moving to Melbourne), Forster Tuncurry (PP Fr Kevin Corrigan to do Mission Work in Cambodia). New Parish of Dungog/Gresford is being created. Fr Stefan Sapun has been appointed Administrator of Beresfield Parish. Fr Greg's appointment to this Parish continues until his retirement in two and a half years

Christmas Offering Envelopes are now available at the back of our churches for all our direct givers. **Counters:** these should be tallied separately under Christmas Dues (1st Collection). Thank you.

Life Teen Life Night: This Wednesday, 21 December at Kotara church hall. Christmas Social & Games Night! Food 6.30pm. BRING A PLATE TO SHARE. Games begin 7pm. All teens 14-18 are welcome, regardless of location. Contact Marc on 0421 125893.

New Mass Ministry Rosters are to be drawn up for the Adamstown & Kotara communities for the period 1 January to 25 March 2012. If you would like to become involved, make a change or advise us of your absence for a period, please contact Louise no later than Monday 19 December. Thank you.

ADAMSTOWN NOTICES

Columban Calendars \$8.

Adamstown Christmas Day Mass you are invited to bring a decoration or greenery to decorate our Nativity Scene. Tags available to list names of those to be remembered at this Mass.

Adamstown Playgroup is now in recess & will resume on a weekly basis from Monday, 6th February at 9am in the hall.

Counters please ensure the correct deposit books are used for our Presbytery (1st Collection) & Church (2nd Collection) accounts. There have been two occasions in recent weeks where the collections have been deposited into the wrong accounts. Thank you.

"The Treasure Hunt at Christmas" (play presented last Sunday) Audience, cast and all involved had a great time. Anyone who is interested or knows someone who would like to take part in future presentations they are most welcome to join (5 years of age or older). Could you contact Christine Williams.

Adamstown CWL Ladies are very happy because the chairs are stacked away from the cupboards and the Hall is clean and tidy!!!

CARDIFF NOTICES

Christmas Bush needed for Cardiff Church please leave in buckets on Friday Morning 23rd before 10am.

Parish Rosters commencing mid January 2012 are available from back of Church, early distribution as Anna will be on holidays in January.

Our Christmas Baby at the Outdoor Vigil Mass is Charlotte Rose Hitchcock daughter of Rhys & Lori Hitchcock.

ST COLUMBA'S

Lockyer Street ADAMSTOWN Contact Kotara Office

ST KEVIN'S

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Phone: 4954 0977 Fax: 4956 7168 E: carparish@mn.catholic.org.au

Secretary: Anna Bojkowski. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9am—3 pm

ST PHILIP'S

31 Vista Parade KOTARA 2289

Phone: 4957 5949 Fax: 4952 8562 E: kotparish@mn.catholic.org.au

Secretary: Louise Byron. Monday, Tuesday 9am-3pm,

Wednesday 10am-3pm

KOTARA NOTICES

St Vincent de Paul Hamper Preparation will take place this Monday, 19 December from 9am in the hall. St Vincent de Paul meetings will resume on 16 January.

No Liturgy Group meeting this month. Meetings resume 17 January.

Wanted: Christmas Bush, Agapanthus & White Daisies to decorate the church for Christmas. Please leave flowers in the buckets at the front door of the church by 9am on Christmas Eve. Thank you.

Volunteers are needed to help prepare the church for the Christmas Masses. Please gather in the church at 8am on Christmas Eve, Saturday, 24 December.

At the Vinnies' Table: 2012 Columban Calendars \$7; Christmas Cards with the real Christmas message - \$5 for a pack of 10 (new designs) and a small number at half-price, \$1.00 (pack of 5); Catholic Weekly \$2.00.

FAMILY GROUP NOTICES

Planning Days for 2012: Red Rovers - Sunday, 22 January; **Greensleeves** - Thursday, 26 January.

Dear Family Group Members Bernie and I have a week booked at "Tuncurry Lakes Resort", but now are unable to use it because we have to be in Sydney to be near Bernie's elderly mum who recently had a major fall. We would like to offer it to our family group members at a reduced rate, please contact Bob Hayes on P 0407413094 or 49424848 after 6 pm, ASAP

DIOCESAN NOTICES

All welcome to attend Christmas celebrations carols old and new, presented by Newcastle Tudor Singers on **Saturday 17 December**, from 7.45 pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West. Tickets Adults - \$10 or \$7 concession.

"A Christmas Carol Celebration" presented by the award winning University of Newcastle Chamber Choir. Tuesday 20 December 7pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral Hamilton. Tickets Adult \$25 Conc. \$18 Family \$55.

Summer School of Evangelisation

A week-long retreat for young people aged between 16 to 35

Date: 15/1/2012 - 22/1/2012

Time: Whole day

Venue: Tocal College, Tocal Road, Paterson.

Contact: Bruce 0412 885 958 or Berny 0412 449 556, Email dojsse@dojsydneynorth.org.

Christmas Masses

CHRISTMAS EVE Saturday 24th December

Kotara Vigil : 5.30pm

Cardiff Vigil : 6.30pm (BYO Chairs)

CHRISTMAS DAY Sunday 25th December

Kotara : 8am

Adamstown & Cardiff : 9.15am

BOXING DAY Monday 26th December

Cardiff : 8am Polish Mass

Kotara : 7am Liturgy of Word with Communion



4th Sunday of Advent—Yr B

First Reading 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

A reading from the second book of Samuel

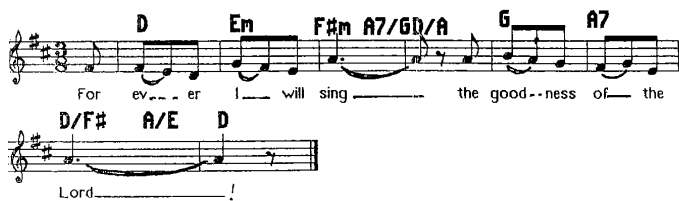
Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent'. Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 88:2-5, 27, 29. R. see v.2



For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.
2. 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your dynasty for ever and set up your throne through all ages.'
3. He will say to me: 'You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me.' I will keep my love for him always; for him my covenant shall endure.

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading Rom 16:25-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 1:26-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.'

She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.



The Gospel of the Lord.

STEWARDSHIP: Time Talent and Treasure

A disciples response

In the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary's "Yes"-

"I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let what you have said be done to me"- that the promise finds fulfillment.

