

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

HEB 1:1-2

Alleluia, alleluia!  
In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son.  
Alleluia!



## GOSPEL Lk 2:16-21

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

## The Gospel of the Lord

## COMBINED NOTICES

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
Fr Greg & the parish staff wish everyone many blessings throughout 2012 and safe travelling. Fr Greg wishes to warmly thank parishioners for their many cards, gifts and best wishes. It is much appreciated. We also take this opportunity to thank the many parish volunteers who contributed to preparing our churches, liturgies & grounds for our Christmas celebrations.

**Office Messages:** The Kotara Office will be closed this Monday, 2nd January. The Cardiff Office will be closed until 17 January as Anna will be on annual leave. Please have all bulletin requests, anniversaries etc into Kotara by 2pm on Wednesdays. We will be using this 'Summer Edition' (smaller) bulletin during January.

**New Mass Ministry Rosters** are now available at the back of the churches for the Adamstown & Kotara communities. Please take a copy today.

**Summer School of Evangelisation:** A week-long retreat for young people aged between 16 to 35 during 15/1/2012 - 22/1/2012 at Tocal College, Tocal Road, Paterson. Contact: Bruce 0412 885 958 or Berny 0412 449 556, Email dojsse@dojsydneyorth.org.

### PARISH DIARY

#### Monday 2nd January

Meditation Group meets 10am in Convent

#### Wednesday 4th January

Kotara Legion of Mary 9.30am in the hall

#### Thursday 5th January

Cardiff St Vincent de Paul meet 5.30pm Convent

#### Saturday 7th January

First Saturday Mass 9am at Kotara



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

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### Mary Mother of God (1st Octave Christmas) 1st January 2012—Summer Edition

#### FIRST READING NM 6:22-27

*A reading from the book of Numbers*

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

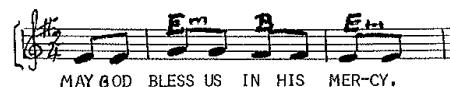
May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace."

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

#### The word of the Lord.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 66:2-3. 5. 6. 8. R. v.2



#### May God bless us in his mercy.

1. God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us.

So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help.

2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples. you guide the nations on earth.

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him.

#### May God bless us in his mercy.

#### SECOND READING GAL 4:4-7

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians*

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

#### The word of the Lord.

Christmas Collection Sri Lanka Appeal: raised \$5480 down somewhat on last year. We warmly thank you for your contribution to this wonderful ministry to a people in great need.

#### ADAMSTOWN NOTICES

**Weekday Masses :** There has been a general drop off in lay parishioners attending these Masses. Please consider supporting these celebrations of faith while we are still able to have Mass. Every Tuesday 5pm and Wednesday 9.15am

#### CARDIFF NOTICES

**New Nativity Stained Glass Window** has been installed at Cardiff. A Christmas Present to the Cardiff Community from Margaret Harrison. The window will be blessed on this Sunday celebrating the Feast of Mary the Mother of God. We thank Margaret for her generous gift that can be enjoyed by us all.

#### KOTARA NOTICES

**Sacristans for our weekend Masses.** We need more people to become involved in using time and talent to serve the community. If you are able to become involved, please Louise know.

**First Saturday Mass** this Saturday, 7 January at 9am. Rosary at 8.40am.

**Legion of Mary** resumes this Wednesday, 4 January at 9.30am in the hall.

#### FAMILY GROUPS

**Planning Days for 2012:** **Red Rovers** - Sunday, 22 January; **Greensleeves** - Thursday, 26 January 9am Breakfast at Cuskellys BYO food & drinks; **Rainbow** - Thursday, 26 January; **Golden Goodies** - Tuesday, 31 January 10am in the Hall.

**ALL MEN / ALL GIRLS :** When my daughter, Kelli, said her bedtime prayers, she would bless every family member, every friend, and every animal (current and past). For several weeks, after we had finished the nightly prayer, Kelli would say, "And all girls." This soon became part of her nightly routine, to include this closing. My curiosity got the best of me and I asked her, "Kelli, why do you always add the part about all girls?" Her response, "Because everybody always finish their prayers by saying 'All Men!'"

ADAMSTOWN	COMMENTATOR	READERS	GIFTS	SPECIAL MINISTERS	CHILD LITURGY	COUNTING	ALTAR SERVERS	MORNING TEA
<u>1/1/2012</u> 9.15am	Margaret James	Alice Aurisch Stan Heaney	Starkey Family	Phil Jeffery John Crosbie	No Liturgy - School Holidays	Lyn Johns John O'Leary	Aidan Volunteers	
<u>8/1/2012</u> 9.15am	John Crosbie	John & Joan Fitzgerald	Tona Morris Liza Novak	Stan Heaney Margaret Moulston	No Liturgy - School Holidays	John & Joan Fitzgerald	Volunteers	
CARDIFF	COMMENTATOR	READERS	GIFTS	SPECIAL MINISTERS		COUNTING	ROSARY STATUE	MORNING TEA
<u>1/1/2012</u> 9.15am	Peter Jennings	Wendy Day Trevor Bates	Dot Swadling Sue Linabury	B Moore, C Waugh, M McLellan, A & F Ferguson		Trevor & Robyn Bates	John & Julie Lerch	
<u>8/1/2012</u> 9.15am	John Berthold	Basia Wedeswiler Sr Judith	Harrison Family	D Fennell-Frazer L & L Caldwell H & T Woodham		Leonie Sullivan Colin Oaten	Veronica & Jim Hipwell	
KOTARA	COMMENTATOR	READERS	GIFTS	SPECIAL MINISTERS	CHILD LITURGY	COUNTING	CHURCH CLEANING	ROSARY STATUE
<u>1/1/2012</u> 5.30pm	Kevin Mullins	Phil Oke Ann Hopkins	Neil Redshaw	R & S Farrell S Kinsella H O'Neill T McCloy	<u>1/1/2012</u> 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 M George
8.00am	Vickie Pettett	Gary Robinson Greg Petfield	Narelle & Paul Smith	A Cuskelly I Adoranti D Mollison A Bajelis Volunteer	<u>8/1/2012</u> No Liturgy - School Holidays	A & J Bailey L & G Jennings A Hopkins M Hopkins	Marge & Tom Britt  M & K Joseph	S Gavriil G Mason M Mulligan A Palozzi M O'Hara E Whalan G Hayes
<u>8/1/2012</u> 5.30pm	TBA	Tony & Justine Worner	Oke Family	K Spence F & L Robertson R Phelan A Hopkins	<u>15/1/2012</u> No Liturgy - School Holidays	L & C Abbs A Keating G Hayes	Colleen Johnson	B Doyle W Dever R Ilicic J Murray D Mollison M Collins D De Iuliiis
8.00am	Greg Petfield	Richard Lloyd Barry Bourke	Watson Family	R Nehl, V Pettett N Smith M & J Bourke	<u>22/1/2012</u> No Liturgy - School Holidays	P Cootes J Bourke N Redshaw V Menzies	Jim Gallacher  Kath Murray	TBA

**SICK/SPECIAL NEEDS:** Geoff Hughes, Joshua Fish, 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  
**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Tony Pietrangelo, David Fordham, Shelly Maree Ryan, Tim Austin, Jean Haynes (Funeral Mass Tuesday 11am Kotara)  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Michael Hayes, Sr Jude, Sr Helen, Gerry Sullivan, Donata Bajelis, Cecil Battersby, Anne Maree Martin, Joan Dundas, Bob Foat, Arthur Temple, Nicholas Young.  
**BAPTISED at Cardiff:** Charlotte Rose Hitchcock