



## Parish of St Mary Magdalen, Jordanville

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*The Parish of St. Mary Magdalen is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.*

13/14 March 2021

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

**First Reading:**

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

*The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.*

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**LET MY TONGUE BE SILENCED, IF EVER I FORGET YOU!**

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 2:4-10

*When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel:**

John 3:14-21

*God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.*

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Each reading provides us with an example of divine mercy. God's use of Cyrus to deliver the Israelites, even though he was not a believer, shows that every circumstance and any person can demonstrate the scope of God's love. In fact, it is often the situation or the individual that we least expect that has been chosen to manifest God's mercy to us. This same mercy is seen as God brings us to life with Christ even when we were dead in sin.

Mercy means that strict justice is set aside in favour of compassion. Dispossessed people are raised out of defeat and given another chance. Sinners condemned to severe punishment are raised out of despair and offered a reprieve. The whole world is raised up out of darkness when God's own Son is sent into that world as saviour rather than as judge. God's mercy raises us out of loss and hopelessness, out of darkness and sin, so that we might enjoy the blessings of life.

We too have been raised up so that we might live in truth and might become the visible sign of God's mercy in the world. We have been made a new people, free from the restraints of the past. Joined with Christ we become God's handiwork, creations that bear the seal of the great creator. We are the very sacrament of God's mercy. The forgiveness that we have experienced and the new life within us shine forth as witness to the mercy of God.

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### MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

<b>Tuesday:</b>	Mass 10:00am	Rosary 10:30am
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Morning Prayer and Communion Service 10:00am	Rosary 10:30am
<b>Thursday:</b>	Mass 12:00noon	Rosary 12:30am
<b>Friday:</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11:00am Mass 12:00noon Stations of the Cross 7:00pm	
<b>Saturday:</b>	Mass 10:00am Vigil Mass 6:00pm	Rosary 10:30am
<b>Sunday:</b>	Mass 9:30am	

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**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:** After Mass when a priest is available

**BAPTISM:** During Sunday Mass or at 11:00am. Email the Parish office to book.

## NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER

March 20 & 21, 2021	6.00pm Vigil	9.30a.m.
Commentator	Carlos Sinay	Jose Morel
Reader - 5th Sunday in Lent	Carol Taylor	Loretta Chester
Special Ministers	Rukmin Silva	Maria Prout
Meet & Greet	Brian Foley, Yvonne Huggett	John & Christine Francis
Data Projector Operator	Carlo Sinay	Romelia Fernando
Counting – Sun, 10am	Anne & Kevin Bremner, Brian Foley	
Church Cleaning	Maree Van Reyk, Nilusha Perera, Flora Chishaka	

Any notices that need to be included in the weekly newsletter, email the parish [jordanville@cam.org.au](mailto:jordanville@cam.org.au) by Thursday.

### **MASSES STREAMED FROM ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, MELBOURNE**

**Daily Mass:** The 1.00pm Mass is streamed live daily (*Mon - Fri*) from St Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne and is then available as a recording on demand until one hour prior to the next 1.00pm Mass.

**On Sundays,** the 11.00am Mass is streamed and it is also available as a recording on demand.

“For Parishioners who use Stewardship/Thanksgiving Envelopes – your sets of envelopes are now ready for collection in the Church Foyer. They are in alphabetical order by SURNAME. Thank you.”

### **Lenten Gospel Reflection**

As we are now in the Season of Lent, all are invited to a Weekly Lenten Gospel Reflection, with Deacon Malcolm Lock, every Thursday at 7:00 pm via Zoom. The topics are as follows:-

18<sup>th</sup> Mar 2021

Jesus Foretells of His Death & Resurrection (*Jn 12:20-33*)

25<sup>th</sup> Mar 2021

The Passion (*Mk 14:1 – 15:47*)

For more information and registration, please contact Jerene at 9401 6345 or email [ashburton@cam.org.au](mailto:ashburton@cam.org.au).

**Parish Life and Mission Vlog** – join Fr Laurence on this new format of catechesis and evangelisation sharing to all different aspects of parish life and mission. This vlog aims to share, develop more understanding and appreciation of the catholic faith, and encourage more to be active in parish life and mission. It will explore different aspects of Catholic life, faith, teachings and traditions. Visit Parish Life & Mission YouTube channel. Here is the link to the vlog [Parish Life & Mission Vlog - YouTube](#)



### **Lenten Retreats 2021**

Week Lent Easter Retreat with Fr Peter Varengo 21 - 26 February  
Saturday 13 March: Family Retreat Day  
Saturday 20 March: Youth and Young Adult Reflection Day  
Friday 26 March: Seniors Retreat Day

Further information: [donboscoretreats.org.au](http://donboscoretreats.org.au). Online registrations essential as Covid number limits apply

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed “Be More”. Through your generosity and by aspiring to be more, you are assisting some of the world’s most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or ph 800 024 413.

