



## 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.*

20/21 March 2021

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

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 31:31-34

*The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.*

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**CREATE A CLEAN HEART IN ME, O GOD.**

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 5:7-9

*He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;  
and where I am, my servant will also be.**

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**Gospel:** John 12:20-33

*If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.*

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

The moment of eschatological fulfilment gathers together the sense of the past ('the days when Christ was in the flesh'), the future ('the days are coming'), and the present ('the hour has come'). We live in the time when the past and the future are made present; we live in the 'already-but-not-yet' time of anticipation/fulfilment. This is a moment of great ambiguity, of fear and trepidation but of electric excitement. It is a moment of decision. We hover at the edge of dawn, weighing whether or not to step forward into the new day or to return to the darkness of night.

This 'hour' brings a new covenant, a deep interior relationship with God that is not based on law but which overflows from a commitment of the heart. It brings an abundant harvest that springs from a simple grain of wheat. It brings a promise from God's own Son that those who serve him will be honoured by God, and those who obey him will enjoy eternal life.

Although the 'hour' brings all of these blessings, it only does so with a price. The new covenant could only be written on new hearts; the abundant harvest sprang from the dying grain of wheat; eternal salvation was won at the price of Christ's blood. As challenging as the message of these readings may be, the last note is one of hope. It can overcome the demons that control us, because it is the power of the almighty God.

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### MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Tuesday:	Mass 10:00am	Rosary 10:30am
Wednesday:	Morning Prayer and Communion Service 10:00am	Rosary 10:30am
Thursday:	Mass 12:00noon	Rosary 12:30am
Friday:	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11:00am Mass 12:00noon Stations of the Cross 7:00pm	
Saturday:	Mass 10:00am Vigil Mass 6:00pm	Rosary 10:30am
Sunday:	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 27 & 28, 2021	6.00pm Vigil	9.30a.m.
Commentator	Alannah Phillips	Joan Fernando
Reader Palm Sunday	Catherine Foley	John Francis
Special Ministers	Shirani DeSilva	Jose Morel
Meet & Greet	Stephen Goss Deborah D'Souza	John & Christine Francis
Data Projector Operator	Rosa & Thomas Phillips	Edwin Gomez
Counting – Sun, 10am	Romelia Fernando, John & Christene Francis	
Church Cleaning	Christine Barcham - Rukmin Silva - Phillip Davis	

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:-

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).

### FRIDAY LUNCH SET

Our next lunch will be held on Friday 26 March at 12.30pm  
Leighoak Hotel, Dandenong Rd, Oakleigh. All welcome.

**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.

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## **MASS TIMES – HOLY WEEK**

Holy Thursday	7.00pm
Good Friday – Stations of the cross	9.30am
Good Friday – Service	3.00pm
Easter Vigil	7.30pm
Easter Sunday	9.30am

The Ecumenical Stations of the Cross (organised by Mt. Waverley/Chadstone Inter Church Council) will be held this year OUTDOORS at 11-15am on 1<sup>st</sup> April (Good Friday). The walk will commence at St. Johns - Virginia St., Carpark and follow the same route as previously via Sherwood Rd/Park, Stephenson’s Rd. finishing in the Carpark opposite Woolworths. NO refreshments and cancellation if it rains-----Do come.

COUNTERS: Normal counting of the Church takings will recommence from the weekend of 27/28 March 2021. Please use your current Roster as it covers the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 to 30th June 2021. Any queries please contact Mary Boyle 9807 0828 or ring the Parish Office.