



## 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.*

6/7 March 2021

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

**First Reading:** Exodus 20:1-17  
*The law was given through Moses.*

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
**LORD, YOU HAVE THE WORDS  
OF EVERLASTING LIFE.**

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:22-25  
*We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.  
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**Gospel:** John 2:13-25  
*Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.*

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Israel believed that the temple was built over the navel of the universe, the axis mundi, that spot where the world above and the world below met the world of history, thus enabling the three worlds to communicate. When Jesus called himself the new temple, he was claiming to be the centre of the universe, the spot where three-way cosmic communication occurs, the presence of God in the midst of the community. When we accept him in faith, we are accepting these claims. We may profess this belief, but do our lives reflect it?

Although some consider the law a rigid set of precepts, it is really more a collection of directives that have grown out of the experience of life. To say that Jesus is the wisdom of God means that God's wisdom is made known in him and that he is the way that points to God. While laws often embody distinctive cultural values or customs, as wisdom of God, Jesus crosses cultural boundaries and breaks down cultural distinctions. As the wisdom of God, Jesus fulfils the expectations of any and all codes of law.

Both the law and the temple witness to the power of God in the lives of believers. However, both institutions pale in the light of Jesus who is identified as the power of God. This divine power is not revealed in lofty precepts or in magnificent stones, but rather in the broken and pierced body of Jesus Christ. How willing are we to accept him?

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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 12:30pm
<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 13 & 14, 2021	6.00pm Vigil	9.30a.m.
Commentator	Carol Taylor	Loretta Chester
Reader - 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent	Carlos Sinay	Jose Morel
Special Ministers	Kate Davis	Jose Morel
Meet & Greet	Toni Simonsz - Deborah D'Souza	Tom Neary - Boyana Pearson
Data Projector Operator	Carlo Sinay	Romelia Fernando
Counting – Sun, 10am	David Forrest - Jos & Louise Kulkens	
Church Cleaning	Christobel & Gordon Cramer - Lester Rosario	

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:-

11<sup>th</sup> Mar 2021

Jesus converses with Nicodemus (*Jn 3:14-21*)

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.

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We require **palm branches for Palm Sunday** weekend 27/28 March 2021, which is only 3 weeks away. If you could provide us palm branches on Friday 26th or Saturday 27th morning, please contact Romelia on 0413 232 960 or contact the Parish office at 98071466.