



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.

19/20 March 2022

3rd Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7
Give us water to drink.

Responsorial Psalm:

IF TODAY YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,
HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
Give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: John 4:5-42
The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life..

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

All people thirst for meaning, but of what does that meaning consist? The people in the desert thirsted for water, but they misunderstood their thirst. The woman of Samaria thirsted. Her conversation with Jesus showed that she thirsted for understanding and insight as well as water. For what do we thirst in this world of such great excess and unmeasured need? Life has not become simpler with all of our advances. We still thirst for more – for the newest, the fastest and the best. How much is enough, and when do we cross the line into ‘too much’?

The gospel readings for the scrutiny Sundays very clearly lay out the choices that are placed before the catechumens and the rest of the believing community as well. This Sunday it is between water that quenches thirst and water that does not. Jesus identifies himself as the source of water that guarantees eternal life. He places before the Samaritan woman a choice that requires a step of profound faith. She knows the thirst-quenching quality of the water from Jacob’s well, but she is not acquainted with the water promised by this stranger who is also an enemy of her people. The choice is not an obvious one. A similar choice is placed before us. We know the demands of our culture and the circumstances of our lives. Are we able to acknowledge the sins of which we are guilty, recognise the grace that is being offered to us, and make the right choice?

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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	
Saturday:	Mass 10:00am	Rosary 10:30am
	Vigil Mass 6:00pm	
Sunday:	Mass 9:30am	

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 26 & 27, 2022	6.00pm Vigil	9.30a.m.
Commentator	Michael Bampton	Louise Kulkens
Readers 4rd Sunday of Lent - Year C	Helen Selwood	Serena Yau
Special Ministers	Kate Davis	Gordon Cramer
Meet & Greet	Toni Simonsz Deborah D'souza	John Francis Christene Francis
Data Proj & CD Opnr	Rosa, & Thomas Phillips	Romelia Fernando
Counting – Sun, 10am	Anne & Kevin Bremner, Brian Foley	
Church Cleaning	Marie Van Reyk, Nilusha Perera, Cathy Tran	

Any notices that need to be included in the weekly newsletter, email the parish 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 via Channel 44.

Job Vacancies - Could you share the stories of suffering Christians? Are you looking for flexible part time work? Aid to the Church in Need is recruiting for a number of Diocesan Outreach Assistants who will deliver monthly presentations in parishes across the Archdiocese. For all details visit, www.aidtochurch.org/work.

Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine

God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you. Protect them in this time of peril; let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom. You are Father of all; we are brothers and sisters. Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

If you have a table tennis table that you wish to donate, the children of St Mary Magdalen's school would greatly appreciate its use particularly as the weather starts to get colder. Please contact Rosa on 0417 573 675. Thank you.

Please donate to **Project Compassion 2022** and help people living with disabilities in India gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to build a better future for all.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxed and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413

INVITATION: Farewell for Colleen Mondon

After a long teaching career and almost 30 years of service at St Mary Magdalen's, we are saying farewell to Colleen Mondon on Thursday 7 April. Mass will be at 12.00 in the church. Parents, friends and parishioners are welcome to attend. Mass will be followed by refreshments. The students will have a special afternoon treat. If you would like to come and share in a celebration, please let us know. We would be grateful for parent help with the serving of refreshments for visitors. Contact Jenny on 98070315 or jjoyce@smmchadstone.catholic.edu.au

Flood Appeal – Society of St Vincent De Paul

The floods in Queensland and New South Wales are having a devastating effect on the people living in these regions of Australia. For those wishing to support the long-term recovery work to be undertaken by St Vincent de Paul Society in Queensland and New South Wales, financial donations can be made either directly to either state through: www.vinnies.org.au – Flood appeal – St Vincent de Paul Society – Good Works (vinnies.org.au) or by calling, Queensland – (07) 3010 1000 or New South Wales – (02) 9568 0262.

Caritas Australia – Ukraine Emergency Appeal

The people of Ukraine are living through a crisis that will impact the country for years to come. Caritas Australia has launched an appeal to support Caritas Ukraine and other partners in the region. The appeal will support the provision of clean water, hygiene and food kits to vulnerable families, as well as safe collection centres for families on the move, emergency accommodation and support for distressed children and families through <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/ukraine/> or contact 1800 024 413.