



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.

26/27 March 2022

4th Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the Passover.

Responsorial Psalm:

TASTE AND SEE THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

In the midst of Lent we are given a moment for rejoicing, Laetare Sunday. All of the readings provide us with reasons for rejoicing. The overarching theme is the prodigal goodness of God. The responsorial psalm sets the context for the reflections. The other readings show how needy people were showered with divine favour. Even in the midst of this rejoicing, we find a challenge. We must undergo a change of heart if we are to rejoice in God.

The goodness of God is strikingly portrayed in the radically new image of father. This is a God who allows us to follow our own dreams, who is partial to no one, who faithfully and patiently waits for us to return, who gently corrects our misperceptions. God longs to be reconciled with us even more than we long to be reconciled with God.

The challenges placed before us set out some of the conditions required if we are to be a new creation. We are called to a profound and total reconciliation, first with God and then with each other. Christ was identified with sin so that we might be identified with God's righteousness. Reconciliation requires that we be open to giving and receiving forgiveness. It requires that we both remember and forget. We must always remember the causes of alienation, so that we not succumb to them again. However, we must forget the resentment that we felt so that we not allow it to influence our lives.

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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 Vigil Mass 6:00pm	Rosary 10:30am
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

April 2 & 3, 2022	6.00pm Vigil	9.30a.m.
Commentator	Helen Selwood	Serena Yau
Readers 5th Sunday of Lent - Year C	Michael Bampton	Louise Kulkens
Special Ministers	Rukmin Silva	Christobel Cramer
Meet & Greet	Toni Simonsz Deborah D'souza	John Francis Christene Francis
Data Proj & CD Opnr	Rosa, & Thomas Phillips	Romelia Fernando
Counting – Sun, 10am	Peter Hayes, Patrick Van Reyk & Romelia Fernando	
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.

Announcement: We would like to invite the parishioners of St Mary Magdalen's to help us celebrate Brian Foley's life by joining us at his Funeral Mass on Wednesday, March 30. Rosary at 12pm, followed by mass at 12.30pm. Thank you, Roberta and Family.

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.