



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.

7/8 May 2022

4th Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52

We are now turning to the gentiles.

Responsorial Psalm:

WE ARE HIS PEOPLE, THE SHEEP OF HIS FLOCK.

Second Reading: Revelations 7:9, 14-17

The lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 10:27-30

I give my sheep eternal life.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

This Sunday is traditionally referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday. However, the readings for today focus more on the flock than on the shepherd. The overarching theme appears to be unity in diversity. Placing this theme within the context of the Easter season, we might refocus it slightly and suggest that today we celebrate the presence of the Risen Lord in communities of difference.

Unity in diversity is first found in the divine union of the Trinity. All other models of unity flow from it. Both the first and the second readings depict communities made up of people from every nation, race, people and tongue, Jews and Gentile alike. This is precisely the makeup of most communities today. Parishes and religious groups that were born with a particular cultural identity have changed in complexion and composition. Despite the obvious differences, all are children of the one God, all are joined in their common confession of faith.

Not everyone is happy with diversity. Some within the early community resented the success of Paul and Barnabas and they tried to turn the people against them. This sounds strangely familiar to us. Religious groups born out of struggle and hard work, that were lovingly nurtured and that grew strong, often resist what they perceived to be the invasion of foreigners. If these people could only take as their model the company of the blessed revealed in John's vision, they would see that those who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb come from every nation and race and people and tongue.

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WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday:	Mass 10:00am	Rosary 10.30am
Wednesday:	Morning Prayer and Service 10:00am	Rosary 10:30am
Thursday:	Mass 12:00 noon	Rosary 12.30am
Friday:	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass 12:00 noon	11.00 am
Saturday:	Mass 10:00am	Rosary 10.30am

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday:	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

May 14 & 15, 2022	6.00pm Vigil	9.30a.m.
Commentator	Kate Davis	Joan Fernando
Readers	Rukmin Silva	John Francis
5th Sunday of Easter		
Special Ministers	Kate Davis	Gordon Cramer
Meet & Greet	Toni Simonsz Deborah D'Souza	David Strancar Bojana Pearson
Data Projector Operator	Rosa, & Thomas Phillips	Romelia Fernando
Counting – Sun, 10am	Romelia Fernando, John and Christene Francis	
Church Cleaning	Maree 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.

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.

Corpus Christi College and Catholic Theological College Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal

Your (tax deductible) donation will support the living arrangements and education for the Corpus Christi College seminarians.
Donate via: <https://ctc.edu.au/community/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/>

MASS TO COMMEMORATE THOSE WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC Sunday 22 May, Ilam St Patrick's Cathedral

In recognition of the significant impact of COVID in our families and communities, Archbishop Comensoli will celebrate a memorial Mass for all those who have died during the COVID pandemic and could not be mourned properly due to pandemic restrictions. Parishes and individuals are invited to submit the name(s) of those you would like remembered during this Mass by visiting the Holy Souls Chapel at St Patrick's Cathedral or submitting the names online. The names will be placed in a basket at the base of the altar, to be prayed for during all Masses over the weekend of 21-22 May.

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.

A Vocation View

On the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, pray for yourself. Pray to know if God is calling YOU to be a Priest, Sister or Brother. Pray!

A Prayer Request

You might know of a young person in the parish, in your family or an acquaintance whom you think would make a good priest or religious. Why not pray for them by name on a regular basis? Carry them with you 'spiritually' to Mass on Sunday and place them on the altar at the offertory. Sometimes the Lord uses us as his instruments to encourage vocations.

Pledge to Pray

The Vocations Office in Melbourne has partnered with some others in a project, 'Pledge to Pray' - an on-line platform for individuals to pledge prayers for vocations. It is based upon the idea of the 'Invisible Monastery'. I invite you to 'pledge a prayer' for vocations at www.pledgetoprayer.com.au this is a site dedicated to encouraging prayer for vocations in Australia.