



## 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.*

10/11 December 2022

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

**First Reading:** Isaiah 35:1-6, 10  
*God himself will come and save us.*

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**LORD, COME AND SAVE US.**

**Second Reading:** James 5:7-10  
*You also must be patient; do not lose heart, the Lord's coming will be soon.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;**  
**he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.**  
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Matthew 11:2-11  
*Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for someone else?*

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Half way through Advent we pause for a moment to celebrate Gaudete Sunday, a Sunday for rejoicing. Isaiah paints a picture of regeneration. The desert that once seemed to be dead is now bursting with life; eyes that lacked sight, ears incapable of capturing and holding sound, limbs without strength, and tongues devoid of speech are all given new life. There will be no death in that age of fulfilment, no limitations, no mourning. As we move deeper and deeper into the reality of God's presence in our midst, we will discover the meaning of true fulfilment.

John the Baptist is a standard for judging the privilege of entering here and now, the kingdom of heaven. He was the herald of the coming of Jesus, the one who prepared for him, but John himself died before the death and resurrection of Jesus opened the flood gates of the eschatological tide. By comparison, even the least in the kingdom of God is far greater than this prophetic herald. John also serves as a model of patience in suffering. His circumstances teach us that moving toward eschatological fulfilment is not without cost.

Just as Matthew presents us with the example of John the Baptist, so James describes the patience required of those who await the age of fulfilment. That age of fulfilment will dawn in its time; all we can do is discharge our responsibilities regardless of how demanding they might be, and wait for that day patiently, convinced that it will come in God's due time.

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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

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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

December 17 & 18, 2022	6.00pm Vigil	9.30a.m.
Commentator	Catherine Foley	Jose Morel
Readers- Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year A	Petra Cammiss	Loretta Chester
Special Ministers	Rosa Phillips	Morley Fernando
Meet & Greet	Stephen Goss	Adriana Fernando Bojana Pearson
Data Projector Operator	Phillip Davis	Romelia Fernando
Counting – Sun, 10am	David Forrest, Jos Kulkens, Louise Kulkens, Shirani De Silva	
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.

Don't forget, Sunday Social Dancing classes are being held in the hall after mass at 10.30. Come along and join the fun, with Lindsay Min Fa.

### ELECTION DAY BBQ, CAKE STALL AND VIN CREED SALES:

A big thank you to all the parishioners who donated cakes for the cake stall, helped on the BBQ, helped prepare the Vin Creed and volunteered their services. Your help was much appreciated. We raised \$2,800. It was a lovely day and as usual there was lots of laughter and a great opportunity to catch up with past students and parishioners.

### New Roster January-June 2023

You are invited to join our group of volunteers in the Parish as we prepare the roster for the first six months next year – January to June 2023. Please find sheets where you can leave your names and the roles you are interested in the Foyer. Thank you!

### Winners - 2022 Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle

PRIZE	TICKET NO.	NAME OF PARISH
Kia Picanto Auto	54292	Resurrection, Keysborough
\$5000 Coles/Myer Voucher	11950	St Damian's, Bundoora
\$2000 Coles/Myer Voucher	75332	Resurrection, Keysborough
\$1000 Coles/Myer Voucher	19962	Lifeboat Geelong
\$500 Coles/Myer Voucher	39104	St Francis of Assisi, Mill Park
\$500 Coles/Myer Voucher	52755	Resurrection, Keysborough

## St Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Appeal

The Jordanville conference is entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring that those requesting assistance are treated with respect and equity, without prejudice and in a timely manner. To live in poverty is not of one's choice. As we all know, this year has been a financial struggle for everyone as we experience the rising cost of food, gas, electricity and fuel. For those among us who have very limited means, it is almost impossible for them to find enough money for food as well as rent and power. This year we have been called to assist an increasing number of our companions who are in very real financial distress.

The Conference are holding this annual Christmas appeal at the Christmas Masses on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> December.

We ask that you give generously to support the Society's 'Good Works'.

### Christmas Carol

We are invited to join our Christmas Carol around 5.30pm, before the Christmas Eve Family Mass on the 24<sup>th</sup> of December



### Christmas Mass Times 2022

#### Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> December 2022

6:00 pm Christmas Eve Family Mass

12:00 am Christmas Midnight Mass

#### Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> December 2022

9:30 am Christmas Day Mass

#### Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

6:00 pm Mass - Mary, Holy Mother of God

#### Sunday, 1st January 2023

9:30 am Mass - Mary, Holy Mother of God