



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.

3/4 December 2022

2nd Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10
He judges the poor with justice.

Responsorial Psalm:

**JUSTICE SHALL FLOURISH IN HIS TIME,
AND FULLNESS OF PEACE FOR EVER.**

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9
Christ, the hope of all people.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12
Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Today's readings are like Chaucer's Canterbury Tales. The biblical authors sketch profiles of individuals after whom we can model our lives as we embark on our pilgrimage to eschatological fulfilment. Isaiah depicts the righteous messianic king; Paul provides us with a glimpse of Jesus, the one who ministers to all; and Matthew describes John the Baptist, the prophet who prepared for the Advent of Christ.

The gifts Isaiah attributes to the messianic king are the same gifts that we receive with the anointing of the Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. The image of the messianic king may have been fulfilled in Jesus, but it is also offered to us as a model after which we can pattern our lives.

Paul declares that Christ came for all. Just as the Canterbury tales describe pilgrims of all backgrounds and characters, so our companions on the pilgrimage come from diverse circumstances. Since the invitation was extended to all, we are expected to welcome all. Some of Chaucer's characters were quite unpleasant, but they were part of the group. Many of the people to whom Jesus ministered were quite unpleasant, but this did not deter him. His example is set before us today.

John the Baptist lived a life of radical self-denial, but he did not require this of others. He preached repentance or change of heart, not a rejection of the circumstances of life. He called for a return to righteousness, to relationships rooted in honesty and respect. He condemned presumption and arrogant reliance on one's religious origin, complacency and the shirking of responsibility, disinterest in the welfare of others.

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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

December 10 & 11, 2022	6.00pm Vigil	9.30a.m.
Commentator	Petra Cammiss	Loretta Chester
Readers- Third Sunday of Advent, Year A	Catherine Foley	Jose Morel
Special Ministers	Stephen Goss	Joan Fernando
Meet & Greet	Sam Sirio	Patrick Van Reyk Tom Neary
Data Projector Operator	Phillip Davis	Romelia Fernando
Counting – Sun, 10am	Anne & Kevin Bremner, Peter Hayes, Pascal AHLIT	
Church Cleaning	*Adriana Fernando, Kalya Baptist, Sam Sirio	

Any notices that need to be included in the weekly newsletter, email the parish jordanville@cam.org.au by Thursday.

Parishioners are warmly invited to attend a social lunch gathering on Friday 9 December, at the Nottinghill Hotel, at 12.30.

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.

School and Parish Christmas Social Gathering BBQ

Parishioners are warmly invited to join the school families at a 'Christmas Social Gathering BBQ' on Friday 9 December, 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm. This will be held outside the Vin Creed or inside the Hall if the weather is unfavourable. Please refer to the flyers on the Church doors and add your name to the list in the Church foyer for catering purposes.

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!

Mount Waverley/Chadstone Inter Church Council.

Sadly we needed to cancel our Carols in the Village this year but instead we are having a Christmas Street Stall, In Hamilton Place, outside the Westpac Bank. On Saturday 10th December, from 9 30 am till 1 pm. In order to assist stock the stall we are asking for cakes, slices ,biscuits, preserves, donations and hand made gifts etc., which can be delivered to the stall prior to 9-30 on the day. For further information or for pick up, please call Louise Kulkens 98073572. Thanking you.

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 24th and Sunday the 25th December.

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



Christmas Mass Times 2022

Saturday, 24th December 2022

6:00 pm Christmas Eve Family Mass

12:00 pm Christmas Midnight Mass

Sunday, 25th December 2022

9:30 am Christmas Day Mass

Saturday, 31st December 2022

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

Sunday, 1st January 2023

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