



## 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.*

31 December/ 1 January 2023

## Holy Mary, Mother of God

**First Reading:** Numbers 6:22-27

*They will call down my name on the children of Israel and I will bless them.*

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**MAY GOD BLESS US IN HIS MERCY.**

**Second Reading:** Galatians 4:4-7

*When the appointed time came, God sent his son, born of a woman.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his son.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Luke 2:16-21

*The Shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the crib.*

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Liturgically, the Octave of Christmas commemorates: the Solemnity of the Mother of God; the day designated for prayers for global peace; and the beginning of the New Year. Though the shepherds gain insight into the presence of God by seeing this holy family, it is Mary who holds all these things in her heart. She is the one who ponders the significance of these mysterious events. Mary becomes for Christians an inspiration of contemplation and reflection. She inspires us to consider deeply the significance of events, lest we go blandly through life without meaning or direction. She inspires us to fidelity to the practices of our faith, practices which are the disciplines of soul that lead the community to a clearer focus on God's presence in human affairs.

The theme of peace appears today on many levels. Its meaning, 'fullness of life', bursts forth in every one of the readings. The ancient prayer or blessing of peace is an appropriate start for the New Year. It resonates well with the angels' wish for people of good will. Peace is also our inheritance in Christ. As adopted children of God, we have been given the freedom to live in a godly manner, calling God our Abba. Right relationships in the covenant activity of God are the pathways of peace. The beginning of a New Year is a good time to reach out to others and to pray for God's blessing of peace for each dimension of human encounter.

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### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday:

Wednesday: Morning Prayer and Service 10:00am      Rosary 10:30am

Thursday: Mass 12:00 noon      Rosary 12.30am

Friday: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament      11.00 am

Mass 12:00 noon

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

| January 7 & 8, 2023                             | 6.00pm Vigil                                | 9.30a.m.                      |
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| Commentator                                     | Thomas Phillips                             | Joan Fernando                 |
| Readers<br>The Epiphany of the Lord –<br>Year A | Sharon D'Souza                              | John Francis                  |
| Special Ministers                               | Rukmin Silva                                | Gordon Cramer                 |
| Meet & Greet                                    | Yvonne Huggett                              | Patrick Van Reyk<br>Tom Neary |
| Data Projector Operator                         | Phillips Family                             | Edwin Gomez                   |
| Counting – Sun, 10am                            | Anne Bremner, Pascal AHLIT, Leyna Nguyen    |                               |
| 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](mailto: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.

### **ENROLMENTS FOR ST MARY MAGDALEN'S SCHOOL**

Enrolments are now being accepted for 2023 at St Mary Magdalen's School. Tours are offered by appointment. Call 98070315

### **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.



*Dear Parishioners,  
Wishing you all a hope-filled New Year.  
From, Fr Laurence and Fr Martin*



## **LIVING & GOSPEL**

### **A Peaceful New Year?**

*It is traditional around New Year's Day to make resolutions for the upcoming year: changes that affect the way you live; the way you treat others; setting goals to aim for and work towards. In this context, it is interesting that the Church marks this day as a World Day of Peace. Perhaps, in amongst the self-promises to give up smoking, get a bit more fit, work and study harder and treat little sisters better, we might find time to consider ways in which we can bring about a more peaceful world – even just my little bit of it.*