



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.

25/26 February 2023

1st Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7
Creation of our first parents, and sin.

Responsorial Psalm:

BE MERCIFUL, O LORD, FOR WE HAVE SINNED.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19
Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
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Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11
Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

The readings for the First Sunday of Lent act as a kind of overture to the entire season. They enable us to engage in a double confession: a confession of sin and the repentance which follows; and a confession of praise for the mercy of God which is shown us in spite of our sin.

The very first reading reminds us of our fragility. We are made of the dust of the ground, the very stuff that represents death and decay. We were reminded of this when ashes were used to sign us on Ash Wednesday. At the beginning of Lent we are invited to acknowledge honestly and realistically our fundamental human weakness.

Despite our weaknesses, the situation within which we find ourselves is not hopeless. Somewhere deep within ourselves we know that we are not helpless prisoners of our limitations. God has not deserted us to our guilt. The form that God's compassion takes is outlined in the reading from Romans. It is in the death and resurrection of Jesus that we see the extent of this divine compassion. Its scope is first measured by the yardstick of human sinfulness, and then it outstrips those dimensions. God's gracious gift far exceeds the effects of human transgression.

The gospel reading moves us from both the anthropological and the theological considerations to the crowning Christological reflections. As we look to Jesus, we see humanity at its best, tempted but not overcome. There will certainly always be human limitations, human weaknesses that will open the door to temptation. But Jesus shows us that we are not thereby doomed. Jesus is a model for our own journey to new life.

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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 12:00 noon after Sunday Mass. Email the Parish office to book.

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER

March 4 th & 5 th 2023	6.00pm Vigil	9.30a.m.
Commentator	Melissa Saldanha	Jose Morel
Readers Second Sunday of Lent – Year A	Debbie D'Souza	Loretta Chester
Special Ministers	Rukmin Silva	Christobel Cramer
Meet & Greet	Yvonne Huggett	Patrick Van Reyk Tom Neary
Data Projector Operator	Stephen Goss	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 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.

Join us for the devotional praying of the Stations of the Cross every Friday during the Season of Lent at 7:00pm. All are welcome.

First Friday Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Join us this Friday, 3 March, for our First Friday Mass with Anointing of the Sick at 12:00 noon.

Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes are now available for you to take. This Lenten season, Project Compassion enables Caritas Australia to support vulnerable people around the world, now and *For All Future Generations*.

Thanksgiving Envelopes for 2023 - 2024

Thank you to those who are registered contributors in our Parish Thanksgiving program. The new sets of envelopes which begins in March, are now available to be collected from this weekend at the Church foyer.

Please note that the new sets of envelopes are arranged in surname alphabet order and therefore new numbers have also been allocated to contributors based in this surname alphabet order.

If you would like to be part of the Parish Thanksgiving program, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you for your continued financial assistance to the Parish.

AVILA COLLEGE REUNION of Founding Students of 1965

When : Saturday 25th March 2023

Registration required.

We are searching for students who attended the college during it's first year, 1965. The classes were held in portable buildings at St Leonard's in Glen Waverley. If you are one of these students we would love to hear from you.

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Religious Education Institutions and Anti-Discrimination Laws Inquiry

The Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC) current Inquiry into the Framework of Religious Exemptions in Anti-Discrimination Legislation has produced a Consultation Paper which proposes severe limits on the ability for religious schools to appoint staff who support their mission other than roles in which 'the teaching, observance or practice of the religion is a genuine requirement of the role.' For every other role it would become unlawful for the school to give preference to teachers who share, or who are willing, to support the religious beliefs of the institution. This would effectively remove the right of faith-based schools to express their religious identity and culture.

Archbishop Comensoli, along with other faith leaders, encourages you, as well as parents and other members of the Catholic community, to complete the following survey with an expression of hope to protect faith-based schools from further obstacles that will impede their ability to express our Catholic faith:

<https://www.alrc.gov.au/inquiry/anti-discrimination-laws/submission/survey/>