



## 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.*

18/19 March 2023

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

**First Reading:**

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

*In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.*

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD;  
THERE IS NOTHING I SHALL WANT.**

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 5:8-14

*Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will have the light of life.**

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**Gospel:**

John 9:1-41

*The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.*

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Humans see and judge by appearances, but God looks into the heart, and there finds the real person. God's standards are not superficial, as are so many of the standards of the world. It is not age, beauty or physical strength that is important; it is not social position or religious role that is preferred. God chooses whom God chooses. God saw in David, the insignificant shepherd, the potential for being the chief shepherd of his people. The man who was born blind became the one through whom others would see the mighty works of God. Yet, neither young David nor the man in the gospel made the initial step; each simply responded with openness to God's choice of him.

By what criteria do we judge others? Do we consider some people too insignificant for greatness? Are we overly concerned with status? Do we categorise people according to the disease or physical limitation that they must endure? Do we sometimes blame them for their disability? Do our eyes perceive life in accord with the standards of a materialistic, body-orientated, pleasure-seeking society? Or do we look into the other's heart, as God does?

As with the other scrutiny Sundays, catechumens and long-standing members alike are exhorted to make a choice. Jesus is the one who gives sight to blind eyes and religious insight to those open to receive it. However, there is a price to pay. Will it be the standards of the world, or the power of God in Jesus Christ?

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### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

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

### WEEKEND MASSES

<b>Saturday:</b>	Vigil Mass 6:00pm
<b>Sunday:</b>	Mass 9:30am

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**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 25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> 2023	6.00pm Vigil	9.30a.m.
Commentator	Petra Carmiss	Louise Kulkens
Readers Fifth Sunday of Lent – Year A	Catherine Foley	Lara Labronte
Special Ministers	Len DeSilva	Jose Morel
Meet & Greet	Deborah D'Souza	Gordon Cramer Christobel Cramer
Data Projector Operator	Phillips Family	Benard Perera
Counting – Sun, 10am	Toni Simonsz, Remy & Sebastian Fernando	
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.

### Easter Triduum 2023 Timetable

#### Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:00pm

#### Good Friday:

Stations of the Cross – 9:30am

God Friday Service – 3:00pm

#### Easter:

Easter Vigil (Saturday) – 7:00pm

Easter Sunday - 9:30am

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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.

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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.

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### Friday Lunch Set

Our next luncheon outing is planned for the end of March.

Please put your name on the list at church if you can attend. Everyone is welcome

## 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.

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Thu lives in Vietnam. When Thu was 12 years old, he stepped on an unexploded land mine and lost his leg.

Living with a disability in rural Vietnam presented many challenges for Thu, who worked mainly as a rice farmer. Thu also took on the role of caring for his wife, Linh, after she suffered a stroke.

Determined to turn their lives around, Thu and Linh joined the Empowerment of People with Disabilities program, run by Caritas Australia's local partner in Vietnam, the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development (SRD).

For Thu, the greatest impact the program has had is enabling the change in Linh's physical and mental wellbeing. With the support of a physiotherapist, Linh can now walk short distances with the aid of a walking stick.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes which is available from the Gathering Space at the church, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.

