



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 March 2023

5th Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

Responsorial Psalm:

**WITH THE LORD THERE IS MERCY
AND FULLNESS OF REDEMPTION.**

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

Gospel Acclamation:

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
Whoever believes in me will not die for ever.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Gospel: John 11:1-45

I am the resurrection and the life.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

As a metaphor, death can stand for many things. The prophet Ezekiel witnessed the death of the nation. The gospel reports the death of Lazarus. Although Paul refers to the mortal character of our physical bodies, he is more concerned with spiritual life and death. Death attacks each one of us in all three of these ways. We are all mortal and subject to physical death; we are all sinners and must deal with the implications of spiritual death; we are all subject to the consequences of social sins such as terrorism, violence, group hatred, greed and ecological exploitation. The question before us is whether or not we are going to allow death to reign in our lives and in our communities.

All three readings for this Sunday, as well as the psalm response, point out our inability to raise ourselves out of the deaths that afflict us. In the passage from Ezekiel, it is God who promises to open the graves of the people; the people are helpless to do anything. The psalmist cries to God from out of the depths of pain and helplessness.

Acknowledging human propensity to sin, Paul credits the Spirit of God with transforming death into life. Finally, it is Jesus who calls Lazarus out of the grave and returns him to his life. We can see that God does not leave us to languish in our various deaths. Instead, God offers us new life out of the tombs. All of this is accomplished through the mercy and compassion of God.

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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

Palm Sunday – Year A 1 st & 2 nd April 2023	6.00pm Vigil	9.30a.m.
Commentator & Narrator	Kate Davis	Melissa Saldanha
Reader & Solo	Petra Cammiss	Jose Morel
Special Ministers	Len DeSilva	Morley Fernando
Meet & Greet	Sam Sirio	Bojana Pearson
Data Projector Operator	Stephen Goss	Benard Perera
Counting – Sun, 10am	Anne Bremner, Pascal AHLIT, Leyna Nguyen	
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 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

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.

Mass of the Oils at St Patrick's Cathedral

Parishioners are invited to attend this year's Chrism Mass, or Mass of the Oils, at St Patrick's Cathedral on 1 April 2023, Saturday, at 10:00am. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Peter Comensoli. All are welcome.

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

Ecumenical Stations of the Cross

will be held at 11-15am, starting and ending at St. John's Anglican Church Mt. Waverley, on Good Friday (7th April). All are welcome to walk together with other members of our local churches, on this Special Day.

Tea /Coffee and Hot Cross buns will be served afterwards.



Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Teresa, Priscilla and Thu.

Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.

Project Compassion is a demonstration of the faith, empathy and generosity of our supporters. It is the lifeblood of Caritas Australia – without it, we could not do the vital work we do. Thank you for helping transform lives today and for all future generations.

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, or by calling 1800 024 413.

