



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.

11/12 March 2023

3rd Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7
Give us water to drink.

Responsorial Psalm:

**IF TODAY YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,
HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS.**

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to you.

Gospel Acclamation:

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Gospel: John 4:5-42
The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

All people thirst for meaning, but of what does that meaning consist? The people in the desert thirsted for water, but they misunderstood their thirst. The woman of Samaria thirsted. Her conversation with Jesus showed that she thirsted for understanding and insight as well as water. For what do we thirst in this world of such great excess and unmeasured need? Life has not become simpler with all of our advances. We still thirst for more – for the newest, the fastest and the best. How much is enough, and when do we cross the line into ‘too much’?

The gospel readings for the scrutiny Sundays very clearly lay out the choices that are placed before the catechumens and the rest of the believing community as well. This Sunday it is between water that quenches thirst and water that does not. Jesus identifies himself as the source of water that guarantees eternal life. He places before the Samaritan woman a choice that requires a step of profound faith. She knows the thirst-quenching quality of the water from Jacob’s well, but she is not acquainted with the water promised by this stranger who is also an enemy of her people. The choice is not an obvious one. A similar choice is placed before us. We know the demands of our culture and the circumstances of our lives. Are we able to acknowledge the sins of which we are guilty, recognise the grace that is being offered to us, and make the right choice?

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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 18 th & 19 th 2023	6.00pm Vigil	9.30a.m.
Commentator	Helen Selwood	Joan Fernando
Readers Fourth Sunday of Lent – Year A	Michael Bampton	John Francis
Special Ministers	Rosa Phillips	Mary Boyle
Meet & Greet	Stephen Goss	John Francis Christene Francis
Data Projector Operator	Phillip Davis	Benard Perera
Counting – Sun, 10am	John & Christene Francis, Patrick Van Reyk, Len De Silva	
Church Cleaning	* Seion Emmanuel, Leyna Nguyen, Kalya Baptist	

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.

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.



Priscilla lives in the Hwange district in Zimbabwe with her husband, Charles, and their two grandsons. Climate change continues to bring unprecedented challenges for people living in the most vulnerable and remote communities in Zimbabwe.

With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops to support her family during the current food crisis.

Priscilla was able to produce a bumper harvest in her first year of practising conservation farming. Priscilla used the funds from her harvest to start poultry farming, which enabled her to sell eggs to pay for her grandchildren's school fees, books and stationery. The poultry farming provides a safety net for Priscilla and her family during times of hardship, like the current drought.

While the situation in Zimbabwe and across eastern Africa remains dire, the work of Caritas Hwange means that Priscilla can learn the skills she needs to build resilience and support her family during this current food crisis.

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.

