



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.

4/5 March 2023

2nd Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4
The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

Responsorial Psalm:

**LORD, LET YOUR MERCY BE ON US,
AS WE PLACE OUR TRUST IN YOU.**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10
God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

Gospel Acclamation:

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard;
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9
His face shone like the sun.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

The blessings upon which we meditate today are undeserved gifts from God. They were not earned. The graciousness of God transforms us in such a way as to effect new beginnings. It can be seen in the promises made to Abram. He leaves the past behind and moves into a new future. It can be seen in the psalm response. The Lord delivers us from death and inspires us to look to the future. It can be seen in the reading from 2 Timothy. Through Christ Jesus we are called to a new life of holiness; we escape the fetters of death and are brought into the freedom of the resurrection. We see it in the gospel, a glimpse into the future glory of Jesus which, through grace, we will be able to share. Lent is a time of new beginnings which find their origin in the abundant blessings of God.

The ultimate blessing of God is Jesus himself. As Abram was called to be the source of blessing for all others, as Peter, James and John were chosen to witness the transfiguration of Jesus, so today we too are invited to look to Jesus for inspiration during this holy season. Paul speaks of the salvation that Jesus brings as having come, not because of any works of righteousness that we might have performed, but because of the grace of God. Once again the Lenten readings focus on the merciful action of God in our lives, and in the end they point to Jesus.

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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 11 th & 12 th 2023	6.00pm Vigil	9.30a.m.
Commentator	Michael Bampton	John Francis
Readers Third Sunday of Lent – Year A	Helen Selwood	Joan Fernando
Special Ministers	Stephen Goss	Maria Prout
Meet & Greet	Sam Sirio	Seion Emmanuel Bojana Pearson
Data Projector Operator	Phillip Davis	Edwin Gomez
Counting – Sun, 10am	David Forrest, Jos Kulkens, Louise Kulkens, Shirani 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.

Raising Fathers

In an age where there is a training manual to do almost everything, there is still no manual, map or compass to do one of the most important and impacting task on earth, Fathering! Join us for this special evening event as Robert Falzon unpacks practical advice and shares stories that are powerfully important, impacting, informative and instructional for fathering in today's world. Robert Falzon is the founder of Men Alive and author of books "The Father Factor" and "Raising Fathers".

All fathers are most welcome. Wed 8th March, 7pm-9pm at St Benedict's - flr.ms/7EP



Tereasa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. At just 16 years old, she had to leave school after falling pregnant with her first child. A single mother struggling with homelessness, Tereasa's only concern was finding stability for her children.

Seeking a better future for her family, Tereasa joined Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs Group, supported by Caritas Australia. Baabayn helped Tereasa access housing and psychological support. Today, Tereasa is studying a certificate in Community Services so that she can strengthen her skills and give back to her community.

Tereasa now works at Baabayn, providing support to young mothers and mentoring the next generation of young people.

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.