



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.

15/16 April 2023

2nd Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

Responsorial Psalm:

**GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD,
HIS LOVE IS EVERLASTING.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!**

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:19-31

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

The themes for the second Sunday of Easter set the tone for the entire Easter season. They are all directed toward mystagogical instruction, primarily of the neophytes who were baptised during the Easter Vigil, but also of the whole Christian community. The readings for this season provide us an extended meditation on the resurrection and on our own incorporation into it through the mysteries of initiation.

Most of us are like Thomas who looked for some tangible evidence of the resurrection. We do not find it any easier to live by faith than he did. However, when we do live by faith, we actually discover tangible proof. This proof can be seen in the way the community reaches out in care and support to others. Jesus extends his wounded hands to us as he did to Thomas, and the community is invited to touch his wounds as we touch the wounds of our world. We find a similar situation in the reading from Acts where the fledgling Christian community grew in number as a result of the teaching of the apostles. So it has always been. Those who are not eye witnesses of the actual events are called, through the teaching of others, to witness to the power of the resurrection.

Although the blessings that we derive from the resurrection are clearly gifts from God, they are nonetheless costly gifts. They have been won through the blood of Christ, and we too may have to pay dearly for having received them.

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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

April 22 nd & 23 rd 2023	6.00pm Vigil	9.30a.m.
Commentator	Catherine Foley	Mary Boyle
Readers Third Sunday of Easter – Year A	Thomas Phillips	Roshini Boteju
Special Ministers	Kate Davis	Gordon Cramer
Meet & Greet	Sam Sirio	Seion Emmanuel Bojana Pearson
Data Projector Operator	Stephen Goss	Romelia Fernando
Counting – Sun, 10am	Toni Simonsz, Remy & Sebastian Fernando	
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.

Project Compassion 2023 –

Project Compassion Boxes and Envelopes will be collected immediately after each mass. Thank you for your generous support to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

“Live Your Best Life in Love”

Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse.

This weekend gives married couples the tools to keep passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living.

The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome. Please check our website for more details.

28 – 30 April 2023 in Melbourne

(Book early to avoid disappointment)

Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email:

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Website: wwme.org.au

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

My Lord and my God

This extraordinarily clear statement of belief about the divinity of Jesus appears nowhere else in any of the four gospels. Why does the Gospel of John make this statement and not any of the other gospels? It must be remembered that the Gospel of John was the last of the four gospels to be written – at least 20 years after the Gospel of Mark and some 60 to 70 years after the death of Jesus. The early Christians had been cast out of the Jewish tradition and were making sense of how their own beliefs could stand apart from Jewish tradition. With the break from Judaism, Christians felt able to express their developing belief that Jesus was God.