



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.

6/7 May 2023

5th Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm:

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

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.**

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:1-12

I am the way, the truth and the life.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

The gospel readings for the Sundays just before the feast of Pentecost are all taken from Jesus' last discourse in the Gospel of John. In them, Jesus prepares his followers for his death and resurrection and his ultimate exaltation.

This Sunday Jesus says that it is through his death that he goes to God. However, it is as he is raised up in crucifixion that he is exalted. The author of the epistle declares him 'chosen and precious in the sight of God' but it is as the stone that was rejected that he is so honoured. If we ever wonder how the exaltation of Jesus will effect us, we have Jesus' own words of explanation. He promises to go ahead of us and make arrangements for us to share in his exaltation in the house of the one he calls Father. All we need do is follow him.

Today's readings suggest that the exaltation of Jesus is most dramatically manifested in the character of the community of those called by his name. It is revealed in the way Christians settle their differences so that all parties are treated fairly. Jesus is the cornerstone upon which this community is built, and the community mirrors his influence in its life. Christians also participate in the exaltation of Jesus by spreading the good news to others. In Acts we see how the witness of life and the preaching of the word of God increased the number of believers.

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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

May 13 th & 14 th 2023	6.00pm Vigil	9.30a.m.
Commentator	Kate Davis	Anne Bremner
Readers Sixth Sunday of Easter – Year A	Rukmin Silva	Patrick Van Reyk
Special Ministers	Rosa Phillips	Maria Prout
Meet & Greet	Yvonne Huggett	Seion Emmanuel Bojana Pearson
Data Projector Operator	Phillips Family	Edwin Gomez
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.

NEED TO DISPOSE OF A VEHICLE?

If you need to dispose of a vehicle either from a deceased estate or which is no longer required, please consider gifting it to the "Lifeboat Geelong Foundation" If you would like to explore the possibility of gifting a potentially suitable vehicle to "Lifeboat", please contact Fr. Kevin Dillon (0421 777 360, or frkdillon@outlook.com.au) or Adam Kaali (0411 486 605, or adam-kaali@hotmail.com).

Consultation Process for St Mary Magdalen's Primary School

The Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) Inc. is conducting a viability study on a number of schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, including St Mary Magdalen's Primary School.

St Mary Magdalen's Primary School has been identified as having a low number of enrolments compared to nearby independent and Catholic Schools. In accordance with MACS' Procedures for Evaluating Ongoing School Viability process, several key factors, such as enrolment trends and forecasts, the school catchment area, educational opportunities and pastoral factors, are considered in the consultation process.

Both the Staff and families of the school community has been notified during the week.

During the consultation phase, St Mary Magdalen's Primary School will continue to faithfully serve our community and there will be no impact on staff, leadership or educational approach. This process allows MACS to understand the need of the school community and how to continue to offer a high quality and faith-based education for all MACS students.

Invitation to participate in this consultative process is extended to the parish community. Parishioners are invited to participate in this process by submitting your feedbacks via email to chadstonefeedback@macs.vic.edu.au by 29 May.

For more information, a copy of the letter, with FAQs, sent by MACS to parents and carers are available in the Church foyer. You can also contact Jenny Allatt or Candice Rogers for further information on 9807 0315 or Dr Mary Oski, Director of Learning and Regional Services MACS on 9267 0228 or email chadstonefeedback@macs.vic.edu.au

Your ongoing support and cooperation to our parish school are very much appreciated.



**Scriptural
Context**

The gospel of John

The gospel of John is very different from the other three 'synoptic' gospels. The other three have a very narrative style and can be seen together as different recounts of the same events. Whilst the gospel of John also has some beautifully narrated stories, it is better known as a more theologically reflective piece of writing. It assumes that the readers of this gospel are already familiar with one or more of the others, so it doesn't need to tell the story again. Rather, it presents a sweeping image of God, through Jesus, reaching out, in, through, and with love to the people.