



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 July 2023

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11
The rain makes the earth fruitful.

Responsorial Psalm:

**THE SEED THAT FALLS ON GOOD GROUND WILL YIELD
A FRUITFUL HARVEST.**

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23
All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.**

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23
A sower went out to sow.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

The readings for this Sunday call us to self-examination. The gospel describes various levels of receptivity, the willingness to allow ourselves to receive from another, to be influenced by another, perhaps even to be transformed. The more independent we are, the less likely we will be open to others and, consequently, less receptive to their ideas. By definition disciples are receptive to the one they follow. To be a disciple of Jesus requires receptivity, so it is important that we scrutinise ourselves to discover the extent to which we are open. To what should we be receptive? To the words of Scripture, the words of the liturgy, the words of the sacraments, the living tradition of the community. God's word is sown in many forms and under many guises. It makes little difference who sows the seed. How will we receive it?

Besides the word of God, the readings speak of the world of God. The people of biblical times were aware of the revelation of God in and through the natural world. Isaiah teaches about the effectiveness of the word of God through the metaphor of rain. The psalmist uses the natural world to describe God's work of salvation. Paul claims that eschatological fulfilment will include all of creation. Finally, Jesus' parables are rooted in stories about nature. We cannot afford to close our eyes to the needs of the natural world or stop our ears to the cries of the earth or harden our hearts to the world of which we are a part, for the word of God will accomplish the end for which God sent it.

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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

July 22 nd & 23 rd 2023	6.00pm Vigil	9.30a.m.
Commentator	Catherine Foley	Anna Bremmer
Readers Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A	Petra Cammiss	Patrick Van Reyk
Special Ministers	Rukmin Silva	Jose Morel
Meet & Greet	Sam Sirio	John Francis Christine Francis
Data Projector Operator	Phillips Family	Edwin Gomez
Counting – Sun, 10am	David Forrest, Paschal 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.

St. Mary Magdalen's Parish Feast Day Celebration

On Sunday, 23 July 2023, we will be celebrating Mass at 9:30 am in the church, followed by a Morning Tea. **Please bring a plate to share.**

Parishioners are invited to attend this special event as we celebrate 70 years since our parish was founded.

Please put your name on the list on the table in the foyer, stating how many adults/children will be attending and the type of food you can bring, such as: savoury/sweet, hot/cold, gluten free or non-dairy options.

We look forward to gathering together on this special occasion.

St Mary Magdalen's Social Committee

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.



This month *Aid to the Church in Need* is raising money to build a parish house in Sierra Leone. The parishioners of the parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour have been trying to help their priest who is living in a house that is decaying due to heavy rainfall and salt-laden sea air but they themselves are poor and have little to give. ACN has promised to help but we need your help to make this possible. To learn more and to make an offering, visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyprojector or scan the QR code.





Are You Retired or Seeking A Deeply Rewarding Ministry to Others? We invite you to join Heart of Life's Taster Session 2 on Saturday 5 August 2023, 9.30-11am, via Zoom, where we'll share with you information on our

formation programs to become a spiritual director, pastoral supervisor, spiritual leader and contemplative listener to others. Our programs develop a compassionate, listening heart. The session will include a facilitated reflection session led by formation team members at Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Bookings via <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/taster-session/> or email info@heartoflife.melbourne for more details.

Retreat in Everyday Life – Moments of Grace – over five weeks, beginning Monday, 31 July and concluding 28 August (at Heart of Life, Malvern, or via Zoom) Flexible timing. The Retreat in Everyday Life involves a commitment to daily prayer and weekly spiritual accompaniment for an hour per week over five weeks with this year's theme 'Moments of Grace'. This is an ideal opportunity for a Parish or spiritual community to retreat together, as well as for individuals who would like to experience an opportunity to recognise God's presence in their everyday lives in a more intentional way. Register your interest <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/retreat-in-everyday-life-moments-of-grace/> or info@heartoflife.melbourne and we will be in touch to have a conversation. Cost: Donation

Catholic Social Services Victoria invites you to their **Annual Dinner** to be held on **25 August 2023** from 5:30 pm at 53 South Wharf Promenade, South Wharf. An opportunity to meet together to invigorate our shared work for a more compassionate and just society.

The 2023 Annual Dinner will include a moderated panel discussion "**Homes in the Midst of a Housing Crisis**" to unpack both the historic and current context of the current housing crisis and some creative ways forward to ensure all have access to a real home. Tickets are limited. Book your ticket at: <https://trybooking.com/CJNQR>.

**Historical
Context**

Matthew's community

The gospel of Matthew is written at a time and particular context in which the community audience were feeling the effects of having been ostracised from the Jewish community. They were confounded by the fact that other Jews could not accept the reality of the Jesus message as they had. This parable, and the accompanying conversation with the disciples in which they are blessed for their understanding, would have been a comfort for the Matthew community. Although they were frustrated, they were being told through this story that not everyone is ready to hear the message that they had heard and accepted.
