



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.

22/23 July 2023

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

Responsorial Psalm:

LORD, YOU ARE GOOD AND FORGIVING.

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.**

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

Let them grow together until the harvest.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Today we hear how the Spirit of God dwells in all of us, helping us in our weakness. The first disciples had Jesus to explain the parables; we have the Spirit to enlighten us. It is the Spirit who helps us to interpret the teaching of Jesus and to be receptive to the challenges that they pose.

The presence of sinners in the kingdom of God is often a stumbling block to good people. There will be a time for separation and judgment, but the time is not now. This means that the righteous will have to live with the sinner and, even more challengingly, show them the same kind of concern that they show to others. The presence of sinners does not necessarily erode the quality of the kingdom. Rather, it provides disciples an opportunity to rise to the occasion of generosity and forgiveness.

There are two images of judgment in the readings. The one in the gospel is terrifying and decisive. The wicked are bound together into bundles and readied for burning. We must remember that this is a parable. In the first reading and in the psalm response the justice of God is said to be lenient, clement and kind. The power of God is demonstrated not in retribution but in mercy. God is said to be 'merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in kindness and fidelity,' and repentance is a very real possibility. This is the image that gives us hope.

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WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday:	Mass 10:00 am	Rosary 10:30am
Wednesday:	Morning Prayer and Service 10:00am	Rosary 10:30am
Thursday:	Funeral Mass - John Edward Healey	12 noon
Friday:	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass 12:00 noon	11:00 am
Saturday:	Mass 10:00 am	Rosary 10:30am

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday:	Vigil Mass 6:00 pm
Sunday:	Mass 9:30 am

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 28 th & 29 th 2023	6:00 pm Vigil	Sunday 9:30 am
Commentator	Sharon D'Souza	Lidia DiNunzio
Readers 17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Thomas Phillips	Chole Huet-Peka
Special Ministers	Stephen Goss	Gordon Cramer
Meet & Greet	Deborah D'Souza	Gordan & Christobel Cramer
Data Projector Operator	Phillip Davis	Bernard Perera
Counting – Sunday 10 am	Anne Bremmer, Jos Kulkens, Louise Kulkens, Shirani De Silva	
Church Cleaning	Christobel & Gordon Cramer, Lester Rosario	

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

We will be celebrating St Mary Magdalen's Feast Day Mass this Sunday, 23 July at 9:30 am, followed by a Morning Tea.

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

We look forward to gathering on this special occasion.

St Mary Magdalen's Social Committee

MASSES STREAMED FROM ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, MELBOURNE

Daily Mass: The 1:00 pm 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 1:00 pm Mass.

On Sundays, the 11:00 am 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.



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 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>.

**SCRIPTURAL
CONTEXT**

Matthew’s explanation

In the gospel passage, following the presentation of the three parables, Jesus explains the parable of the wheat and darnel to his disciples. It is explained in terms of a final judgement. (Compare it with Matthew 25: 31-46.) The parable of the weeds, or darnel, and its explanation only appear in the gospel of Matthew – although the parable does occur in the non-canonical gospel of Thomas. The interpretation belongs to Matthew more than it belongs to Jesus. It is an unapologetic direction to his community that living a righteous life in the midst of wickedness will be rewarded.
