



## 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.*

19/20 August 2023

## 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday on Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7  
*I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** O God, let all the nations praise you.

**Second Reading:** Romans 11:12-15, 29-32  
*The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.

**Gospel:** Matthew 15:21-28  
*Woman, you have great faith.*

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

The overarching theme derived from today's readings is the question of insider-outsider. We see here that the divisions and barriers that emerge out of human experience have been shattered by the graciousness of God. Jesus' openness to 'the other' finds a precedent in the prophetic tradition. Isaiah spoke of a time when outsiders would join insiders in worshipping God, thus dissolving the categories of insider and outsider. He was, of course, referring to the age of eschatological fulfilment. This age dawned with the coming of Jesus. Jesus himself moved out of the constraints of his own cultural worldview, and he directs us to do the same. People are either excluded because of gender, culture or religious perspective, or included only because they are able and willing to conform to discriminatory standards. In the reign of God, this should not be the case. People are accepted along with their own cultural profiles.

God's embrace first enclosed even those who rejected Jesus, and then God's plan of salvation unfolded in a new way. An invitation to enter the kingdom was issued to the Gentiles, those who had been considered outsiders. If outsiders are now insiders, what has happened to the former insiders? Paul insists that they are still insiders. God has not simply shifted the identifying boundaries; God has dissolved them. In the interim between the dawning of the eschatological age and the end of time, the invitation to be included remains open to all.

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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:	Mass 12:00 noon	Rosary 12:30am
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

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**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

August 26 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> 2023	6:00 pm Vigil	Sunday 9:30 am
Commentator	Kayla Baptist	John Francis
Readers 21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Shemaya Navaratne	Joan Fernando
Special Ministers	Kate Davis	Jose Morel
Meet & Greet	Sam Sirio	Gordon & Christobel Cramer
Data Projector Operator	Phillips Family	Leyna Nguyen
Counting – Sunday 10 am	Anne Bremner, 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](mailto:jordanville@cam.org.au) by Thursday.

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**Friday Lunch Set**



This month we will be meeting for a social lunch at the Matthew Flinders Hotel on 25th August at 12:30 pm.

Please sign up so we can make a booking. All parishioners are welcome.



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CatholicCare is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during last week's Appeal which raised a total of \$1082.00. Because of the generosity of our parish community, CatholicCare Victoria can continue to ensure that vulnerable individuals and families in our community have the opportunity to live life to the full. Thank you for helping those in need! For more information about CatholicCare Victoria, please visit: [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au)

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**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.

## Outcome of School Viability Consultation

The School Viability Consultation Process recently conducted at St Mary Magdalen's Parish School, which is owned and operated by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) Inc, released its outcome.

Following significant deliberations by the MACS Board and further consideration by Archbishop Comensoli, it has been decided that it is no longer sustainable for St Mary Magdalen's Parish School to continue operating into the future. This means that St Mary Magdalen's Parish School will be closing at the end of this school year.

This decision has not been made lightly and acknowledge the extensive work that has taken place to explore all reasonable alternative options. MACS recognise that this will be upsetting news to receive, particularly for our current families, their children, and our staff.

Copies of the letter that was sent to parents are available in the Church foyer for further information about the next steps and support MACS is providing to the School.

It is important to acknowledge the very significant contribution that St Mary Magdalen's Parish School has made to our parish community since 1954. We pray for the staff, our students and their parents at this time.

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**Enneagram Day – Saturday, 9 September 2023, 9 am – 4.30 pm** (in-person event). This one-day practical workshop offers a transformational experience where you will gain invaluable insight into the unique way in which we relate and respond to the people with whom we share our lives, and the world around us. Facilitated by our Program Director Dr Lynn Moresi, she will dwell into topics of discovering your Enneagram Type; identifying your pathways of strength and challenge; understanding/interacting with other Types; handling conflict; and effective communication. Join this small group setting for a day of fun, laughter, challenge and insight. Places limited. Bookings via

<https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/enneagram-day/> or email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne). Cost: \$80 including notes (BYO lunch)

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**In The Footsteps of Mary Mackillop** - The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. For further information or to make an application, please contact the Australian Pilgrimage Co-ordinator, email [national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au).