



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.

26/27 August 2023

21st Sunday on Ordinary Time

First Reading:

Isaiah 22:19-23

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Second Reading:

Romans 11:33-36

From him, through him and in him are all things.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 16:13-20

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

The readings highlight two different but related themes: the character of our understanding of Christ, and our understanding of discipleship that flows from it. Christological reflections reach a climax in the question posed to the disciples: Who do you say I am? In this liturgical context, the same question is posed to us. Who is this one who multiplies loaves of bread, who walks on turbulent waters, who breaks the boundaries that separate insider from outsider? It is none other than the messiah. When Peter testified to Jesus' identity, it was a relevant religious and political statement, for messianic expectation was a burning question at that time. But what does it mean for the average Christian today? Many believers consider messianic expectation a theological theme that belongs to the past. They feel that it is difficult to get excited about the coming of someone who we believe has already come and gone. If Jesus were to pose this question today, how would we answer? Like Peter, we too may have good intentions, but when they are put to the test, we realise that that was all that they were – good intentions. Still, we should not be discouraged by our weaknesses, for just as Peter's failure did not deter God from entrusting him with power and authority, so our failures need not be obstacles to God's grace in our lives. We watch God entrust the church to individuals who are weak and undependable, and we realise that judgments are inscrutable and God's ways unsearchable.

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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

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

September 2 nd & 3 rd 2023	6:00 pm Vigil	Sunday 9:30 am
Commentator	Shemaya Navaratne	Joan Fernando
Readers 22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Kayla Baptist	John Francis
Special Ministers	Rukmin Silva	Morley Fernando
Meet & Greet	Stephen Goss	Patrick Van Reyk & Tom Neary
Data Projector Operator	Phillips Family	Edwin Gomez
Counting – Sunday 10 am	John & Christene Francis, Patrick Van Reyk, Len De Silva	
Church Cleaning	Seion Emmanuel, Leyna Nguyen, Kalya Baptist	

First Friday Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Join us this Friday, 1st September, for our First Friday Mass with Anointing of the Sick at 12:00 noon.

There will be a Special Collection for Priests' Retirement Foundation to be held at all masses next weekend, 2/3 September 2023.



Australia's Catholic bishops have called on the nation to seek "a new engagement" with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in their annual Social Justice Statement for 2023-24.

Since the 1940s, the bishops have published annual statements that urge the Catholic community to reflect and act on social, economic and ecological issues. The statements are published as a focal point for Social Justice Sunday, which will be marked on August 27 this year.

This year's statement, Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, was launched in western Sydney on August 17 by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, chair of the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service.

"One of the objectives of this statement is that we want Catholics to understand that Catholic social teaching and Catholic social action are not simply theoretical and academic exercises," he said.

"We hear what God is saying to us about justice by being with our sisters and brothers on the peripheries of society."

Download The Statement: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1M1Zu36K9innosigfuoZS9ykMiiXxc3ms/view>

To Purchase Hard Copies of The Statement or Prayer Card: <https://shop.catholic.au/Social-Justice-Statement-2023-Products-c154750515>

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.

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.

Any notices that need to be included in the weekly newsletter, email the parish jordanville@cam.org.au by Thursday.

