



Parish of St Mary Magdalen, Jordanville

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St. Mary Magdalen's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.

23/24 September 2023

25th Sunday on Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9
My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is near to all who call him.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24, 27
For me to live is Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16
Why are you jealous because I am generous?

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Our attention shifts slightly in these last Sundays of Ordinary Time. We turn from concentration on the character and responsibilities of discipleship to reflection on the import of the end of time. As we move toward the close of the liturgical year, we are invited to consider the final coming of Christ and the last judgment.

The thought of judgment is enough to strike fear in the hearts of many. We sometimes experience tension between the idea of divine justice, which requires that the good be adequately rewarded and the evil be appropriately punished, and that of the mercy of God, which we hope will be generously extended to us. As seen in the readings for this Sunday, the justice of God does not conform to the standards of human justice. It is incomprehensible, because its foundation is mercy. While we might find consolation in this view of divine judgment when it is directed toward us, our hearts do not always seem to be generous enough to rejoice in the mercy extended to others. It is almost as if we feel that we have been cheated in some way, if God is merciful to others.

However, divine mercy can work in us to abolish our pettiness and indignation and replace it with generosity of heart. We are called to conduct ourselves with this kind of generosity, this kind of love, this kind of mercy.

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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 30th & October 1st	6:00 pm Vigil	Sunday 9:30 am
Commentator	Melisa Saldanha	Mary Boyle
Readers 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Debbie D'Souza	Roshini Boteju
Special Ministers	Michael Bampton	Christobel Cramer
Meet & Greet	Sam Sirio	Gordon & Christobel Cramer
Data Projector Operator	Stephen Goss	Bernard Perera
Counting – Sunday 10 am	John & Christene Francis, Patrick Van Reyk, Len De Silva	
Church Cleaning	* Gordon & Christobel Cramer, Lester Rosario	

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

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2023

SOCIAL DINNER AT

ST MARY MAGDALEN'S PARISH HALL

Further details will be published in the parish newsletter soon.

109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2023

Pope Francis has released his message for the 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, which will be celebrated on Sunday, 24 September 2023.

The theme chosen by the Holy Father for WDMR 2023 is "Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay."

Pope Francis emphasised that "we are called to show maximum respect for the dignity of each migrant; this entails accompanying and managing waves of migration as best we can, constructing bridges and not walls, expanding channel for a safe and regular migration. In whatever place we decide to build our future, in the country of our birth or elsewhere, the important thing is that there always be a community ready to welcome, protect, promote and integrate everyone, without distinctions and without excluding anyone."

Dear Parishioners,

I write to inform you some news for our parish.

Parish Pastoral Council

I have established a new Parish Pastoral Council for our parish to assist me and Fr Martin in leading our parish community. This will replace the Parish Advisory Board (PAB). I thank the former members of the PAB for their contributions and role in our parish community. The role of the parish pastoral council is vitally important to our community and will help us revitalise our parish. The new members of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) are:

Christine Barcham	Sunil D'Souza
Romelia Fernando	Vijay Rebello

We had our first meeting earlier this month and we will have a continuous discussion and planning on moving forward to revitalise our parish community.

We will certainly inform the parish once planning takes place.

Parish Website

There will be a new parish website coming soon to replace the existing one. The new website is on its final stage of development, and we will inform you once its finalised and ready.

St Mary Magdalen Primary School

As you all know, the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) Inc., decided to close four schools in the Archdiocese and one of which is our Primary School. I acknowledge and share with you the shock, frustration, anger and sadness that this decision by MACS has brought. It was also a shocking surprise to me when they informed me and the school of their decision to conduct a viability study last June, leading to the decision, in August, to close the school.

I am in communication with the Archdiocese to get some clarification with regards to the property once the school finish at the end of this year. I will certainly inform you once I got some clarity in this regard,

The newly established Parish Pastoral Council have met with Jenny Allet and Candice Rogers, acting school principals, on supporting the school till the end of this year. We are planning to organise a thanksgiving celebration for the school at the end of November and will inform the parish once it is finalised.

There is a lot to cover in making our parish community thrive again, especially emerging from the pandemic. But I know and believe that we will be able to achieve this goal, slowly but surely, and with your help and support, to revitalise our parish.

Thank you for your continued support to our parish, to me and Fr Martin. And I also would like to express my appreciation to your patience and understanding, as administering two parishes is new to me. I still continue to admire and be inspired by how lively and supportive the parish of St Mary Magdalen, Jordanville is.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Laurence Cortez
Parish Priest