



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.

21/22 October 2023

29th Sunday on Ordinary Time

First Reading:

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

*I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations
before his countenance.*

Responsorial Psalm:

Give the Lord glory and honour.

Second Reading:

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

We are mindful of your faith, hope and love.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 22:15-21

*Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and
to God the things that are God's.*

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

The frequency with which we consider the question of insider-outsider is an indication of how important universalism and the breaking down of boundaries is within our religious tradition. All peoples, all lands are called on to praise God. Furthermore, God cares about and cares for all people (see Is 19:25), and God works through all people to accomplish good in the world: Gandhi, a Hindu of Indian origin; Martin Luther King, Jr, a Baptist minister; Susan B. Anthony, a suffragist; Nelson Mandela, a Black South African, etc. Human beings have always realised that, in comparison with the grandeur and expansiveness of the universe within which they live, they are weak and vulnerable creatures. This has led them to believe in and offer homage to a divine being, or beings. Praise of God has always been an expression of awe and gratitude as well as humility.

If neither gender, nor race, nor age, nor class nor culture qualifies one for being an insider, what does? Today's readings suggest that it is service of others. In breaking down the walls of prejudice, the social activists of our own age liberate not only the oppressed groups to which they belong, but also those who oppress them. The lives of these dynamic people show us that service of others draws them into our circles and encircles us in theirs. With open arms God invites all into an embrace of divine love. As God has embraced us, so we are called to embrace all others.

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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

October 28 th & 29 th 2023	6:00 pm Vigil	Sunday 9:30 am
Commentator	Catherine Foley	Anne Bremner
Readers 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Petra Cammiss	Patrick Van Reyk
Special Ministers	Rosa Phillips	Jose Morel
Meet & Greet	Yvonne Huggett	Patrick Van Reyk, Tom Neary
Data Projector Operator	Phillip Davis	Edwin Gomez
Counting – Sunday 10 am	John & Christene Francis, Patrick Van Reyk, Len De Silva	
Church Cleaning	Seion Emmanuel, Leyna Nguyen, Kalya Baptist	

Prayer Requests - If you would like to include any names for the sick, death anniversary or recently deceased in the Prayers of the faithful and the Parish Newsletter, please email it through to jordanville@cam.org.au or phone the Parish Office on 9807 1466 by Thursday prior to publication before 12 noon.

Please indicate if you wish to have the name published in the Newsletter as shown above. Following the Victorian Privacy Act, consent for names to be published in the Parish Newsletter can only be provided by the individual or direct family members.

We include in our prayers this weekend the following:

Recently Deceased: Michelina Cimino (Funeral Mass on Tuesday, 24 October 2023).

Anniversaries: Giuseppe Barbuto (Joe)

The Sick:

The Mount Waverley/ Chadstone Inter Church Counsel is holding its Annual Hymn Singing at St Luke's Anglican Church, Essex Road, Mount Waverley on Sunday, 29th October. Afternoon Tea will be served at 3:30 pm, followed by the Hymn Singing at 4 pm. All are invited to join us. *Louise Kulkens*

SAVE THE DATE! Night of the Witnesses – 22 November 2023, 7pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. *Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to an evening of prayer, testimony, song, adoration and reflection to honour the witness of twelve recent Christian martyrs and to stand in solidarity with Christians all over the world who are suffering persecution for their faith in Jesus Christ. Archbishop Peter Comensoli will preside and His Beatitude, Patriarch Joseph Absi of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church will be one of the international guest speakers who will share personal testimony of persecution for the faith. We hope you will join us. For more information please visit: www.aidtochurch.org/notw



GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

Help provide urgent humanitarian assistance to the people affected by the conflict.



An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs. *‘This is a period of incredible turmoil and sadness. The escalation of violence has only exacerbated needs for the people in Gaza and West Bank, who already live in dire conditions. We are working with our partners on the ground to provide comprehensive and critical support to over 17,000 families affected by this devastating conflict.’*

Sally Thomas, Humanitarian Lead, Caritas

With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict. Please donate to Caritas Australia’s Gaza Crisis Appeal.

You can donate by phone 1800 024 413 or online www.caritas.org.au/gaza



HISTORICAL CONTEXT

What’s in a face?

The question of coinage was a problematic one for first century Jews. The tradition – grounded in the commandments given to Moses on Mt Sinai – forbade the use of ‘graven’ or carved images. The people of Israel took this prohibition very seriously and did not portray the human face in artwork of any kind. Roman coins were minted with the face of the emperor on them and it was compulsory that taxes be paid with Roman coin. This helps to explain the role of the Temple money-changers who converted the Roman coin into Temple coin that could be used for religious purposes.

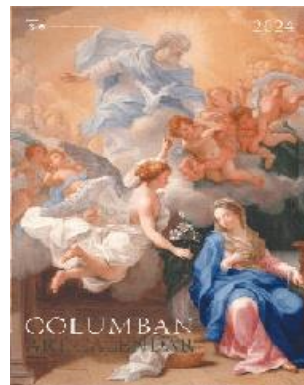
A prayer for peace in Israel + Gaza



An Urgent Prayer for Peace

God of compassion,
We turn to you with heavy hearts.
As we consider the needs of your family.
Israelis and Palestinians,
we are all your people,
Each of us loved by You
And called to live in peace and justice.
We lament the dreadful loss of life,
Destruction of property and loss
of human dignity.
We are pained by so much suffering.
We beg you to bring healing
to this ancient place.
Help your people find a way forward.
Enable everyone to look
each other in the eye,
And embrace each other
as sisters and brothers,
As they find your image in every face.
We ask that courage and grace
Will help create a wiser and
more gentle future,
Where everyone has a home.
God of wisdom, come to our aid.
Amen.

By Michael McGirr / Caritas Australia



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