



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.

28/29 October 2023

30th Sunday on Ordinary Time

- First Reading:** Exodus 22:20-26
If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.
- Responsorial Psalm:** I love you, Lord my strength.
- Second Reading:** I Thessalonians 1:5-10
You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.
- Gospel Acclamation:**
Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!
- Gospel:** Matthew 22:34-40
You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Our religious tradition is founded on love. Actually, life itself is grounded in love. We may not always feel this love, but if we allow ourselves to reflect on life, we will realise this truth. We have been called into being by God's love; and we will only be happy if we live in that love. Thus, when we are directed to love God and love one another, we are not being asked to do something contrary to our nature. Rather, we are being told to live in accord with that nature. We come from God who is love, and so it is in our very nature to love and to be loved.

We may sometimes think that it is easier to love God than to love others. It may actually be just the opposite. Other people are tangible. We can see and hear them, interact with them. Their influence in our lives can permeate our consciousness. That is not the way it is with God. Like Moses on the mountain, we can only see the traces of divinity as God passes by (see Ex 33:23). However, we show that we love God in the way we love our neighbour.

Love, the foundation of the reign of God, is contagious. When we love others, the reign of God spreads throughout the world. The compassion that we show toward others is a form of evangelisation. It proclaims much louder than any words that the reign of God has been established.

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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

November 4 th & 5 th 2023	6:00 pm Vigil	Sunday 9:30 am
Commentator	Sharon D'Souza	Loretta Chester
Readers 31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Thomas Phillips	Jose Morel
Special Ministers	Len DeSilva	Gordon Cramer
Meet & Greet	Sam Sirio	Sejon Emmanuel, Bojana Pearson
Data Projector Operator	Stephen Goss	Edwin Gomez
Counting – Sunday 10 am	Toni Simonz, Remy Fernando, Yvonne Huggett	
Church Cleaning	Christine Barcham, Rukmin Silva, Phillip Davis	

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 below. 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

Anniversaries:

The Sick:

Thank you to all parishioners who supported the Spring Social event here at St Mary Magdalen's Parish. A special thank you to the parish social committee for organising this social event.

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



SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

Fulfilling prophecy

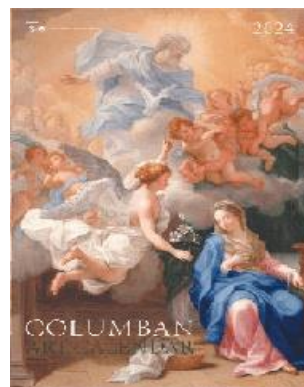
Matthew's whole recount of this parable is dependant upon the reader/listener's familiarity with earlier writings within the Old Testament. We are fortunate that the designers of the lectionary have included the relevant passages as the first reading and psalm for this Sunday's readings. The original audience would have drawn on their own familiarity with the texts and recognised Jesus' words as echoing those of Isaiah and the psalmist. Matthew's gospel was particularly keen to cast Jesus in the image of fulfilling the prophecies of the Jewish tradition. Throughout Matthew's gospel we see the author placing the words of prophecy in Jesus' mouth or using the narration to confirm that Jesus performed actions to fulfil the words of the prophets.



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



The New 2024 Columban Art Calendar is on sale at the Piety Stall priced at \$10.00 each.