



## 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.*

11/12 November 2023

## 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday on Ordinary Time

First Reading:

Wisdom 6:12-16

*Wisdom is found by those who look for it.*

Responsorial Psalm:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

*Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 25:1-13

*Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.*

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

The early Christians thought that all their questions about death had been answered with the resurrection of Jesus. Therefore, when loyal Christians began to die, not only did their old questions come back, but also they were plagued with new and difficult ones. Was it possible that those loyal Christians had not been loyal after all? Or worse, were the promises made by Jesus empty promises? No! Paul assures us. It is all true. Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again, and all the faithful will be joined with him. How it will happen, we do not know. When it will happen, we do not know. That it will happen, we are sure.

The wisdom that we have culled from life becomes the treasury from which we draw the prudence and insight needed to negotiate life's paradoxes. It throws light on our strengths and on our weaknesses; it enables us to discern what is important and what is not; it directs us to bring extra oil in our lamps. Life and the wisdom that we have acquired through it, have taught us that we can indeed trust the promises of God. They have been fulfilled in the past, and wisdom assures us that they will be fulfilled in the future. It is wisdom that cautions us to be vigilant, to be ready to adjust our plans. It is wisdom that prepares us for the night watches of life. It is wisdom that instructs us to be ready at all times.

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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

November 18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> 2023	6:00 pm Vigil	Sunday 9:30 am
Commentator	Rukmin Silva	John Francis
Readers 33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Kate Davis	Joan Fernando
Special Ministers	Michael Bampton	Maria Prout
Meet & Greet	Deborah D'Souza	Gordon & Christobel Cramer
Data Projector Operator	Stephen Goss	Bernard Perera
Counting – Sunday 10 am	Anne Bremner, Jos Kulkens, Louise Kulkens, Shirani De Silva	
Church Cleaning	*Christobel & Gordon Cramer, Lester Rosario.	

**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](mailto: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:** Mayola Van Dam

**Anniversaries:**

**The Sick:**

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**Celebrating St Mary Magdalen's School Mass, Sunday 26 November at 9:30am** followed by a morning tea and a school walkthrough. If you would like to, please bring a plate of morning tea (cold food), this would be greatly appreciated. Write your name and what you will bring for morning tea in form located in the Church foyer. Thank you.

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**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](http://www.aidtochurch.org/notw)

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### 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](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza)



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## LIVING GOSPEL

### Living in hope

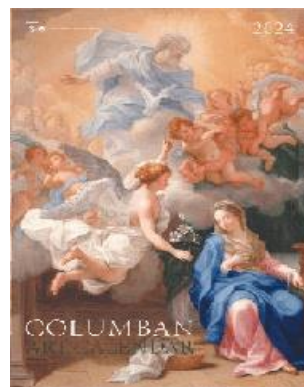
*A feature of Christian faith is an approach to life that views the future with hope. In our world today many people look to the future with distrust and even fear. As Christians, we look forward with hope. When change occurs, some allow that change to happen to them whilst others engage in the change process and approach it with hope and expectation. Today's gospel reminds us to be ready for what the future holds; to look with hope towards what lies ahead, but to ensure that we've prepared ourselves properly. The future can only be viewed with expectant hope if we've done the proper preparation!*



### 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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