



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.

25/26 November 2023

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

First Reading:

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd,
there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading:

I Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessing on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 25:31-46

He will take his seat on this throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

We have now come to the end of the liturgical year, the point that marks the transition from one period to another. Today we see that the kingdom of God is inclusive. Its embrace is as comprehensive as is the embrace of God. Criteria for membership are not based on obedience to the commandments or on conformity to ritual obligation, but on the bonds of love and concern.

What we do for others, we do for Christ, because Christ is identified with those in need. We very seldom see the face of the glorified Christ in the faces of the needy; it is more often the face of the disfigured Christ that is turned to us. We see his fear and his shame, his brokenness and sense of loss. As difficult as it may be to look into such eyes, it is precisely the needy with whom Christ is identified.

Having entered into the frailty of human nature, identified himself with the needy, and handed himself over to death, in the end Christ will have conquered all. It is a curious kingdom that he has won, a kingdom of the weak rather than the strong. He has turned the standards of the world upside down. He has shown that it does not take strength to ignore or to exploit the needy, but it does take strength to overcome our own selfishness in order to serve them. The kingdom that Christ hands over to God is a kingdom of love and care.

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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

December 2 nd & 3 rd 2023	6:00 pm Vigil	Sunday 9:30 am
Commentator	Kayla Baptist	Louise Kulkens
Readers <i>First Sunday of Advent – Year B</i>	Shemaya Navaratne	Lara Labronte
Special Ministers	Rukmin Silva	Joan Fernando
Meet & Greet	Toni Simonsz	Seion Emmanuel, Bojana Pearson
Data Projector Operator	Phillips Family	Romelia Fernando
Counting – Sunday 10 am	Toni Simonsz, Remy Fernando, Yvonne Huggett.	
Church Cleaning	*Maree Van Reyk, Nilusha Perera, Cathy Tran.	

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:

Anniversaries:

The Sick:

Celebrating St Mary Magdalen's School Mass this Sunday, 26 November at 9:30 am followed by a morning tea and a school walkthrough.

Thank you.

The Mt. Waverley / Chadstone Inter Church Council is holding a **Street Stall** on **Saturday 9th December**, in front of the Westpac Bank, Hamilton Place, Mount Waverley.

We are asking for support from parishioners and friends, to help stock the Stall with home-made cakes, slices, jams, preserves and Christmas gifts etc. from 9:30 am onwards. Thanking you.

Louise Kulkens

Christmas Mass Times



- *Sunday, 24th December 2023*
Mass, 4th Sunday of Advent *9:30 am*
- *Sunday, 24th December 2023*
Christmas Carols *6:30 pm*
Christmas Eve Mass *7:00 pm*
- *Sunday, 24th December 2023*
Christmas Carols *10:30 pm*
Christmas Eve Mass *11:00 pm*
- *Monday, 25th December 2023*
Christmas Mass *10:00 am*

DECORATING THE CHRISTMAS TREE AND SETTING UP THE CRIB

We invite all young families in our parish including those young at heart (everyone) to join in decorating the parish Christmas tree and setting up the Crib on **Sunday, 3rd December 2023** after the 9:30 am Mass. There will be some music and snags and snacks available.

We kindly request anyone willing to take an active part or would like to bring a plate to put down their names on the sheets in the foyer. We are looking forward to seeing you all at this parish activity.
Thank you.



GOSPEL FOCUS

The Final Judgment

Often referred to as 'The Final Judgment', this gospel presents an understanding of judgment and punishment that reflects the theology and culture of the first century. It is an image that has continued to dominate Christian art and theology for most of its history: the idea of God sitting in judgment on the final day and weighing up each individual's actions. It is often applied very literally and it is a dominant image of God represented in the media - TV sit-coms and movies often draw on the image. It is a literalist image of God that needs to be challenged. We must remember that the focus of the gospel passage is on the call to action for justice.