



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.

4/5 November 2023

31st Sunday on Ordinary Time

- First Reading:** Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10
You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.
- Responsorial Psalm:** In you, Lord, I have found peace.
- Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13
We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.
- Gospel Acclamation:**
Alleluia, alleluia!
You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!
- Gospel:** Matthew 23:1-12
They do not practise what they preach.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Since Vatican II the responsibilities of leadership have been spread throughout the community. This has not happened simply because there are fewer priests and religious. It has occurred primarily because the Council itself insisted that by virtue of their baptism all Christians are called to discipleship, which includes active participation in the mission of the church. While those who are ordained continue in specialised forms of leadership, other people have stepped forward to assume their newly recognised responsibilities. Sometimes they have more influence in the church than do the ordained.

We derive the connection between pharisaic and hypocritical from Jesus' description of the Pharisees found in today's reading. His condemnation, along with the condemnation of the priests in the first reading, should be a warning to all who in any way exercise leadership. We must always be on our guard lest the trappings of leadership ensnare us and we fail in our responsibilities toward God and the community we serve.

There is a mode of leadership that reflects the very meaning of authority. This way of leadership authors life. It is characterised by the striking image of a nursing mother who both gives and sustains life. Those who exercise leadership in this way create a community where life is fostered, not stifled, where talents serve all of the members, and the talents of all of the members are invited to serve. Such a community not only nurtures its members, it is itself the author of life in the world.

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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 11 th & 12 th 2023	6:00 pm Vigil	Sunday 9:30 am
Commentator	Thomas Phillips	Jose Morel
Readers 32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sharon D'Sousa	Loretta Chester
Special Ministers	Kate Davis	Christobel Cramer
Meet & Greet	Stephen Goss	John Francis, Christene Francis
Data Projector Operator	Stephen Goss	Bernard Perera
Counting – Sunday 10 am	David Forrest, Pascal Ahlit, Leyna Nguyen	
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: Mayola Van Dam

Anniversaries:

The Sick:

Celebrating St Mary Magdalen's School Mass, Sunday 26 November at 9:30am followed by a morning tea and a school walkthrough. It would be greatly appreciated, if you could bring a plate to share for morning tea (cold food) if you would like to attend. Please write your name and the food item that you will bring for morning tea in the form located at the Church foyer. Thank you.

Mass Offerings for the Deceased during November: If you would like a Mass to be offered during the month of November for a deceased relative or friend, please use November Mass envelopes placed in the Church foyer.

(PLEASE WRITE NAMES OF DECEASED ON THE BACK OF ENVELOPES IN BLOCK LETTERS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NEWSLETTER AND THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL).



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

Laying down the Law

Throughout Matthew’s gospel Jesus is portrayed as the new law-giver, the new Moses. The five-part structure of the gospel reflects the five books of law that make up the Torah. This week’s gospel is the beginning of an extended passage of criticism against the Pharisees (all of Ch 23). The sustained criticism is about how the Pharisees have actually ‘got in the way’ and made it more difficult for people to come to know God. Jesus, as the new law-giver, tells the people to put aside the distractions of the Pharisees and to recognise that God alone is the source of what is right and wrong; that the Christ is the only teacher.

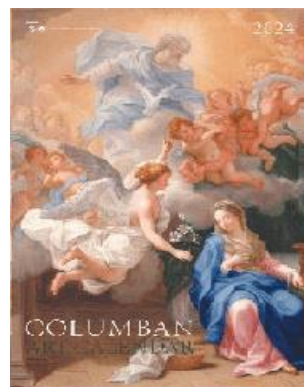
A prayer
for peace
in Israel + Gaza



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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