



## 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.*

9/10 December 2023

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

First Reading:

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

*Prepare the way of the Lord.*

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading:

2 Peter 3:8-14

*We wait for new heavens and a new earth.*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Mark 1:1-8

*Make straight the paths of the Lord.*

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

In the wilderness God's salvation comes to a broken people. In the midst of what is seemingly an impossible situation, hope emerges with vigour. In this context, hope is an openness to surprise, the surprise that God is in no way limited to the imaginings of human minds and the consequences of human history. This is the kind of hope that is proclaimed in the wilderness by John; it is the kind of hope that trusts that from the impossible, God can work a new creation.

There is something of a time warp in Christianity. What is future is made present. The prophetic oracle announces the future as if it is already happening. This sense of the future-present prompts new ways of living. As the future takes root in human lives, the present is transformed into a new creation and the Day of the Lord appears.

God's future comes through the wilderness into the broken city and inspires a broken-hearted people. The contrite heart is a broken heart, an emptied-out heart, a hope-filled heart. It is a heart that is unencumbered by the past and that lives currently in the passing of time and the fragility of being alive. The contrite, broken heart can be filled only by what is promised in the future. This is the paradox of Advent. In the middle of the wilderness, God works the impossible in those whose hearts are ready for the surprise of hope.

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### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

|            |  |                |
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| Tuesday:   | Mass 10:00 am  | Rosary 10:30am |
| Wednesday: | Mass 10:00 am  | Rosary 10:30am |
| Thursday:  | Mass 12:00 noon  | Rosary 12:30am |
| Friday:    | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament<br>Mass 12:00 noon | 11:00 am       |
| Saturday:  | Mass 10:00 am  | Rosary 10:30am |

### WEEKEND MASSES

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| 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

| December 16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> 2023         | 6:00 pm Vigil   | Sunday 9:30 am             |
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| Commentator   | Yvonne Huggett  | Mary Boyle                 |
| Readers<br><i>3<sup>d</sup> Sunday of Advent – Year B</i> | Rosa Phillips   | Roshini Boteju             |
| Special Ministers   | Len DeSilva   | Jose Morel                 |
| Meet & Greet  | Sam Sirio   | Gordon & Christobel Cramer |
| Data Projector Operator                                   | Phillip Davis   | Leyna Nguyen               |
| Counting – Sunday 10 am                                   | Anne Bremner, Jos Kulkens, Louise Kulkens, Shirani 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](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:**

**Anniversaries:**

**The Sick:**

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**The Mt. Waverley / Chadstone Inter Church Council** is holding a **Street Stall this Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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*

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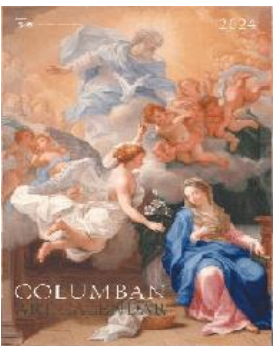
**The annual St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal 2023** will be held **this weekend** of 9/10 December 2023. A brief presentation will occur at each mass about the society at work in Jordanville.

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## *Christmas Mass Times*



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



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Calendar is on sale  
at the Piety Stall  
priced at \$10.00  
each.

## **HISTORICAL** **CONTEXT**

### **A Baptism of Forgiveness**

The understanding that we generally have of baptism today has not always been the case. At the time of John and Jesus, the Jewish tradition used baptism as a ritual bath to cleanse a person who had become ritually unclean and make them able to participate in religious rituals. What John was preaching was a baptism for the forgiveness of sins – a new interpretation at the time. He emphasised that repentance was essential for forgiveness and that there needed to be a conscious returning to God. John's baptism was a symbolic act to signify the willingness of the person to renounce their sins and make a more conscious return to God.