



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.

16/17 December 2023

3rd Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11
I exult for joy in the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: My soul rejoices in my God.

Second Reading: I Thessalonians 5:16-24
May you all be kept blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 11:6-8, 19-28
There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Traditionally, the third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday, the Sunday of Joy. The joy of this Sunday comes both from the message of the readings and from the anticipation that Christmas is nearing. As described in the Isaian passage, the Messiah is the one imbued with the spirit and with the power of the prophet, the one who will fulfill the promises of God. It becomes obvious in the Gospel that the Messiah is the one proclaimed by the Baptist. John cleared a path for the coming of the anointed one, and from that time on the lives of believers have been the pathway through which the Messiah has entered the world.

Having the same gospel passage from two different gospels used in the liturgy in consecutive weeks is an ideal opportunity to highlight the different focus adopted by the different gospels. The language of John's gospel is remarkably different from that of the three synoptic gospels (synoptic = 'seen together'). The synoptics share a fairly common narrative style, while John relies much more on metaphor and imagery – it is a more poetic language. In the gospel account of John the Baptist we see in John gospel's greater emphasis on the conversation around what was occurring, while the Markan version emphasises recording the event.

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WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

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 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 23 rd & 24 th 2023	6:00 pm Vigil	Sunday 9:30 am
Commentator	Rosa Phillips	Roshini Boteju
Readers <i>3^d Sunday of Advent – Year B</i>	Yvonne Huggett	Mary Boyle
Special Ministers	Michael Bampton	Gordon Cramer
Meet & Greet	Stephen Goss	Patrick Van Reyk, Tom Neary
Data Projector Operator	Phillip Davis	Edwin Gomez
Counting – Sunday 10 am	John & Christene Francis, Patrick Van Reyk, Len 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 or phone the Parish Office on 9807 1466 by Thursday prior to publication before 12 noon.

We include in our prayers this weekend the following:

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries:

The Sick:

Mt. Waverley/ Chadstone Inter Church Council would like to thank all those who helped stock the stall, we held last Saturday, at the Mt Waverley Village. It was a great success despite the rain and the total amount of \$1,134 was donated to Act of Peace.

The annual 'Food for Friends' was held outside I.G.A at the end of November and from the generous people of Mt Waverley, our S. V. de Paul Society received 12 (banana sized) boxes of food for the needy of our area.

We received an invitation from Mount Waverley Uniting Church who are holding a Christmas Day lunch. "If you are planning to spend Christmas alone, come and share this day with other people over lunch."

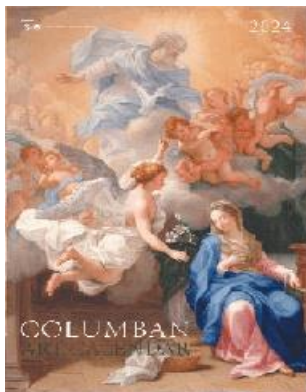
Address: Mt. Waverley Uniting Church 482 High Street Road, at 12 midday.
Bookings by: 18th December to Rachael (0429073704), MWUC Office (0398878239) or just turn up on the day.

Thanksgiving for all volunteers. Parishioners are invited to join Sausage sizzles this Sunday 17 December 2023 after the 9:30am Mass to thank all volunteers for their continued support and contributions. All are welcome!

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*



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

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.