



## 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.*

23/24 December 2023

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

First Reading:

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

*The kingdom of David will be established for ever in the sight of the Lord.*

Responsorial Psalm:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading:

Romans 16:25-27

*The mystery kept secret for endless ages is now revealed.*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:  
may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 1:26-38

*You will conceive and bear a son.*

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

The world in which we live and the events of which we are a part are the stage upon which the drama of salvation is enacted. God works through real flesh and blood people, those like David, who occupy the seats of power and influence as well as those like Mary and us, who are unseen and unknown. All can be agents of salvation. God's future is in our hands. Human history is really the history of salvation. Each turn of God's revealing causes us to wonder at what might come next. In this tension, mystery is revealed. What was hidden is now made known. Jesus establishes a people of covenant promise. Still, the mystery is unknown, for it continues to come to us from the future, revealing more and more of itself in the junctures of history.

The waiting of Advent is over. In the face of the impossible, God works the possible. During Advent, we have been waiting for the realisation of the promise made to David. We have been waiting for Mary's yes. With this yes, hope is enlivened, and history is changed. There is an unimaginable future for all people, a future that comes from God. Salvation is created among us, and the fate of history is altered by a godly presence. This salvation resides in the hearts of those who believe in the gift, and who stay awake eagerly to know its coming. With David we await it, with the nations we long for it, with Mary we behold it.

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### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

\*Please note that there will be no Mass on Tuesday to Friday, 26 – 29  
December 2023\*

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 30 <sup>th</sup> & 31 <sup>st</sup> 2023	6:00 pm Vigil	Sunday 9:30 am
Commentator	Sham D'Souza	Lidia DiNunzio
Readers <i>Feast of Holy Family – Year B</i>	Melissa Saldanha	Chloe Huet-Peka
Special Ministers	Kate Davis	Christobel Cramer
Meet & Greet	Deborah D'Souza	Seion Emmanuel, Bojana Pearson
Data Projector Operator	Stephen Goss	Edwin Gomez
Counting – Sunday 10 am	Toni Simonz, Remy Fernando, Yvonne Huggett	
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](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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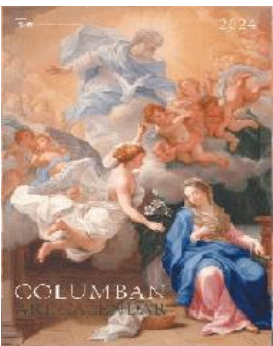
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## *Christmas Mass Times*



- *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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at the Piety Stall  
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## **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.