



## 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.*

24/25 December 2023

## CHRISTMAS 2023

### 24 DECEMBER CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-7

*A Son is given to us.*

Psalm Response:

Today is born our Saviour,  
Christ the Lord

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

*God's grace has been revealed to all people.*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Good News and great joy  
to all the world:  
today is born our Saviour,  
Christ the Lord.  
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

*Today a saviour has been born for you.*

### 25 DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

*All the ends of the earth shall see the saving power  
of our God.*

Responsorial Psalm:

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the saving power of God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6

*In our own time, God speaks to us through his Son.*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
A holy day has dawned upon us.  
Come you nations and adore the Lord.  
Today a great light has come upon the  
earth.  
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 1:1-18

*The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among  
us, and we saw his glory.*



## 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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## **CoNtExT**

### **The Nativity scene**

St Francis of Assisi is credited with setting up the first nativity scene and thus establishing a tradition that is carried on today in homes, churches and public spaces in Christian communities everywhere. In 1223, in the town of Greccio he created a life size tableau of the nativity scene to heighten the awareness of the celebration of the birth of Christ. It included statues of the holy family and a live ox and donkey. The inclusion of the livestock has no scriptural support and it is to Francis that we owe the array of sheep, oxen and donkeys that have become standard inclusions in our nativity scenes.



*Dear Parishioners,  
Wishing you all a very happy and blessed Christmas and  
New Year.*

*From, Fr Laurence & Fr Martin*

