



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.

2/3 December 2023

1st Sunday of Advent

First Reading:

Isaiah 53:16-17, 64:1, 3-8

Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 13:33-37

Say awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Today's readings contain several images: the faithfulness of those who suffer, even as they lament their predicament; the admonition to watch and wait; the expectation of the coming of the Day of the Lord. As trustees of the one who is coming, we live in the 'in between' time of ambiguity and hope. The placement of these readings at the beginning of Advent shapes the context for understanding the entire season. They fix our gaze on the world of human pain and then moves beyond it to the hope of a brighter future. Lamentation and expectation find fulfilment in the Day of the Lord.

Waiting is a prominent image this Sunday. Some people wait to be released from suffering, others await the second coming of Christ. Waiting saps our energies and stifles our enthusiasm. Yet wait we must, and as we wait, we wonder: 'What should I be doing?' The readings suggest that we should wait with patient expectation for the day of reconciliation and peace; we should wait in joyful hope that what is to come will come soon. While we wait, we should faithfully fulfil our responsibilities. We believe that we have a future worth waiting for, that there are promises that God will keep. And so, we look expectantly to the Day of the Lord, that future day of ultimate fulfilment.

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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 9 th & 10 th 2023	6:00 pm Vigil	Sunday 9:30 am
Commentator	Shemaya Navaratne	Lara Labronte
Readers <i>2nd Sunday of Advent – Year B</i>	Kalya Baptist	Louise Kulkens
Special Ministers	Rosa Phillips	Morley Fernando
Meet & Greet	Yvonne Huggett	John & Christene Francis
Data Projector Operator	Phillips Family	Leyna Nguyen
Counting – Sunday 10 am	David Forrest, Pascal Ahlit, Leyna Nguyen	
Church Cleaning	*Maree Van Reyk, Nilusha Perera, Cathy Tran.	

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:

Anniversaries:

The Sick:

The Mt. Waverley / Chadstone Inter Church Council is holding a **Street Stall** on **Saturday 9th 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*

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

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*

DECORATING THE CHRISTMAS TREE AND SETTING UP THE CRIB

We invite all young families in our parish including those young at heart (everyone) to join in decorating the parish Christmas tree and setting up the Crib this Sunday, 3rd December 2023 after the 9:30 am Mass. There will be some music and snags and snacks available.

We kindly request anyone willing to take an active part or would like to bring a plate to put down their names on the sheets in the foyer. We are looking forward to seeing you all at this parish activity. Thank you.



gospel focus

The Doorkeeper

The image of the doorkeeper from this week's gospel is an interesting one. It is not unusual to hear references to people being 'gatekeepers' today in relation to projects or groups working together. The role of the gatekeeper, or the doorkeeper, is to maintain a watching brief – to be alert to dangers or distractions and to ensure that everyone who is important to the process is invited to participate. Today's gospel reminds us that as believers we are to be the doorkeepers, or gatekeepers, of the Kingdom, watching for dangers and welcoming in all those who wish to enter.