



# Parish of St Justin

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St Justin's Parish is committed to the safety, well-being and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

**16th July 2023**

## PARISH PERSONNEL

### PARISH PRIEST:

**Fr Andrzej Madry**  
Congregation of the Resurrection

### PARISH DEACON:

Deacon Neil Daculan

### PARISH SECRETARY:

Jeanne Bernard

### PARISH PASTORAL

#### COUNCIL CHAIR:

Jamie Davin

### SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Mai-Ling Sholl  
Ophelia D'Souza  
[Wheelershill.safeguarding@cam.org.au](mailto:Wheelershill.safeguarding@cam.org.au)

### ST JUSTIN'S SCHOOL

#### PRINCIPAL:

Patrick Torpey  
9561 7644

### NAZARETH COLLEGE

#### PRINCIPAL:

Sam Consentino  
9795 8100

### PARISH OFFICE OPEN:

Tuesday 2pm—4pm  
Wednesday 10am—4pm  
Thursday 10.00am —2pm  
Friday 12noon —4pm

### WEEKEND MASSES:

*Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm*  
*Sunday : 8.30am,*  
*10.30am & 5 pm*

### WEEK DAY MASSES:

*Tuesday, Wednesday,*  
*Thursday, Friday 9.15 am,*  
*Saturday 9.15am*

**RECONCILIATION: BY APPOINTMENT AND Saturday after 9.15am Mass**

### BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES, PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK:

*For details regarding the celebration of these sacraments, please contact the Parish Office or speak directly to Fr Andrzej.*

**BAPTISM PREPARATION**  
Please contact the Parish Office 9401 6335

### First Reading

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah Is 55:10-11*

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

**The Word of the Lord,  
Response - Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 64:10-14. R. Lk 8:8*

*(R.) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest*

### Second Reading

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans Rom 8:18-23*

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

**The Word of the Lord,  
Response - Thanks be to God**

### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;  
all who come to him will live for ever.*  
*Alleluia!*



### Gospel

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 13:1-23*

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!' Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it. 'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

**The Gospel of the Lord  
Response - Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

### Next Week's Reading

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**

**Wis 12:13, 16-19: Rom 8:26-27: Mt 13:24-30:**



### We pray for the sick of our Parish:

Carmel Welsh, Francis & Joanne Downs, Fred Clarke, Tiana Mugagulio, David Booth, Maria Macan, Rita, Steven & Georgette Mizher, Annette & Stephen Sachie. Judy Mead, Celine Tang Willis. Lucy Field, Dilini Abeysekera, Sachini, Ransley Mascurine, Senaka Fernando, Jan Vanderwert, Cathy Faux, Shereen McLeod, June Ferguson, Delani Hakan, Nicolette Thomas, Eileen Ryan, Pirooska Tertelyi. Decima Jansz.

We pray for all who have died recently including Neil Obeyesekere.

We pray for those whose death anniversaries occur at this time including Petra Briones. **MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**

### Thanksgiving Collections 9th July 2023

**1st Collection (house)**  
Presbytery - \$ 1,388.20

**2nd Collection (church)**  
Thanksgiving - \$ 376.45  
Loose - \$ 483.25

We express our thanks and appreciation for your continued support to St Justin's Parish. God Bless,

### ST JUSTIN'S PARISH CRAFT GROUP

All welcome, come along to the Meeting Room in St Justin's Parish House

**WEDNESDAYS 1.00pm—3.00pm**

**2nd & 4th Wed each month (except school holidays)**

Next gatherings will be on the 26th July

 Sewing, Knitting, Crochet, Craft Projects

- Bring along your own project
- Learn a new craft
- Or just share a cuppa and a chat

Any queries contact Mai Ling 0412 499 205.

### MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP

We will never be a perfect parent, but we can be a praying parent.

Wednesday after 9.15am Mass, 2nd & 4th Wed each month

"Your prayers for your children are the greatest legacy you can leave."

For more information : Please contact Yvette on 0435 757 439  
Mothers, Aunts & Grandmothers are Welcome !



### Parish Calendar 2023

Tuesday 25th July  
Fair on the Hill meeting 7.30 - 8.30pm

Saturday 19th August  
Confirmation Commitment Mass 6pm

Sunday 20th August  
Confirmation Commitment Mass 8.30 & 10.30am, 5pm

Tuesday 22nd August  
Year 6 Confirmation Workshop Mass 5pm - 6pm



### St Justin's Lunch Wednesday 19th July 12 noon

#### Mulgrave Country Club

A LA Carte (choose your own meal)

All Welcome

Come along to share a meal with Parishioners & Friends

**Booking essential**

**by phoning or texting**

**Mai Ling 0412 499 205**

Or

**Phone Parish Office 9401 6335**

### BAPTISM

We welcome and pray this weekend for **Ivy Petula Davin & Sofia Isabel Hess** as they receive their sacrament of Baptism.



### World Youth Day - Lisbon 2023

The World Youth Day Fundraiser Raffle was drawn and please see below the winners.

**Congratulations to all the winners.**

**1st Prize - Maggie**

**2nd Prize - Ken,**

**3rd Prize - S Florentine**

**4th Prize - Lucio**

**5th Prize - Rohitha.**

**Thank you to all the parishioners for their kind donations and for helping our young youth attending WYD in Lisbon in August.**

All Parish Bulletin requests must be in by **Wednesday midday.**

Please email all requests to [Wheelerhill@cam.org.au](mailto:Wheelerhill@cam.org.au)

## The Children's Ministry of St Justin's Parish, Wheelers Hill

The children's ministry will continue every month, however due to the school holiday's after a short break it will re-commence in August 2023

The session will commence during the 10.30am Mass on Sunday in August and children will be taken together by the volunteers before the penitential act. Father will invite all the children and give them a blessing prior to leaving the church.

### What safeguarding measures are in place?

The Parish of St Justin's, Wheelers Hill is committed to ensure the safety, well-being and inclusion of all children and has policies and procedures in place to maintain a Child Safe environment. All volunteers above the age of 18 will need a Working With Children and Police Check in order to comply with the current regulations for the volunteers in the Parish. All applicable policies and guidelines could be found in the parish website via the link:

<http://www.cam.org.au/wheelershill>

### Further Information

If you have any suggestions or queries, please contact the parish office of St Justin's Church on 03 9401 6335 or email [wheelershill@cam.org.au](mailto:wheelershill@cam.org.au)

## We are excited to announce the commencement of a ReachOut Ministry in our Parish this year.

### What is a ReachOut Ministry ?

The vision of this Ministry is to have parishioners of St Justin's involved in a ReachOut community, meet monthly to share life and faith in a small group setting and thereby growing in Spiritual love.

These groups will help us:

- learn to be missionary disciples bringing Jesus Christ to others in the world;
- allow members to know one another and foster a sense of belonging not experienced in a large Parish setting; and
- facilitate quick and effective mobilization of parishioners for important larger events and parish level initiatives.

This ministry is also in keeping with Paul's writings in his epistle to the Hebrews (Hebrews 10:24-25) and the people of Thessaloniki (1 Thessalonians 5:11) wherein he exhorts the Believers to meet together for worship, encourage one another to love and to do good deeds, build up one another and comfort one another.

### When will it start and frequency of meetings -

We intend to commence the first meeting in early August, and thereafter once a month.

### Where will it be held ?

Groups can meet in a non-formal setting such as at members' homes / Parish meeting room or at a park.

### Further Information

If you have any queries, please contact St Justin's Parish office: 03 9401 6335 or e-mail: [wheelershill@cam.org.au](mailto:wheelershill@cam.org.au)

## BIBLE. STUDY

St Justin's Parish, has ongoing online/zoom weekly Bible Study sessions on Wednesdays at 7.30pm.

You are most welcome to join this study. No previous knowledge is needed and it is free! This is a great opportunity to grow in knowledge and to grow closer to our dear Lord.

The link is as follows:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8975658645?pwd=TXp0TEQzRlRlRkdZRDhDZmVpYU00T09>

Meeting ID 897 565 8645 Password 7HgAEz

For more details email: [ckasimir888@gmail.com](mailto:ckasimir888@gmail.com) or contact the parish office 03 9401 6335

## Relic Status of St John Bosco to tour Australia for Salesians' Centenary.

The relic statue of St John Bosco, better known as Don Bosco, will be touring Australia as part of the celebrations of the centenary of the arrival of the Salesians on Australian soil. The Salesians first set foot in Australia at Fremantle, Western Australia, on 30 March 1923.



All parishioners are welcomed to spend some time in personal prayer and a celebration of the Eucharist in honor of St John Bosco's relics being at the Don Bosco Retreat Centre on Tuesday 18th July 2023. (465 Lysterfield Rd, Lysterfield)

Personal prayer is welcome from 6pm and mass will be celebrated at 7pm.

## "ST. VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL"

As winter looms closer, our St Vincent Winter Appeal has begun!

Once again, we would very much appreciate your support to enable us to continue to help those in need – those families who are hungry, too often cold, and even face the reality of sleeping in cars, sheds or tragically, on the streets.

The current increase in cost-of-living issues and the cold weather soon to come, only make things more difficult for many families.

We are hoping you can assist us further by a kind donation – either in the St Vinnies Donation Box at the back of the church – or non-perishable food items may be placed in the baskets in the church foyer.

**Non-perishable food items, such as Coffee, Tea, Jam, Cereal, Canned Tomatoes, Rice, Sugar, Noodles, Peanut Butter, Long-life Full Cream Milk are named are in urgent need.**

We are very blessed to have the support of the parish, our school and generous parishioners.

**THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH.**

We would be grateful for any assistance you can give. Thank you.

## Reflections -

Here is Jesus telling another story about nature, in this case about soil good enough to bear a crop. Is he just a keen observer of the farmers of his time?

No. Throughout the Gospels there is a harmony between Jesus and the natural creation of a profound kind. But St Paul intuited that link at a profound level in the case of the Risen Lord.

This led him to make the most amazing claim that: 'The creation itself would be set free from its slavery to decay in order to share the freedom associated with the glory of the children of God.' We, and the whole cosmos, share the legacy of a common destiny brought about by the powerful victory of Christ over the final instance of decay, destruction and every type of death. We could pause a moment to pray with the angels as we do at every Mass: 'Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.'

## CHILD SAFE PARISH

Here at St Justin's, Wheelers Hill Parish we follow the Child Safe Standards outlined by the Victorian Government and we implement procedures and standards as directed by the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

**All Volunteers must have a current Working with Children Check Card.**

If you need assistance or for more information- please contact the Parish Office or

Fr Andrew - [wheelershill@cam.org.au](mailto:wheelershill@cam.org.au) on 9401 6335.

**Safeguarding group ; [wheelershill.safeguarding@cam.org.au](mailto:wheelershill.safeguarding@cam.org.au)**

ROSTERS	DATE	ALTAR SERVERS	DATA PROJECTIONIST	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Sat 6.00pm	15 July	Liam F, Eva C	Bernadine Fernando	Melissa Fernandes	Marian Coyle
Sun 8.30am	16 July	Volunteer	Oswin Antao	Diana Tan	Diana Tan
Sun 10.30 am	16 July	Patrick J, Volunteer	Lolita Briones	John Italiano	Tamara Fonseca
Sun 5.00pm	16 July	Volunteer	Volunteer	Natalie Uranie	Ophelia D'Souza
<b>NEXT WEEK</b>					
Sat 6.00pm	22 July	Leanne M, Elyana F.	Volunteer	Volunteer	Pabsi Perera
Sun 8.30am	23 July	Ariana De C	Ashleigh D'Souza	Oswin Antao	Mai-Ling Sholl
Sun 10.30am	23 July	Xavier R, Georgia R	Volunteer	John Italiano	John Italiano
Sun 5.00pm	23 July	Joseph B	Volunteer	Ildiko Kiss	Ophelia D'Souza
<b>ROSTERS</b>		<b>COUNTERS</b>		<b>CLEANING</b>	
THIS WEEK	16 July	Ida Tontodonati, Adeline Sie		Natalie Uranie	
NEXT WEEK	23 July	Peter Corteling, Robin Dragwidge		Adeline Sie	



*"Leave Nothing Undared for the Kingdom of God"*

## College Tours

Wednesday, 2nd August Thursday, 5th October  
Year 7, 2025 application close : Friday 18th August 2023

[Book a tour →](#)

Address: 5 Kernot Ave, Mulgrave VIC 3170  
Mazenod.vic.edu.au  
Contact # 03 9560 0911

### Finding our Winter Rhythm

*"Winter is a time when I seem to crave routine. As the days grow shorter and the cold weather drives me indoors, I can find myself struggling against a pervading winter sluggishness."*

### ADVERTISING IN ST JUSTIN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

We are now able to offer the opportunity for parishioners to advertise their business in our weekly newsletter.

The cost will be \$5.00 per week. Funds will assist the cost of printing our parish newsletter. Advertisements will appear on the back page of the newsletter with the disclaimer below.

If you wish to place an advertisement please contact the Parish Office call 9401 6335 or email [wheelershill@cam.org.au](mailto:wheelershill@cam.org.au)

### Connected with them in Prayer: Parishes & Schools Bless the WYD Pilgrims

Special Masses and gatherings have been held in a number of schools and parishes across the Archdiocese in recent weeks to bless pilgrims who are preparing to head to World Youth Day (WYD) in Lisbon, Portugal. Sixty-one parishes, 57 schools and 16 communities and movements will be represented in the Melbourne pilgrimage group of close to 600 people, one of the largest groups to ever attend a World Youth Day outside Australia.

*This Sunday, 16 July, an Archdiocesan-wide commissioning Mass for all pilgrims heading to World Youth Day will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral, where Archbishop Peter A Comensoli will bless all pilgrims as part of the 11am Mass. The group will then make a 'mini' pilgrimage by walking down to the nearby Catholic Leadership Centre for final preparations before the first group of pilgrims departs Melbourne on Wednesday 19 July.*

May we keep our WYD youth in prayer during this time.

### WYD destinations in the footsteps of Jesus

Melbourne's pilgrims to World Youth Day 2023 were given the choice of taking different routes to Lisbon. Along with the 'Direct to Lisbon' and 'The Italian Way' options, there was also 'The Footsteps of Jesus', a pilgrimage through the Holy Land that puts pilgrims in touch with famous sites associated with the birth, life, ministry and death of Jesus Christ.

Those who have travelled to the Holy Land can attest to the difference being there makes. Visiting the sites, seeing the places that Jesus would have seen, brings the Scriptures to life in a way nothing else can.

We take a quick look at just some of the sacred sites our pilgrims will visit on their pilgrimage through the Holy Land to Portugal.

### Bethlehem: Church of the Nativity

In Bethlehem, the pilgrims' first point of contact with the Holy Land, they will encounter churches and other sites that honour specific stages in the life of Mary and the early life of Jesus—and where tradition holds certain things actually took place.

