

# 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.

# Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

### 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 <u>Wheelershill.safeguarding</u> @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 book of the Kings 1 Kings 19:9. 11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

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

## **Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

- I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
- Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
- 3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

#### **Second Reading**

### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans Romans 9:1-5

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

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

# 13th August 2023

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!



## Gospel

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saving, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

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

Next Week's Reading 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A Is 56:1, 6-7: Rom 11:13-15, 29-32: Mt 15:21-28



# 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 Abeysekara, Sachini, Ransley Mascurine, Senaka Fernando, Jan Vanderwert, Cathy Faux, Shereen McLeod, June Ferguson, Delani Hakan, Nicolette Thomas, Eileen Ryan, Piroska Tertelyi. Patsy Wareham, Cameron Wales, Alan Sullivan, Patricia Fawkner, Melinda Anderson.

We pray for all who have died recently, We pray for those whose death anniversaries occur at this time including Sandra Andrieri.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

# **Thanksgiving Collections** 6th August 2023

1st Collection (house) Presbytery		923.55
CDF online 2nd Collection (church)	- \$	200.00
Thanksgiving	- \$	412.30
Loose	- \$	462.75

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 23rd August

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



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 Evening 6.45 - 8.00 pm Thursday 24th of August at 5pm **Parish Pastoral Meeting** 

Thursday 31st August **Reflection Day (confirmation students)** 

Saturday & Sunday 2nd & 3rd September Confirmation Medal Mass

# BAPTISM



We welcome and pray this weekend for Emma Anne Saulys & Archie Jeff

*Rumpf* as they receive their sacrament of Baptism.

# **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 on 9401 6335.

Safeguarding group ; wheelershill.safeguarding @cam.org.au

## **"ST. VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL"**



As we are now in winter, 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.

All Parish Bulletin requests must be in by Wednesday midday.

Please email all requests to Wheelershill@cam.org.au

World Youth Day Lisbon concludes with music, prayer, adoration, and a call to introduce the world to Jesus Christ



## Feast of "The Assumption of Our Lady - 15th August

Monday, 15 August the Church celebrates the Feast Day of the Assumption of Our Lady when according to our faith, the Holy Mother, "having completed her course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory".



Although defined as an article of faith by Pope Pius XII just over half a century ago, the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven has been accepted from back to the earliest of Christian times.

The Assumption signals the end of Mary's earthly life and marks her return to heaven to be reunited with Jesus. While the bodies of both Jesus and Mary are now in heaven, there is a difference between the Assumption and the Resurrection. Where Jesus arose from the tomb and ascended into heaven by his own power, Mary's body was taken up to heaven by the power of her Son.

### 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 s short break it will re-commence on the 13th of 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.

Safeguarding Measures are in place & St Justin's 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..

#### **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

## "Have no Fear" Pope Francis' homily for WYD

I would like to answer this question with three verbs, drawing from the Gospel we have heard: *to shine, to listen,* and *to be unafraid.* What will we take back with us? I would respond with these three words: *to shine, to listen,* and *to be unafraid.* 

Dear young friends, today we too need something of this burst of light, so that it can fill us with hope as we face the many failures of each day and the darkness that assails us in life, and respond to them with the light of the resurrection of Jesus. For he is the light that never sets, the light that shines even in the dead of night. As the priest Ezra said, God has illumined our eyes (cf Ezra 9:8). Our God illumines: he illumines our vision, our hearts, our minds, our desire to do something with our lives. The Lord's light always shines.

The second verb is to listen. On the mountain, a bright cloud overshadows the disciples. And what does it tell us, this cloud from which the Father speaks? 'This is my Son, the Beloved ... listen to him!' (Matthew 17:5). Listen to him. To listen to Jesus, that is life's secret. Listen to what Jesus is saying to you. 'But I don't know what he is saying to me.' Well, take the Gospels and read there what Jesus is saying, what he is saying to your heart. For he has the words of eternal life for us, he reveals that God is our Father, that God is love. He shows us the way of love. Listen to Jesus; otherwise, even if we set out with good intentions along paths that seem to be of love, in the end those paths will be seen as selfishness disguised as love. Be careful of selfishness disguised as love! Listen to Jesus, for he will show you which paths are those of love. Listen to him. The first word: to shine, so be radiant; then, listen in order not to take the wrong path; finally the third word: to be unafraid. Do not be afraid. We often find these words in the Bible, in the Gospels: 'Do not be afraid.' These were the last words spoken by Jesus to the disciples at the moment of the Transfiguration: 'Do not be afraid!' (Matthew 17:7).

# Now, in a brief moment of silence, each of you repeat these words, in your own heart: 'Do not be afraid!'

Dear young people, I would like to look into the eyes of each of you and say: Do not be afraid. I will tell you something else, also very beautiful: it is no longer I, but Jesus himself who is now looking at you. He knows each of your hearts, each of your lives; he knows your joys, your sorrows, your successes and failures. He knows your heart. Today, he says to you, here in Lisbon, at this World Youth Day: 'Have no fear, take heart, do not be afraid!'

ROSTERS	Date	Altar Servers	Data Projectionist	Readers	Eucharistic Minister
Sat 6.00pm	12 Aug	Liam F, Eva C	Bernadine Fernando	Chris Brodie	Volunteer
Sun 8.30am	13 Aug	Volunteer	Oswin Antao	Mai-Ling Sholl	Deacon Neil
Sun 10.30 am	13 Aug	Patrick J	Domenic D'Angelo	John Italiano*	Deacon Neil
Sun 5.00pm	13 Aug	Volunteer	Volunteer	Ophelia D'Souza	Volunteer
NEXT WEEK					
Sat 6.00pm	19 Aug	Leanne M, Elyana F.	Volunteer	Melissa Fernandes	Volunteer
Sun 8.30am	20 Aug	Ariana De C	Volunteer	Diana Tan	Deacon Neil
Sun 10.30am	20 Aug	Xavier & Georgia R	Lolita Briones	Rudy Fernandes	Deacon Neil
Sun 5.00pm	20 Aug	Joseph B	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
ROSTERS		COUNTERS	Cleaning	ALTAR	
THIS WEEK	13 Aug	Magda Schwarz, Theresa Bell	Natalie Uranie	Diana Tan	
NEXT WEEK	20 Aug	Ken Franklin, Donald Cruz		Natalie Uranie	

## CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.



Catholic Care Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your compassionate generosity will help the most vulnerable members of our community—those facing unemployment and homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, people in hospitals and prisons, newly arrived refugees, and those experiencing grief and trauma.

Your compassion and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalized in our community

You can also contact 03 9287 5513 for more information or go online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au (all gifts are tax deductible)

# **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=TXp0TEQzRIFiRkdZRD BDVmpYeTU0UT09

### Meeting ID 897 565 8645 Password 7HgAEz

For more details email: ckasimir888@gmail.com or contact the parish office 03 9401 6335

#### 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

### **Discovering our Vision and Vocation**

Floundering' is a word that is sometimes used to describe arts students, and unfortunately, I didn't exactly dispel the stereotype. When I completed my liberal arts degree, for a long time I wasn't sure where I wanted to go in life, what I wanted to *do*.

What was so interesting is that this calling to fatherhood was not a calling as I had previously understood it. There was no voice telling me what to do. What I had discovered was a deep desire to respond to God's love, and in that lay my vocation.

Fr Dishan Candappa's advice for those discerning a vocation gets to this point. It all 'depends on how much you want to give God.' Vocation is not just about listening for what God wants us to *do*. Some people experience it this way, but not everyone. It is also about discovering how we are going to respond to God with *who we are*. Vision and vocation go hand in hand.

# An initiative of the Knights of the Southern Cross (Vic)

The Archbishop's dinner is held each year to raise money for the Priests support and Education Fund.

This fund was established by the Knights of the Southern Cross to assist in the funding and education of Seminiarians and the post-ordination education of priests.

### The Archbishop's Dinner is on Friday the 1st September

Please contact :John Goold on 0417 564 551 or Email : johngoold1945@gmail.com RSVP - Friday 18th August 2023 (on receipt of payment, tickets will be issued)

Whilst the principle purpose of the evening is to raise funds, there is a deeper and broader reason for holding these dinners and why we encourage as many members of the community as possible to attend. This is an opportunity to demonstrate, in a tangible way, our support for the Archbishop, the Bishops of Victoria, the Clergy and Seminarians.