



Parish of St Justin

48 Whalley Drive Wheelers Hill 3150, Telephone # 9401 6335
Email: WheelersHill@cam.org.au Website: pol.org.au/wheelershill

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

First Sunday in Lent, Year A

26th February 2023

PARISH PERSONNEL

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr Andrzej Madry

Congregation of the Resurrection

PARISH DEACON:

Deacon Neil Daculan

PARISH SECRETARY:

Jeanne Bernard

SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Mai-Ling Sholl

Ophelia D'Souza

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 book of Genesis

Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death.'" Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The Word of the Lord,

Response - Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17.

(R.) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Romans

Rom 5:12-19

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam refigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord,

Response - Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!



Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Mt 4:1-11

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Response - Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Week's Reading
Second Sunday of LENT
Gen 12:1-4: 2 Tim 1:8-10:
Mt 17:1-9:



We pray for the sick of our Parish:

Carmel Welsh, Francis & Joanne Downs, Fred Clarke, Tiana Mugagulo, David Booth, Maria Macan, Rita, Steven & Georgette Mizher, Annette & Stephen Sachie. Judy Mead, Melissa Fernandes, Pauline Fisher, Celine Tang Willis. Lucy Field, Dilini Abeysekara, Sachini .

*We pray for all who have died recently,
May they rest in peace.*

*We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time including
Lucy Mascarenhas, Norman Vidler., Augustina Mary.*

Thanksgiving Collections 19th February

1st Collection (house)	
Presbytery	- \$ 713.45
2nd Collection (church)	
Thanksgiving	- \$ 576.00
Loose	- \$ 303.85

Thankyou and appreciate for your continuous support given to St Justin's Parish, God Bless,

SYRIAN EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

The recent Syrian earthquake has hit people who were already displaced in a region that has been devastated by more than a decade of civil war.

And your contribution last week will really benefit the victims who have suffered immensely.

The Collection was \$ 1, 506.10



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 in 8th March 2023

 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.

Parish Calendar 2023

Tuesday 28th February

Fair on the Hill Meeting 7.30 pm - 8.30pm

Wednesday 1st March

Mass at Weary Dunlop 2pm

Friday 3rd March

Stations of the Cross 7pm, Evening Mass 7.30pm

Thursday 23rd March

St Justin's School Open Day



LIFT YOUTH MINISTRY MARCH ACTIVITY – AMAZING RACE

Pit Stops, Challenges & Clues to find ... There will be a surprise at the Finish Line. Join the LIFT Youth Ministry for some "AMAZING" adventure .

Date: 5 March (SUNDAY)

Time: 6.00pm – 7.30pm (immediately after the Sunday 5.00 pm Mass)

Starting Line: Parish Meeting Room

Youths from Grade 6 – 25 years are welcome. We recommend appropriate footwear and clothing for the race.

Please RSVP to hold your place in the race by 2 March 2023 to 0466 532 381 / 0430 089 866

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. or

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

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 !



LENTEN REFLECTION - Into the wild

This week, as we enter into the season of Lent once more, we are invited to travel with Jesus into the wilderness.

It's not always an easy place to be. Wild places test us physically and emotionally. They can be exhausting, uncomfortable, even dangerous. And for these reasons, as my family will tell you, I have not always been a particularly enthusiastic camper. But even I have to concede that some of the most profound and transforming experiences of my life have occurred in places far off the beaten track, under broad skies, worlds away from the complicated suburban life-support system I've carefully assembled for myself. Despite—or perhaps because of—the sore muscles and blistered feet, I've had the experience in these places of feeling more alive and more connected to the earth and my true purpose; of being closer to God

So sometimes, when I'm running late for the train, or trying to stem a never-ending tide of emails, or asking a child for the umpteenth time to pack the dishwasher, I find myself longing for the simple, elemental experience of being alone on a walking track or of sleeping under the stars.

And I wonder why that is. When life becomes too busy or overwhelming, what is it that draws us out of our comfort zones and into the wilderness?

The gospel for the first Sunday in Lent this year (Matthew 4:1–11) might give us some clues.

First, we read that Jesus is led into the wilderness by the Spirit. This is part of God's plan. There is something in the desert for Jesus to see and experience, but there is also something for him to resolve.

This passage appears immediately after the account of his baptism, which marks the beginning of his public ministry and of his long journey to the cross and beyond. And so, we are told, Jesus is led into the wilderness to be tempted and tested on a number of fronts—on his priorities, on his relationship with the Father, on who he is going to be and how he is going to follow his calling—things we too need to consider in response to our own baptisms, our own callings.

The next sentence contains further clues, as well as what I once heard described as perhaps the greatest instance of understatement in all of the Bible. Jesus fasts for an extraordinary 40 days and 40 nights and after that, the gospel tells us, he was 'very hungry'. (I live with teenagers who don't seem to be able to go 40 minutes without complaining they're very hungry.) The author wants us to understand that this is no walk in the park for Jesus. He is exhausted and starving, and has been tested to the limits of his endurance, both physically and spiritually. His time in the wilderness has shown him what it means to be human and to be really, *really* hungry.

In the wilderness, we can no longer deceive ourselves. Hungry, tired and footsore, but also awestruck and inspired, we find we are not little gods after all—not the independent, self-sufficient beings we thought ourselves to be—but *creatures*, placed in a wild and beautiful creation by a loving and utterly trustworthy God.

The temptation that Jesus faces in the wilderness—and that he steadfastly rejects—is to take a shortcut, denying or avoiding his humanity and mortality by jumping straight to an easy but fatally compromised 'happy ending'. Rather than choosing power and self-sufficiency—the 'quick fix'—he embarks on a more difficult and costly path. But Jesus recognises that everything he needs, and everything worth having, comes from the hand of God. In the face of an uncertain and difficult future, he chooses instead to trust.

So as we embark again on this Lenten journey, travelling with Jesus deep into the wild regions of our lives, may we experience our own hunger and profound need of God. And may we listen attentively to the quiet voice of the Spirit, so that we might learn to trust the God who created us and who longs to give us all that we need.

Palm Sunday Walk for Justice and Freedom for Refugees 2023

This year's walk will call for **Justice for Refugees: Permanent Visas for all, Fair Processes and income support for people who are seeking recognition as refugees.**

Walk with us this Palm Sunday at Walk for Justice for Refugees!

When - Palm Sunday, 2nd April 2023

Time - Join the gathering at 1:00pm for a group reflection and prayer led by Fr Andy Hamilton SJ,

Where - State Library (near the Joan of Arc Statue)

If you have any questions, please get in touch with Maeve at CAPSA – info@capsa.org.au.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation

boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



Propagation of the Faith Appeal Proposed for 2023

Throughout this year we will be assisting the people of Timor-Leste in a number of ways, and a brief overview is attached below..

In addition, the events in Turkiye and Syria is heartbreaking to watch unfold.

We are supporting missionary priests, religious sisters and lay missionaries aiding survivors. Catholic Mission is

aiding existing partners on the ground in providing pastoral support and assistance. This work is being funded through an email campaign, as a number of agencies are all doing their bit, which is appropriate. We are reaching out to our regular supporters who are responding heroically to our call for assistance.

Melbourne.admin@catholicmission.org.au and confirm 3rd/4th June or inform us of a date in June/July that suits you best.

Again, thank you for your wonderful support of the work of Catholic Mission.



Mission: Change their lives ... and yours.

Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents.



Explore 35 positions by scanning the QR code below. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand.

Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know:

Contact 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567

WEB: www.palms.org.au

All Parish Bulletin requests must be in
by Wednesday midday.

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

ROSTERS	DATE	ALTAR SERVERS	DATA PROJECTIONIST	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Sat 6.00 pm	25 Feb	Volunteer	Bernadine Fernando	Helen Johnpillai	Raymond Coyle
Sun 8.30am	26 Feb	Volunteer	Khai Vu	Noeline Willenberg	Deacon Neil
Sun 10.30 am	26 Feb	Volunteer	Domenico D'Angelo	Rudy Fernandes	Deacon Neil
Sun 5.00 pm	26 Feb	Volunteer	Anthony Devadass	Ashleigh D'Souza	
NEXT WEEK					
Sat 6.00pm	4 March	Volunteer	Melissa Fernandes	Yvette Esteves	Volunteer
Sun 8.30am	5 March	Volunteer	Ida Tontodonati	Volunteer	Deacon Neil
Sun 10.30am	5 March	Volunteer	Demetrio DeJ	Diana Tan	Deacon Neil
Sun 5.00 pm	5 March	Volunteer	Ashleigh D'Souza	Isabelle Devadass	
ROSTERS		COUNTERS	CLEANING	ALTAR	
THIS WEEK	26 Feb	Theresa Bell, Adeline Sie		Lolita Briones	
	5 March	Yvette Esteves, Rudy Fernandes		Tamara Corteling	

Enrolments are still open for Semester 1 at Catholic Theological College.

We have many areas of study that may be of interest such as *John Henry Newman and the Church in the Nineteenth Century, Pastoral Leadership for a Safe Church and many online options*

For more information contact: registrar@ctc.edu.au or visit ctc.edu.au

Catholic Schools Guide

Please find enclosed copies of the 2023 edition of Catholic Schools Guide featuring our theme "Reimagining Education"

This is a handy guide for those interested in a Catholic Secondary Education for your Children.

Should you wish additional copies, Please contact admin@catholicschoolsguide.com.au

BISHOP ROBERT RABBAT'S SYRIAN EARTHQUAKE APPEAL.

The Melkite Catholic Eparchy.

For those who would like to donate, contributions can be made by donating to:

MCF DGR Account

Ref: Syrian Appeal

BSB 062784 Account: 100011493

Donations are tax deductible and for a receipt please email : mcf@melkite.org.au or contact 02 9750 5514 for more information.

I ask also for your thoughts and prayers for all who are impacted by the devastating earthquake, as well as the volunteers and emergency workers assisting them in their needs at this challenging time.

NEED TO DISPOSE OF A VEHICLE?

If you need to dispose of a vehicle either from a deceased estate or which is no longer required, please consider gifting it to the "Lifeboat Geelong Foundation", a registered charity with tax deductible status which for nine years has been providing pastoral and practical support to nearly 150 victims / survivors of church-related sexual abuse. Many of these suffer post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and have limited or no employment. A donated vehicle could vastly improve their quality of life.

If you would like to explore the possibility of gifting a potentially suitable vehicle to "Lifeboat", please contact Fr. Kevin Dillon (0421 777 360, or frkdillon@outlook.com.au) or Adam Kaali (0411 486 605, or adam-kaali@hotmail.com).

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



Leave Nothing Undared
for the Kingdom of God

Open Day 2023

Wednesday 8th March
2:00pm - 6:00pm



Book a Tour

At 5 Kernot Ave Mulgrave VIC 3170

Mazenod.vic.edu.au or contact on 03 9560 0911

Year 7/2025 Application Close, Friday 18th August 2023