



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.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

20th August 2023

PARISH PERSONNEL

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr Andrzej Madry

Congregation of the Resurrection

PARISH DEACON:

Deacon Neil Daculan

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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

Isaiah 56: 1. 6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The Word of the Lord,

Response - Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R). O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. (R.)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul

to the Romans Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The Word of the Lord,

Response - Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!



Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The Gospel of the Lord

Response - Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Week's Reading

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Is 22:19-23: Rom 11:33-36:

Mt 16:13-20:





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, Pirooska Tertelyi. Patsy Wareham, Cameron Wales, Alan Sullivan, Patricia Fawcner, Melinda Anderson, Marie Rabot, Noel Rosario, Helena De Costa

We pray for all who have died recently including **Bernadette Goonting Bhandari, Angelo Victorio Rossi, Fr Pat Mooney.** We pray for those whose death anniversaries occur at this time including **Gerard Albuquerque.**

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

Thanksgiving Collections 13th August 2023

1st Collection (house)

Presbytery - \$ 849.10
CDF online - \$ 20.00

2nd Collection (church)

Thanksgiving - \$ 467.50
Loose - \$ 308.15

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

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

Thank you from CatholicCare Victoria and deeply grateful for the support given to help those who are in need.



We raised \$1031.00

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.

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

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.

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

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 !

All Parish Bulletin requests must be in by

Wednesday midday.

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

Reflections -

Moving through the liturgy- Why what we do matters

Catholic liturgy is rich with movement and expressive physical gestures; it is drenched in symbolism, so that even the smallest details, the smallest movements, carry deep meaning, pointing us towards the supernatural and the invisible.

As Professor Clare Johnson of the ACU Centre for Liturgy points out, Catholicism is a 'holistic' system of beliefs and rituals, and nowhere do we see this more clearly than in the liturgy. 'We have rites that speak to our bodies, our minds and our spirits, and we don't separate them out,' she says.

Throughout history, people have been tempted to see the human person as simply a soul imprisoned within a body, or a body without a soul. Within Catholic worship, however, we see a profound respect for the unity and reality of both.

'If we're going to speak to people's minds and their spirits, we also have to understand that those are only available to us because they're in bodies,' she explains. 'Our bodies are our primary means of interacting with the world, for interacting with each other, and for interacting with God.'

In this way, the human body is a 'sacramental' thing. Our bodies reveal and communicate something invisible—our own inner worlds, our attitudes, desires and dispositions. How we move in the liturgy, what we do and say, is meant to express the inner meaning of what's going on.

Catholicism's respect for the body also stems from the incarnation, Professor Johnson says. By taking on human nature in all of its physicality, Jesus both affirmed its goodness and redeemed it.

The Movement of the Liturgy

This is why the liturgy is such an intensely physical experience, as well as a holy one. The culmination of the Mass is Holy Communion, where the faithful receive the consecrated host—no longer bread, but the body, blood, soul and divinity of Christ.

We feed the body with the body and blood of Christ ... We ingest that. It becomes part of us ... You can't get much more physical than that!

But even beyond this, there are many other liturgical gestures and movements that have important symbolic resonance. Our participation in them is an integral part of the 'full, conscious and active participation' in the liturgy called for by the Second Vatican Council, Professor Johnson explains.

'We physicalise that which our minds and bodies are about to engage in,' she says. For example, we make the sign of the cross and genuflect when we enter a church; we kneel at the pew; we stand for the gospel, acknowledging Christ's presence in the Word; we exchange signs of peace; the priest kisses the altar and the gospel; we walk out of our pew to the threshold of the sanctuary to receive Christ, who has come out to meet us; the priest processes in and out. None of it is accidental; all of it means something, and all of it is helping us go deeper into what's happening in the Mass.

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=TXp0TEQzRlRlRkdZRDZDVmpYeTU0UT09>

Meeting ID 897 565 8645 Password 7HgAEz

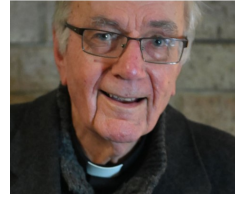
For more details email: ckasimir888@gmail.com or contact the parish office 03 9401 6335

'Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you.'

Pope Francis

Fr Michael Shadbolt: Exorcism is "the Power of Jesus"

On Monday 14 August, Fr Michael Shadbolt, who served as the Archdiocese of Melbourne's official exorcist for 12 years, reflected on his time in this role in a talk given at *God and Beer*, a regular event hosted by the Knights of the Southern Cross Victoria. Although the initial appointment came as a surprise, experience has convinced him of the ongoing need for the ministry of exorcism.



'The ministry of exorcism has always existed in the Church,' Fr Michael said. 'It's there in the gospels. Jesus always cast the evil spirits out.'

In the modern era, there has been a downplaying of exorcism as a necessary ministry, Fr Michael thinks, but certain figures, such as the Italian priest Fr Gabriele Amorth, as well as Hollywood's collection of films exploring the subject, have popularised it again.

Ordained a priest in 1964, it wasn't until 2011 that he was appointed exorcist by then Archbishop Denis Hart. (According to canon law, solemn exorcisms are only to be performed by priests who have been expressly authorised by their bishop to do so, and only after the person requesting exorcism has undergone a screening process to rule out mental illness.) He said that in his earliest years in the ministry, he was a bit of a 'scaredy-cat', since some of the manifestations—when the demonic forces possessing a person show themselves during the rite of exorcism—were frightening for an inexperienced novice.

Nevertheless, there are things people don't understand about the ministry of exorcism, he said. One is that films tend to 'grossly exaggerate' the kinds of manifestations that take place, 'but not entirely so'. Hollywood is 'fascinated' by the manifestations, but one of the only films he has seen in recent times that gets closer to the truth is the 2023 movie by Cary Solomon and Chuck Konzelman, *Nefarious*. Although exorcism is a subject many people find fascinating, and one Fr Michael believes people would do well to learn more about, 'You don't have to be an exorcist to be in the front line of the battle against Satan.' The 'front line' is the Church's ordinary work of celebrating the Mass and the sacraments, and living in a state of grace.

'That's prevention,' he said. 'We've got to be out there preaching the word of God, calling people to faith, and calling them to this deep commitment of their lives to Jesus.'

Fr Michael reaffirmed a saying of Fr Gabriele Amorth: 'One Confession is worth ten exorcisms. And that sums it up very well.'

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

The children's ministry will continue every month, next gathering will be in September.

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

ROSTERS	DATE	ALTAR SERVERS	DATA PROJECTIONIST	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
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 10.30 am	20 Aug	Xavier & Georgia R	Lolita Briones	Rudy Fernandes	Deacon Neil
Sun 5.00pm	20 Aug	Joseph B	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
NEXT WEEK					
Sat 6.00pm	26 Aug	Isaac B, Volunteer	Joe Persico	Jamie Davin	Volunteer
Sun 8.30am	27 Aug	Volunteer	Ashleigh D'Souza	Oswin Antao	Deacon Neil
Sun 10.30am	27 Aug	Patrick J, Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Deacon Neil
Sun 5.00pm	27 Aug	Volunteer	Ophelia D'Souza	Natalie Uranie	Volunteer
ROSTERS		COUNTERS		CLEANING	
THIS WEEK	20 Aug	Ken Franklin, Donald Cruz		Natalie Uranie	
NEXT WEEK	27 Aug	Peter Corteling, Robin Dragwidge	Diana Tan	Adeline Sie	

In the Footsteps of Mary Mackillop



An Australian Pilgrimage led by a Sister of Saint Joseph & the inaugural Director of the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Melbourne.

Starting on the, 17th October - 28 October 2023

Booking & enquiries please contact 02 8912 4818 or

Email - national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

Bishops' statement calls for "new engagement" with First Nations peoples

Australia's Catholic bishops have called on the nation to seek 'a new engagement' with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in their annual Social Justice Statement being launched today. Since the 1940s, the bishops have published annual statements that urge the Catholic community to reflect and act on social, economic and ecological issues. The statements are published as a focal point for Social Justice Sunday, which will be marked on 27 August this year.

This year's statement, *Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples*, will be launched in western Sydney on Thursday morning by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, chair of the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service.

'Our attitudes and actions towards First Nations peoples need to be grounded in justice, love and humility,' he will say.

'We need to listen with deep respect and learn from them about what needs to be done to improve their situations. We need to walk with them, day by day, and work with them to bring about change for the better—for their people and for all of us.

'Strengthening our relationship with our First Peoples is integral and indeed critical to the strengthening of the whole nation.'

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.

'We were very mindful of not being a burden to anyone,' said Archbishop Comensoli.



Watching this tragedy from afar, and offering financial support is one thing, but it is important that we hear and share the voices of those directly affected. This visit was about caring for our neighbour, and personally offering a strength in friendship and prayer to the Ukrainian people.

'It was key for us to bring dimensions of faith, friendship and solidarity to this trip. Wherever we went, we heard how important it was for the people to know of our own prayers from afar. But significantly, we repeatedly heard of their acknowledgment of the "courage" to physically travel to the country and show that Ukrainians are not alone.