



# 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.

**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

**3rd September 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

# Happy Father's Day

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# Welcome to church

### First Reading

*A reading from the prophet  
Jeremiah*

*Jeremiah 20:7-9:*

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more. Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

**The Word of the Lord,**

**Response - Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2*

*(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

### Second Reading

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

*Romans 12:1-2*

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

**The Word of the Lord,**

**Response - Thanks be to God**

### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see  
how great is the hope  
to which we are called.*

*Alleluia!*



### Gospel

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew*

*Mt 16:21-27*

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**Response - Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Next Week's Reading**  
**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**  
**Ezek 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10:**  
**Mt 18:15-20:**



## 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

We pray for those whose death anniversaries occur at this time including Lilette Lucas, Grace & Joseph Sie.

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**

## Thanksgiving Collections 27th August 2023

### 1st Collection (house)

Presbytery - \$ 765.00  
CDF Online - \$ 32.50

### 2nd Collection (church)

Thanksgiving - \$ 376.50  
Loose - \$ 331.30

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 13th September

 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

Wednesday 6th September  
Confirmation Mass 5pm & 7pm

Thursday 7th September  
Mazenod info night 7.30 pm - 8.30pm

Thursday 14th September  
**ARE YOU OK? DAY**

Thursday 5th October  
Parish Pastoral Council 5pm - 6pm

Saturday 11th November  
Fair on the Hill 11am - 4pm



## BAPTISM

We welcome and pray this weekend for **Sheoli Hope Wijeyesakere** as she receives her sacrament of Baptism.



## Annual Father's Day Appeal -



Care for our Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Melbourne.  
Please donate using the envelopes on the pews or electronically by logging on to:

[www.melbournecatholic.org.au/foundation](http://www.melbournecatholic.org.au/foundation)

Donations can also be made by mail (cheque or money order), made payable to "Priests Retirement Foundation". Please send to PO Box 615, East Melbourne VIC 8002. Donations are 100% tax-deductible.

Thank you for your generous support of the Retired Priests.

## RCIA - A Journey of Faith at St Simon's Parish in Rowville

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults—RCIA Are you or a friend thinking of becoming a Catholic?

Information night on TUE, 3 Oct 2023 from 7.30 pm at the Parish Centre. Ring the Parish Office on 9764 4058 or Phillip on 0437 343 022 or just come along on the night. **"Come and see."**

## 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)**

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# ST JUSTIN'S FAIR ON THE HILL

**Saturday, 11th November**  
**11:00am - 4:00pm**

42-48 Whalley Drive, Wheelers Hill VIC 3150

**FOOD & DRINK | RIDES | GAMES | RAFFLES | AND MORE!**



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

**The children's ministry will continue every month, next gathering will be on the 10th 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](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=TXp0TEQzRlRlRkdZRDZDVmpYeTU0UT09>

**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

### We're just clay pots:

#### Fr Brendan Lane reflects on 50 years of priesthood

Fr Brendan Lane remembers feeling 'rotten' on the day of his ordination. On a wintry Saturday in August 1973, he was one of four ordinands to walk up the long aisle of St Patrick's Cathedral, ready to dedicate their lives to God and his people.

'It's a big step, isn't? I guess I was overwhelmed by all that,' he reflects. 'But then when the ceremony began, it gave me a great peace. Somehow God gave that peace and strength.'

It's been 50 years since that fateful day, but he remembers it clearly. 'At the start it was overwhelming. I felt rotten,' he says with a chuckle. 'And then I lay down on the floor and they sang the litany and suddenly I got a peace and a power there that came over me, and I was alright.'

**Fr Brendan is currently parish priest of St Mary's in Dandenong, and has served in a variety of ministries over the last 50 years, including a four-year stint in Zambia, and as an assistant priest at the parishes of Fitzroy, Bulleen, Glen Huntly and Cheltenham. Following his time overseas, he was the assistant priest at Sunshine before being appointed as its parish priest. He went on to serve as parish priest at two more parishes, St Kevin's Hampton Park and St Francis of Assisi in Mill Park, before being appointed rector of Corpus Christi College Seminary in Carlton in 2009.**

While there have been many highlights over the years, Fr Brendan says he's also had his share of challenges, but prayer has always provided a sense of reprieve.

'One year, I had a terrible year,' he reflects. 'But I'd get up and pray, and I came through that year, a very unhappy year, and it taught me a lot, you know? With God's help I can go through anything, and that's what I chose as my motto: *With God on our side who can be against us? Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord* (cf. Romans 8:31). So that sort of confidence gives you the confidence to take risks; to try things and have a go. Because you have that sense of God with you.'



### Online Launch to Celebrate the Season of Creation 2023.

To celebrate the Season of Creation, Caritas Australia invites Catholic communities nationwide to attend an online launch, offering participants an enriching and informative experience through its Catholic Earthcare program.

With this year's theme being 'Let Justice and Peace Flow', participants at the launch event will have the opportunity to learn about creating a *Laudato Si'* Action Plan and to join a community of mutual support. They will also gain access to the *Australian Guide to Laudato Si' Action Planning*, designed to help users initiate practical, meaningful change within their own parish, school, household or organisation.

**On Monday 4th September from 6pm—7pm**

**Venue—Online**

For further information, email [aline.peres@caritas.org.au](mailto:aline.peres@caritas.org.au).

All Parish Bulletin requests must be in by  
**Wednesday midday.**  
Please email all requests to [Wheelershill@cam.org.au](mailto:Wheelershill@cam.org.au)

ROSTERS	DATE	ALTAR SERVERS	DATA PROJECTIONIST	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Sat 6.00pm	02 Sept	Jalon & Joel P	Melissa Fernandes	Paul Dunne	Raymond Coyle
Sun 8.30am	03 Sept	Ariana De C	Oswin Antao	Noeline Willenberg	Deacon Neil
Sun 10.30 am	03 Sept	Xavier & Georgia R	Lolita Briones	Volunteer	Deacon Neil
Sun 5.00pm	03 Sept	Joseph B, Elyana F	Marcus Yap	Joyce Yap	Volunteer
<b>NEXT WEEK</b>					
Sat 6.00pm	09 Sept	Liam F, Eva C	Bernadine Fernando	Helen Johnpillai	Volunteer
Sun 8.30am	10 Sept	Volunteer	Khai Vu	Mai-Ling Sholl	Deacon Neil
Sun 10.30am	10 Sept	Patrick J, Volunteer	Volunteer	Rudy Fernandes	Deacon Neil
Sun 5.00pm	10 Sept	Aiden D	Anthony Devadass	Sheena Devadass	Volunteer
<b>ROSTERS</b>		<b>COUNTERS</b>	<b>CLEANING</b>	<b>ALTAR</b>	
THIS WEEK	03 Sept	Adeline Sie, Theresa Bell	Youth Group	Natalie Uranie	
NEXT WEEK	10 Sept	Peter Corteling, Claudia Scuteri		Adeline Sie	

### "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.

### Freedom to Live for Refugees and People Seeking Asylum: CAPSA Webinar, National Week of Prayer and Action

The Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum (CAPSA), co-convened by Jesuit Social Services and Jesuit Refugee Service (Australia), will host a webinar on 5 September from 4.30pm as part of its annual National Week of Prayer and Action (4 - 8 September).

The webinar will explore the theme 'freedom to live for refugees and people seeking asylum,' inspired by Pope Francis' theme for the 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees held on 24 September 2023: 'Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay.'

See more information in the link below: <https://capsa.org.au/>

### 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)**



The Catholic Church celebrates today the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary on its traditional fixed date of September 8, nine months after the December 8 celebration of her Immaculate Conception as the child of Saints Joachim and Anne.

The circumstances of the Virgin Mary's infancy and early life are not directly recorded in the Bible, but other documents and traditions describing the circumstances of her birth are cited by some of the earliest Christian writers from the first centuries of the Church.

Joachim and Anne began to devote themselves extensively and rigorously to prayer and fasting, initially wondering whether their inability to conceive a child might signify God's displeasure with them.

After Mary's birth, according to the Protoevangelium of James, Anne "made a sanctuary" in the infant girl's room, and "allowed nothing common or unclean" on account of the special holiness of the child. The same writing records that when she was one year old, her father "made a great feast, and invited the priests, and the scribes, and the elders, and all the people of Israel." "And Joachim brought the child to the priests," the account continues, "and they blessed her, saying: 'O God of our fathers, bless this child, and give her an everlasting name to be named in all generations' . . . And he brought her to the chief priests, and they blessed her, saying: 'O God most high, look upon this child, and bless her with the utmost blessing, which shall be for ever.'"

The fourth-century bishop, whose theology profoundly shaped the Western Church's understanding of sin and human nature, affirmed that "through her birth, the nature inherited from our first parents is changed."