



# Parish of St Justin Wheelers Hill

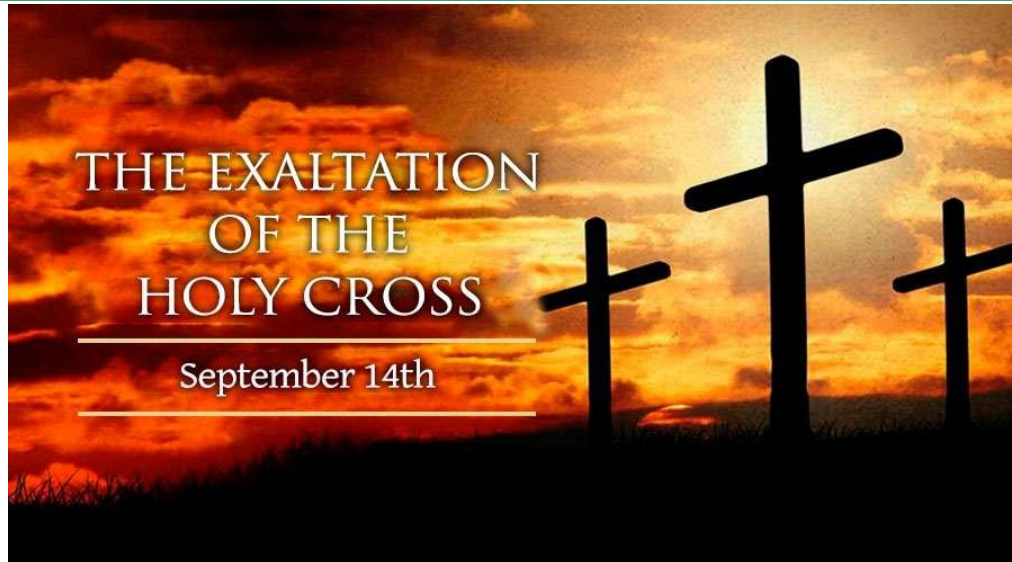
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*St Justin's Parish is committed to the safety, well-being and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults*

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

**13 September 2020**



Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to

Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western

calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.

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## REFLECTION

The cross is today the universal image of Christian belief. Countless generations of artists have turned it into a thing of beauty to be carried in procession or worn as jewellery. To the eyes of the first Christians, it had no beauty. It stood outside too many city walls, decorated only with decaying corpses, as a threat to anyone who defied Rome's authority—including Christians who refused

sacrifice to Roman gods. Although believers spoke of the cross as the instrument of salvation, it

seldom appeared in Christian art unless disguised as an anchor or the Chi-Rho until after Constantine's edict of toleration.



## ST JUSTIN'S PARISH PERSONNEL

**PARISH PRIEST:**  
**Fr Andrzej Madry**  
Congregation of the Resurrection

**PARISH DEACON:**  
Deacon Neil Daculan

**PARISH SECRETARY:**  
Jeanne Bernard

**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

**PIETY STALL OPEN :**  
**CLOSED**

**WEEKEND MASSES:**  
**Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm**  
**(online)**  
**Sunday : 10.30am (online)**

**WEEK DAY MASSES:**  
Monday - Friday 9.15am  
**now online via YouTube &  
Facebook**

**RECONCILIATION: BY**

**APPOINTMENT**

**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** Sir 27:30 - 28:7  
**A reading from the book of  
Ecclesiasticus**

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

**“The Word of God”**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8 (R.)**

***The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.***

**Second Reading** Rom 14:7-9

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

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

**“The Word of God”**

**Gospel Acclamation**

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved  
you.***

***Alleluia!***

**Gospel**

**Mt 18:21-35**

**A reading from the holy Gospel to Matthew**



Peter went up to Jesus and said, ‘Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?’ Jesus answered, ‘Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.

‘And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants.

When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt.

At this, the servant threw himself down at his master’s feet. “Give me time,” he said “and I will pay the whole sum.” And the servant’s master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt.

Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. “Pay what you owe me”, he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, “Give me time and I will pay you.” But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him.

Then the master sent for him. “You wicked servant,” he said. “I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?” And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.

**“The Gospel of the Lord”**

**Next Week's Reading**  
**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Is 55:6-9;**  
**Phil 1:20-24, 27;**  
**Mt 20:1-16**

## CHILD SAFE PARISH

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



The Parish Office can supply you with our Code of Conduct and Child Safety Policy. If you have any concerns whatsoever - please contact the Parish Office or a member of the Child Safety Committee.

**Dear Parishioners,** Thank you for the continuing support given to St Justin's Parish. We know that these are difficult times. Thank you.

If you wish to support the parish, you can do it in different ways:

- you can drop your thanksgiving envelopes to the parish office or into our letterbox
- you can make a donation to our House and Church Account
- you can make a donation using CDF pay for parishes

Also you can follow the links from our website to make a donation: [pol.org.au/wheelershill](http://pol.org.au/wheelershill)

### 1st Collection - House St Justin's Parish

Name of Bank -NAB  
BSB - 083 347  
Account No. - 671274694

### 2nd Collection - Church

Name of Bank - NAB  
BSB - 083 347  
Account No. - 671307775

**Please remember that If you need any assistance or there is anyone that you know, who is in need, yourself, a family member or a member of our Community please do not hesitate to contact Fr Andrew or the Parish Office on 9401 6335.**

**We thank you in advance for supporting our parish community.**

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that St Justin's will only be using the 'cam' email address for any communication with parishioners'.

Do not accept any other emails with Fr Andrzej Madry's name.

**If you receive such emails please contact the Parish office immediately.**

**Thank you Fr Andrzej Madry**



### Are You Called to be a Spiritual Director?

The Siloam Program is a full-time or part-time program to form Spiritual Directors. It is suitable for those who wish to companion others on their spiritual journey, helping them to notice the movement of God in their hearts and in their lived experience. The program, which commences on 4 Feb 2021, blends academic and **supervisory** work to foster a discerning, contemplative approach. The program may be offered face-to-face, online via Zoom, or a combination of both. It may be studied as a Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Direction **at the University of Divinity**, with Fee-Help available to qualifying students. Previous participants have commented that this program has been transformational for their personal spirituality and has deepened their awareness and ability to listen.

Apply to Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Brochure and application form at [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne) or call 03 9890 1101

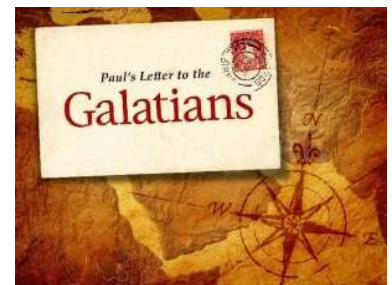


**We pray for the sick of our Parish:** David Booth, Joan Lopes, Aurora Dionisio Alejandro, Serge Confait, Carmel Welsh, Lynne Davis, Garry Riley, Marcia Kingsley, Suzanne Theodore, Daniela Di Gulielmo, Pina Di Gulielmo, Little Jordan, Rosemary Russell, Dennis Livingstone, Clair Herft, Judy Dickinson, Jessie Desira, Rosy Vella, Juliette, Jim & Shirley Knight, Lois O'Loughlin, Gautom Mukherjee, Francis & Cecilia Choudhury,

**We pray** for PEPPINO BERNARDO, and for all the souls who passed away recently, may they RIP, and remember PANFILO PIETROPAOLO, Snr KASIMIR CLEMENT & MARY CHIA and all whose death anniversaries that occur at this time.

## BIBLE STUDY

**Visual Study of St Paul's Epistles to  
The Galatians**



**Thursdays 7.30 pm**

**For more details please contact**

**Kasimir 0435 049 828 or email [ckasimir888@gmail.com](mailto:ckasimir888@gmail.com)**



This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. The Church takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk.

## ST JUSTIN'S PARISH SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE

St Justin's Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. We uphold that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.

At St Justin's we have a dedicated committee entrusted with prioritising the safety and wellbeing of children in our Parish Community. The committee members are

Patrick Torpey - Principal, St Justin's Primary School

Mai-Ling Sholl - 0412 499 205

Ophelia D'Souza - 0421 591 126.

This committee formed at the beginning of 2020 is working under the guidelines of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne which in turn has incorporated the directives of the Commission for Children and Young People (CCYP).

As members of St Justin's Parish Community we put children first in all our decisions, be it family or community. This is an important step in caring for the children and making them feel safe and loved. In case you have any observations, suggestions or comments on this matter, please feel free to contact the committee members or the Parish Office.

All volunteers at St Justin's Parish will be asked to contribute to the protection of children and vulnerable adults by completing documentations and training as required by the Commission for Children and Young People. Parishioners will be contacted over the coming months in this regard and your assistance is very much appreciated..

We look forward to working together in preserving St Justin's as a Child Safe Parish..

## WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR CARE

Gracious God, you love and care for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable. We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk who have been sexually abused, and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed.

Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken. Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard.

We pray that with the help of your grace communities and families will find understanding and support, so that now and in the future their wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace.

Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required.

We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. **Amen**



## NEVER FORGET GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Today's first reading and Gospel contain wise and important teachings on the need to forgive others. Resentment and anger not dealt with are foul things. We know this but at times we still find it hard, even impossible, to forgive. Perhaps the best way to begin to address forgiveness is to follow the lead of today's responsorial psalm and focus on the forgiveness and compassion of God. In this much-loved hymn, the psalmist marvels that God's mercy is in no way proportionate to the offence: 'God does not treat us according to our faults'. Nor is God's forgiveness partial. No, 'God forgives all our guilt and heals all our wounds'. Perhaps one reason why God is all-forgiving is because God is all-knowing. God, who created us, knows our human frailty. In a beautiful verse from this psalm, not included in today's liturgy, we read: 'God knows how we are formed, remembers that we are dust'. We, for our part, can forget human frailty and demand from one another and from ourselves a perfection of which only God is capable. If we remember the abiding mercy of God towards us, and if we can be forgiving of our own failings, we will be more able to forgive wholeheartedly the brother or sister, husband or wife, parent or child, friend or enemy who wrongs us.

### Dear Parishioners, COVID-19 - Updates

#### Mass Services:

Following the latest Government announcement that we are to be in lockdown we can confirm that weekday and weekend Masses will once again be temporarily suspended.

We will still be continuing with our Live stream service:

**Daily Mass Monday to Friday 9.15 am**

**Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass**

**Sunday Mass 10.30am**

Live stream masses from our church are available via Facebook and YouTube – just type in St Justin Wheelers Hill and you will find us there,

If accessing Mass via YouTube, please remember to subscribe!

#### Parish Office:

The Parish Office will be closed during this period however we will be working from home. Please continue to email the parish office with any queries or updates or call during the office hours':

**Tuesday 2pm—4pm**

**Wednesday 10am—4pm**

**Thursday 10.00am —2pm**

**Friday 12noon —4pm**

Or please leave a message on the phone and we will get back to you asap.