



# 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 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

**17th 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

## First Reading

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

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 the Lord,  
Response - Thanks be to 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*

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults (R.)
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. (R.)

## Second Reading

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans Romans 14: 7-9*

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 the Lord,  
Response - Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia!*



## Gospel

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 18: 21-35*

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  
Response - Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

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



### We pray for the sick of our Parish:

Carmel Welsh, Francis & Joanne Downs, Tiana Mugagulo, David Booth, Maria Macan, Rita, Steven & Georgette Mizher, Annette & Stephen Sachie. Dilini Abeysekara, Senaka Fernando, Cathy Faux, June Ferguson, Delani Hakan, Nicolette Thomas, Eileen Doyle, Piroška Tertelyi. Cameron Wales, Alan Sullivan, Melinda Anderson, Marie Rabot, Helena De Costa

We pray for all who have died recently including **Pyrawy Sivarajah**

We pray for those whose death anniversaries occur at this time

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**

### Thanksgiving Collections 10th September 2023

#### 1st Collection (house)

Presbytery - \$ 731.90  
CDF Online - \$ 20.00

#### 2nd Collection (church)

Thanksgiving - \$ 500.00  
Loose - \$ 153.95

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

### 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)**

### Columban Calendar for 2024

We are taking orders for the Columban Calendars

If you are interested please contact the Parish office on 9401 6335 or email : [wheelershill@cam.org.au](mailto:wheelershill@cam.org.au)

Please order before the 30th Nov 2023, \$10.50 per calendar



### Parish Calendar 2023

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

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

Sunday 26th November  
St Justin's Afternoon Tea ( Fundraiser)



### Let your creativity bloom as you volunteer with us –

#### ALTAR DECO TEAM



You may have noticed that our church altar was beautifully decorated with specific IMAGES and FLOWERS last weekend. This was the work of 4 people that came together to decorate the altar for the Year 6-

Confirmation Mass.

We are looking to formalise a group. Join our team to help us decorate the Altar for special events – Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, 1st Communion & etc.

Whether you're a seasoned florist or just someone who wants to serve the Lord with the works of your hands.... we welcome you to be part of our altar deco team.

If you're ready to share your gift of time and talent, please contact the Parish Office on 03 9401 6335 or email [wheelershill@cam.org.au](mailto:wheelershill@cam.org.au) to speak to one of the volunteers. Thank you

### 'SAVE THE DATE'

#### St Justin's Afternoon Tea Fundraiser



Sunday 26th November at 2.30 pm

Downunder Room  
(Parish House)

### 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=TXp0TEQzRlFIRkdZRDZDVmpYeTU0UT09>

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

All Parish Bulletin requests must be in by  
**Wednesday midday.**

Please email all requests to [Wheelershill@cam.org.au](mailto:Wheelershill@cam.org.au)

2023

# 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!**



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Register to help us at Fair on the Hill**  
**Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> of November 2023**  
**11:00am—4:00pm**  
<https://form.jotform.com/231941012512846>

**ReachOut** Ministry at St Justin's Parish commenced in the month of August 2023 and will continue once every month on an ongoing basis.

**What is a ReachOut Ministry ?**

The vision of this Ministry is to have parishioners of St Justin's involved in a ReachOut community, meet monthly to share life and faith in a small group setting and thereby growing in Spiritual love.

These groups will help us:

- learn to be missionary disciples bringing Jesus Christ to others in the world;
- allow members to know one another and foster a sense of belonging not experienced in a large Parish setting; and
- facilitate quick and effective mobilization of parishioners for important larger events and parish level initiatives.

This ministry is also in keeping with Paul's writings in his epistle to the Hebrews (Hebrews 10:24-25) and the people of Thessaloniki (1 Thessalonians 5:11) wherein he exhorts the Believers to meet together for worship, encourage one another to love and to do good deeds, build up one another and comfort one another.

**Frequency of meetings** - Cell groups meet once a month.

**Where will it be held** - Groups can meet in a non-formal setting such as at members' homes / Parish meeting room or at a park.

**Further Information** - If you have any queries, please contact St Justin's Parish office: 03 9401 6335 or e-mail: [dgdcruz@yahoo.com.au](mailto:dgdcruz@yahoo.com.au)

## Pope Francis Beatified an entire family

### **Good Samaritans of Poland: The witness of the Ulma Family**



On Sunday 10 September, an 'unprecedented' event took place in the history of beatification. In Poland, in the small village of Markowa, an entire family were beatified, including a child still in the womb around the time of death. The Ulma family story is a harrowing one, but it is also one of incredible courage in the face of evil and a witness to what it means to be a neighbour.

Over 32,000 people were registered to attend the event. The Beatification Mass was presided over by Cardinal Marcello Semeraro, Prefect of the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints, and was concelebrated by seven cardinals and around 1,000 priests.

Speaking at the Vatican, Pope Francis held up the Ulma family as a 'model' for Catholics everywhere to serve those most in need.

In December 1942, during the Second World War, Józef Ulma and his pregnant wife, Wiktoria, opened their farmhouse to members of three Jewish families—the Goldmans, the Grünfelds, and the Didners. There were eight of them in total, and they found refuge in the Ulma home for around 15 months.

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'In response to the hatred and violence that characterised those times, they embraced evangelical love,' Pope Francis said. They 'represented a ray of light in the darkness of the Second World War' and he called on everyone to follow their example, 'opposing strength of arms with charity, and violent rhetoric with tenacious prayer.'

It was in March 1942 that Operation Reinhardt began, the Nazi program to round up and kill all Polish Jews in the General Government district of Nazi-occupied Poland. The implementation of this operation finally hit Markowa in August 1942 when a ban was imposed on Jews staying in the area. At the time there were 120 people of Jewish faith living in Markowa, a village of about 4,500.

On 13 December 1942, the mayor of Markowa was ordered to conduct a search operation, and by this point only 54 Jews were left in hiding. Almost half were discovered during the search.

On the nights of 23 and 24 March 1944, Nazi soldiers came to Markowa. They shot the Jews hiding in the Ulma home, as well as the whole Ulma family, including their children: Stanisława, aged 7, Barbara (6), Władysław (5), Franciszek (4), Antoni (2), and Maria (1). Wiktoria was also in the advanced stages of pregnancy at the time with their seventh child.

The farm was looted, the house burned, and the bodies buried. Later, when the bodies were exhumed to provide a more dignified burial, Wiktoria was discovered to have been buried with a newborn child. The assumption was that, at the time of her execution, Wiktoria had gone into labour.

Because of the timing of the delivery, the child has been included in the beatification.

To this day in Markowa, and Poland more widely, each year people remember the Ulma family's sacrifice.

In 1995, the Ulma family were recognised as Righteous Among the Nations by the State of Israel, a title honouring non-Jews who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust. In attendance at the beatification ceremony was chief rabbi of Poland, Michael Schudrich.

**For more information follow the link below:**

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/good-samaritans-of-poland-the-witness-of-the-ulma-family>



ROSTERS	DATE	ALTAR SERVERS	DATA PROJECTIONIST	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Sat 6.00pm	16 Sept	Leanne M, Elyana F	Bernadine Fernando	Paul Dunne	Volunteer
Sun 8.30am	17 Sept	Ariana De C	Volunteer	Noel Ridler	Deacon Neil
Sun 10.30 am	17 Sept	Xavier & Georgia R	Volunteer	Noeline Willenberg	Deacon Neil
Sun 5.00pm	17 Sept	Joseph B	Volunteer	Natalie Uranie	Volunteer
<b>NEXT WEEK</b>					
Sat 6.00pm	23 Sept	Isaac B, Volunteer	Joe Persico	Volunteer	Ray Coyle
Sun 8.30am	24 Sept	Volunteer	Khai Vu	Diana Tan	Deacon Neil
Sun 10.30am	24 Sept	Patrick J, Volunteer	Volunteer	Yvette Esteves	Deacon Neil
Sun 5.00pm	24 Sept	Aiden D	Ophelia D'Souza	Volunteer	Volunteer
<b>ROSTERS</b>		<b>COUNTERS</b>	<b>CLEANING</b>	<b>ALTAR</b>	
<b>THIS WEEK</b>	17 Sept	Adeline Sie Lolita Briones		Yvette Esteves	
<b>NEXT WEEK</b>	24 Sept	Rudy Fernandes, Donald D'Cruz			

### "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.

### 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."**

### MARCH FOR THE BABIES 2023

Come join thousands in our peaceful walk through Melbourne's CBD, to protest against the horrors of full-term abortion in Victoria, Help us speak out against this law and celebrate all life?

October 7th, 1pm Start

Meeting at Treasury Gardens  
(corner of Spring Street and Wellington Parade)



### 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 !

### 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)**

### Looking for volunteers in the South East region!

**CO.AS.IT.'s Visitation Program** offers friendship and social support to elderly and socially isolated Italians living in the community.



We are currently looking for **Italian-speaking volunteers** willing to volunteer a couple of hours per week to visit elderly Italians who are lonely and in need of company.

By assisting an older person on a social level, you have the chance to make a difference in their life as well as your own.

If you are interested in becoming a friendship volunteer or wish to obtain more information about the program, please contact Rina Afflitto, South East Regional Coordinator, on 0481 603 764 or email [rafflitto@coasit.com.au](mailto:rafflitto@coasit.com.au)