



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 - Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

22nd October 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
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ST JUSTIN'S SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL:
Patrick Torpey
9561 7644

NAZARETH COLLEGE

PRINCIPAL:
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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 Is 45: 1, 4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

**The Word of the Lord,
Response - Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

- 1 O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)
- 2 The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. (R.)
- 3 Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R.)
- 4 Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

Second Reading

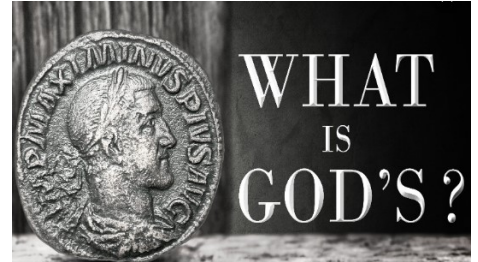
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 1 Thes 1:1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

**The Word of the Lord,
Response - Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!*

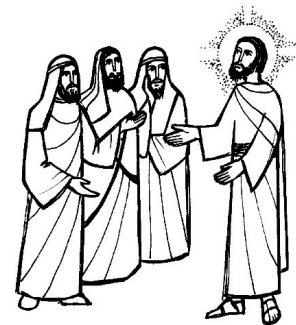


Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

**The Gospel of the Lord
Response - Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



Next Week's Reading
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Ex 22:20-26: 1 Thess 1:5-10:
Mt 22:34-40:



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 Abeyssekara, Senaka Fernando, Fred Clarke, Cathy Faux, June Ferguson, Delani Hakan, Nicolette Thomas, Eileen Doyle, Piroska Tertelyi. Cameron Wales, Alan Sullivan, Melinda Anderson, Marie Rabot, Helena De Costa, Marise Peiris, Mari Martyn, Jenny Williams.

We pray for all who have died recently,
We pray for those whose death anniversaries occur at this time,
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

Thanksgiving Collections 15th October 2023

1st Collection (house)	
Presbytery	- \$ 738.75
CDF	- \$ 20.00
2nd Collection (church)	
Thanksgiving	- \$ 321.00
Loose	- \$ 432.75
CDF	- \$ 300.00

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


SATURDAY EVENING ROSARY DEVOTION FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to certain devotion. The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary.



Join us EVERY SATURDAY in OCTOBER after the 6pm Mass as we pray together as a Parish community.

Week 3 - (21 Oct 2023) - Glorious Mysteries
Week 4 - (28 Oct 2023) - Luminous Mysteries
(followed by light refreshments)



Today we invite you to contribute to the missionary movement, as Pope Francis has called us to, by accepting the invitation to partner with the Salesian Sisters and Church in Timor –Leste as they provide life-changing health care and foster autonomy for families in need in rural communities

Your generosity is always appreciated,
There will be a collection this week, Envelopes will be kept in the back of the church, Thank you.

Parish Calendar 2023

Wednesday 1st November
All Souls Day mass at 9.15am & 7.30pm

Thursday 2nd November
Prep Information Night 7.30 - 8.30pm

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

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



SAVE THE DATE

St Justin's Afternoon Tea Fundraiser


Sunday
26th November
2.30pm

Downunder Room
(Parish House) Donation \$20



BAPTISM

We welcome and pray this weekend for **Lucas Maxwell Watts** as he receives his sacrament of Baptism.



TRAINING OFFERED!

Do you want to help with distribution of Holy Communion during Holy Mass or visit the sick?

We offer training sessions for new ministers and for anyone who wants a refresher.



If you are interested, please call the parish office on 9401 6335 or email us wheelershill@cam.org.au.

THE QUALIFICATIONS: The service of an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion is essentially connected to the Holy Mass. It is therefore necessary that the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion be a practicing Catholic, fully initiated. They should also be at least 16 years of age. If married, the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion should be in a marriage that is recognized by the Church. Ideally, the candidate should also have a deep and obvious love for the Blessed Sacrament and should be known in the community as someone who is committed to the Church's understanding of the Real Presence.

You need the Working with Children Check.

"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. "

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

<https://form.jotform.com/231941012512846>

The Major Raffle

Tickets are available in the parish office and at the sacristy, \$2.00 each

FAIR ON THE HILL- Re. Donations for Christmas Hampers



Thank you all for your continued support of donations to the 'Christmas Hamper Raffle' It's that time again and we need your help donating goods suitable for the Hampers.

Thank you for your support. Margo



**FAIR ON THE HILL
DEVONSHIRE TEA VOLUNTEERS**

If you can assist by baking scones for our Devonshire tea stall or spend an hour serving on the day, please phone Mai Ling on 0412 499 205.

MEMORIAL BOOK

If you would like to place the names of your loved ones, who have passed away please enter the names in the Memorial Book,
The forms will be kept in the church foyer,

TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL

Re-imagining our Local Church as Mission Communities

Some time ago our Archbishop, Peter Comensoli, met with the clergy and lay leaders from around the Archdiocese of Melbourne to begin discussing what the local Church in Melbourne might look like in the future. The discussions focused on:

- ◆ The mission of the Gospel being at the heart of our life, worship and outreach
- ◆ How might local faith communities be arranged to allow for them to flourish
- ◆ How might our faith communities be effectively resourced – spiritually, ministerially and materially

This re-imagining of the local Church is known as **Take the Way of the Gospel**. It's a process of renewal. At its heart is that parish life becomes more vital and vibrant through a focus on evangelisation, worship, formation and outreach.

In this context, and guided by the Holy Spirit, each parish was invited to hold conversations that look closely into itself to discern its strengths, its needs and how it can better proclaim and live out the Good News of the teachings of the Gospel.

At a different level, Take the Way of the Gospel also envisages nearby local parishes coming together, or partnering, to form families of communities of Mission. The parishes within a Mission work collaboratively on renewal, learn from each other and share resources. The arrangement of parishes to form a Mission is something to be determined by the local parishes themselves in consultation with the Archdiocese and, as always, prayerfully guided by the Holy Spirit.

Part of sharing resources within a Mission may involve that of priests. The parish structure in some parts of the Archdiocese reflects an earlier age with a surplus of clergy. The number of priests now is vastly different. This is the reality that needs to be addressed with the future in mind.

Sharing priests could mean, for example, that one priest ministers to a Mission of three parishes. A practical outcome of this is that scheduling of masses would need to be rationalized across those parishes. There may not always be a particular weekday or weekend mass available at a parishioner's usual parish so this may mean attending another parish within that Mission.

The Mission structure will require greater involvement from parishioners at all levels of parish life to ensure our priests are able to manage the extra responsibilities and workload that comes from working across multiple parishes. This is our chance to step up!

The intention of Take the Way of the Gospel is that churches not be closed down. Each church would maintain its identity, functionality and character but within the context of a Mission community.

Take the Way of the Gospel is a journey that will evolve over time, there may be various steps along the way. Parishioners of St Justin's will be kept informed of developments and will be involved in meetings/discussions to discern our future.

Further information on can be found on the Archdiocese website. <https://melbournecatholic.org/about/take-the-way-of-the-gospel>

All Parish Bulletin requests must be in by
Wednesday midday.
Please email all requests to Whealershill@cam.org.au

ROSTERS	DATE	ALTAR SERVERS	DATA PROJECTIONIST	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Sat 6.00pm	21 Oct	Isaac B, Volunteer	Joe Persico	Melissa Fernandes	Volunteer
Sun 8.30am	22 Oct	Volunteer	Khai Vu	Mai-Ling Sholl	Deacon Neil
Sun 10.30 am	22 Oct	Patrick J, Volunteer	Lolita Briones	John Italiano	Deacon Neil
Sun 5.00pm	22 Oct	Volunteer	Volunteer	Natalie Uranie	Volunteer
NEXT WEEK					
Sat 6.00pm	28 Oct	Jalon & Joel P.	Melissa Fernandes	Paul Dunne	Volunteer
Sun 8.30am	29 Oct	Ariana De C	Oswin Antao	Noel Ridler	Deacon Neil
Sun 10.30am	29 Oct	Xavier & Georgia R.	John Italiano	Belinda Liew	Deacon Neil
Sun 5.00pm	29 Oct	Joseph B, Elyana F.	Ophelia D'Souza	Volunteer	Volunteer
ROSTERS		COUNTERS	CLEANING	ALTAR	COLLECTORS
THIS WEEK	22 Oct	Claudia Scuteri, Ida Tontodonati		Lolita Briones	
NEXT WEEK	28 Oct	Peter Corteling, Robin Dragwidge		Yvette Esteves	

Church and Parish House Maintenance Team

This is a call for parishioners, both men and women, to join a garden and general maintenance team that is being established for St Justin's. The team's main focus would be to keep the lawns and gardens around the Church and Parish House in good order. In addition, and as needs arose, the team would be involved in other maintenance activities such as window cleaning, minor repairs of fencing/gates, rubbish removal and so on. This is important work so if you have 1 to 2 hours available once a month, on a week day morning yet to be decided, your help would be greatly appreciated. It's also a great opportunity to involve yourself in Parish life and to meet others.

To volunteer or for more information please contact **Paul on 0402 843 361** or contact the Parish Office on 03 9401 6335.

St Justin's Fair on the Hill Working Bee

Saturday 4th November 2023' 1.30 - 4.30pm

Pruning, Weeding, Removing Dead Bushes, Spreading Wood Chips, Hard Rubbish Removal and General Maintenance and Gardening.

Drinks and BBQ from 4.30pm.

Enjoy a sausage and drink in outdoor kitchen and garden area .

Bring the Kids along, While parents are busy helping out, all children are able to participate in fun and exciting activities and watch a movie (BYO beanbag) in the PAC.

Children will be supervised by parents and provided with drinks and light refreshments.

The "Bond of Communion" Pope's reading list for synod delegates

As the synod on synodality continues, much of the media commentary is focussing on the big issues to be discussed, but some of the smaller details are also worth noticing, including the series of patristic texts that Pope Francis gave the assembly as recommended reading as the synod began.

The texts recommended by Pope Francis draw on the work of two patristic (or church father) theologians: St Irenaeus of Lyon (AD 130–200) and St Basil the Great (AD 330–379). Overwhelmingly, Francis focusses on Basil, with just one of the 16 recommended passages coming from Irenaeus.

The excerpts reflect on the Holy Spirit's role as our advocate, our guide and our source of unity and holiness in the life of the Church. But who are these church fathers, and what did they say?

St Irenaeus of Lyon and St Basil the Great

St Irenaeus is one of the earliest and most revered Ante-Nicene Fathers for a few reasons. Born in the early decades of the second century, Irenaeus was only a child when he heard Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, preach. Being a disciple of the apostle John, Polycarp was one of the last remaining personal connections to the apostles, and hearing him preach left a profound impression on the young Irenaeus.

Irenaeus' only surviving text, *Adversus haereses* (or *Against Heresies*), is an important source of information on the beliefs of the early church, including its eucharistic theology and its defence of apostolic succession and tradition.

Although he was bishop of Lyon in the West, Irenaeus was born somewhere in Asia Minor in the East, and for this reason, on 21 January 2022, Pope Francis declared him a doctor of the Church, giving him the title 'Doctor of Unity', since Irenaeus serves as a 'spiritual and theological bridge' between Eastern and Western Christians.

St Basil the Great, also known as Basil of Caesarea, was also born in Asia Minor. Along with his younger brother St Gregory of Nyssa and his friend St Gregory of Nazianzus, he is referred to as a 'Cappadocian Father' because he was born in Cappadocia, a region that is now part of modern-day Turkey and was the site of significant early Christian activity.

Basil is also a doctor of the Church, referred to as *ouranophantor*: the 'revealer of heavenly mysteries'.

As well as being bishop of Caesarea, a monastic and a man devoted to the poor in his region, he was a prolific theologian, writing on many of the debates that raged in his day. In the years following the Council of Nicaea, there was still much confusion about the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. Basil was one of the writers who helped to clarify this doctrine and to lead 'Nicene orthodoxy' into the mainstream at a time when many people held to the Arian belief that Christ was not truly divine.

All the excerpts provided by Pope Francis reflect on the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church.

