



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.

Second Sunday of Lent, Year A

5th March 2023

PARISH PERSONNEL

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr Andrzej Madry

Congregation of the Resurrection

PARISH DEACON:

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ST JUSTIN'S SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL:

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9561 7644

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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 book of Genesis

Gen 12:1-4

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.'

I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The Word of the Lord,

Response - Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy
2 Tm 1:8-10

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The Word of the Lord,

Response - Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!



Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Mt 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Response - Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Next Week's Reading

Third Sunday of LENT

Ex 17:3-7: Rom 5:1-2, 5-8:

Jn 4:5-42:



We pray for the sick of our Parish:

Carmel Welsh, Francis & Joanne Downs, Fred Clarke, Tiana Mugagulo, David Booth, Maria Macan, Rita, Steven & Georgette Mizher, Annette & Stephen Sachie. Judy Mead, Melissa Fernandes, Pauline Fisher, Celine Tang Willis. Lucy Field, Dilini Abeysekara, Sachini, Angelica DeJesus.

*We pray for all who have died recently, including **Salvatore Coppelino**, May they rest in peace.*

*We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time including **Thu Tran, Guerino & Eddie Velardo.***

Thanksgiving Collections 26th February

1st Collection (house)

Presbytery - \$ 821.75
CDF - \$ 52.00

2nd Collection (church)

Thanksgiving - \$ 439.20
Loose - \$ 403.70

Thankyou and appreciate for your continuous support given 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 on 9401 6335.

Safeguarding group ;
wheelershill.safeguarding@cam.org.au

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 in 8th March 2023

 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

Friday 3rd March

Stations of the Cross 7pm, Evening Mass 7.30pm

Thursday 23rd March

St Justin's School Open Day

Wednesday 29th March

Lenten Reconciliation (2nd rite) 7pm



BAPTISM



We welcome **Jax Jesse Picone** and pray this weekend for as she receive her sacrament of Baptism.



LIFT YOUTH MINISTRY MARCH ACTIVITY – AMAZING RACE

Pit Stops, Challenges & Clues to find ...There will be a surprise at the Finish Line. Join the LIFT Youth Ministry for some "AMAZING" adventure .

Date: 5 March (SUNDAY)

Time: 6.00pm – 7.30pm (immediately after the Sunday 5.00 pm Mass)

Starting Line: Parish Meeting Room

Youths from Grade 6 – 25 years are welcome. We recommend appropriate footwear and clothing for the race.

Please RSVP to hold your place in the race by 2 March 2023 to 0466 532 381 / 0430 089 866

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

Reflection - Do not portray an out-of-body experience,

We have to get rid of the idea that the soul is a dot of energy in some hidden core of our body. In fact, the body is in the soul. There is no part of my body which is not immersed in my soul. It is my whole person, bodysoul, which needs to be saved.

As Thomas Aquinas says: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.' Today's Gospel does not portray an out-of-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Further, this transfiguration was not a solitary experience for Jesus. Peter, James and John witnessed it precisely because it told them what our Heavenly Father desired as their destiny beyond martyrdom, if only they would listen to Jesus. Heavenly salvation will involve my whole person, bodysoul, being transformed. But could a person, during their earthly existence, share in the transfiguration experience of Christ?

We could pause for a moment to 'Google' or otherwise get hold of my favourite story of a saint – St Seraphim of Sarov – and pray that we may share with his disciple the bodily experience of 'immeasurable wellbeing' – 'infinite joy in our hearts'.

Melbourne Students Illustration

When year 4 student Peter, from Melbourne's south, submitted an entry to an international drawing competition last year, he may never have thought it would reach the Vatican. But after his illustration was selected as Australia's winning entry, it is now set to gain the approval of Pope Francis.



Last October, 15 schools from seven dioceses across Australia participated in a drawing competition to celebrate the 180th anniversary of the Society of the Holy Childhood, one of the four societies that make up Catholic Mission. The competition encouraged students to reflect on how Pope Francis inspires children to help other children.

Over 200 entries were submitted. The selection process involved shortlisting entries from each diocese that met the theme, and a winner was picked from each diocese. The final winning entry was chosen by Fr Brian Lucas, Catholic Mission National Director. An illustration by Peter, a year 4 student at Galilee Regional Catholic Primary School in South Melbourne, was chosen from a shortlist of ten finalists as the winning entry from Australia. Peter's illustration, which uses bubbles to represent 'Hope', 'Teach' and 'Charity', shows the dynamic ways in which Pope Francis aims to inspire children by example. It will be published in a book of entries from children around the world and presented to the Holy Father himself in celebration of the anniversary.

The competition was also integrated as an activity alongside [Socktober](#), Catholic Mission's school- and community-engagement program.

'Socktober aims to bring Mission alive for students across Australia by engaging their talents and interests in various activities and to support other children who are in need,' says Matt Poynting, the program's coordinator. 'This was a fun activity on the side, and we were thrilled to see such broad and creative uptake among participating students.' Overall, the drawing competition was a huge success, with many children showcasing their talents and learning about the importance of helping others. Catholic Mission congratulates all the winners and participants.

Ancient and New: remembering the first Aboriginal Catholic Liturgy, 50 years on

Recently, on Friday 24 February, we marked the 50th anniversary of a momentous event in the life of the Australian Church. On the afternoon of Saturday 24 February 1973, the first Australian Aboriginal Liturgy



was celebrated as part of the 40th International Eucharistic Congress in Melbourne, which ran from 18 to 25 February. The Mass drew nearly 30,000 people to the Sidney Myer Music Bowl. They came to participate in a liturgy that sought, in the words of its organisers, 'to express the Eucharistic Act in cultural and thought patterns of the Aboriginal peoples'. On the stage, and among the congregation, were hundreds of Aboriginal people, many of whom had travelled great distances for the opportunity to participate in a Mass that incorporated elements of their own spirituality and cultures, and that reflected some of their own experiences and expressions of their Catholic faith.

On the stage of the Music Bowl, at an altar constructed of bark and decorated with Aboriginal symbols, the Mass was celebrated by the Papal Legate and Archbishop of Baltimore, Lawrence Cardinal Shehan, robed in vestments featuring Aboriginal motifs.

Vicki Clark was a schoolgirl 'in pigtails' when she found herself in the congregation at the Music Bowl in 1973, having received a ticket as one of about 20 Aboriginal students in Melbourne's Catholic schools at that time:

A Mutthi Mutthi Wemba Wemba woman, she would go on to become the first coordinator of Aboriginal Catholic Ministry in Victoria, a position she held for more than 25 years.

"We've moved on in our culture; we've moved on in how we do things. It ain't going to be in that very unique way it was back in '73 ... What we are doing today is just as authentic as what they were doing back [then]. We do a different dance today, we sing different songs today, but it's no less Aboriginal"

Palm Sunday Walk for Justice and Freedom for Refugees 2023

This year's walk will call for **Justice for Refugees: Permanent Visas for all, Fair Processes and income support for people who are seeking recognition as refugees.**

Walk with us this Palm Sunday at Walk for Justice for Refugees!

When - Palm Sunday, 2nd April 2023

Time - Join the gathering at 1:00pm for a group reflection and prayer led by Fr Andy Hamilton SJ,

Where - State Library (near the Joan of Arc Statue)

If you have any questions, please get in touch with Maeve at CAPSA – info@capsa.org.au.

CONNECT WITH CARITAS AUSTRALIA

This Lent, learn more about our impact in Africa



To celebrate the Feast Day of St Oscar Romero, Caritas Australia invites you to connect with our staff and partners and discover how our work is making a difference now and for all future generations.

'Connect with Caritas Australia' is a unique opportunity to ask questions about our programs in Africa and to dig deeper into the work of our partner in Zimbabwe.

Date: Thursday, 23 March, 2023

Time: 7.00-8.00pm AEDT

Register for this Zoom event: www.caritas.org.au/connect

ROSTERS	DATE	ALTAR SERVERS	DATA PROJECTIONIST	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Sat 6.00 pm	4 March	Volunteer	Melissa Fernandes	Paul Dunne	Volunteer
Sun 8.30am	5 March	Volunteer	Ida Tontodonati	Diana Tan	Deacon Neil
Sun 10.30 am	5 March	Volunteer	Demetrio DeJ	Volunteer	Deacon Neil
Sun 5.00 pm	5 March	Volunteer	Ashleigh D'Souza	Isabelle Devadass	Volunteer
NEXT WEEK					
Sat 6.00pm	11 Mar	Volunteer	Joe Persico	Yvette Esteves	Marian Coyle
Sun 8.30am	12 Mar	Volunteer	Oswin Antao	Mai-Ling Sholl	Deacon Neil
Sun 10.30am	12 Mar	Volunteer	John Italiano	Demetri DeJ	Deacon Neil
Sun 5.00 pm	12 Mar	Volunteer	Anthony Devadass	Natalie Uranie	Volunteer
ROSTERS		COUNTERS	CLEANING	ALTAR	
THIS WEEK	5 March	Yvette Esteves,		Tamara Corteling	
	12 Mar	Peter Corteling, Ida Tontodonati		Adeline Sie	

Enrolments are still open for Semester 1 at Catholic Theological College.

We have many areas of study that may be of interest such as *John Henry Newman and the Church in the Nineteenth Century, Pastoral Leadership for a Safe Church and many online options*

For more information contact: registrar@ctc.edu.au or visit ctc.edu.au

BISHOP ROBERT RABBAT'S SYRIAN EARTHQUAKE APPEAL.

The Melkite Catholic Eparchy.

For those who would like to donate, contributions can be made by donating to:

MCF DGR Account

Ref: Syrian Appeal

BSB 062784 Account: 100011493

Donations are tax deductible and for a receipt please email : mcf@melkite.org.au or contact 02 9750 5514 for more information.

I ask also for your thoughts and prayers for all who are impacted by the devastating earthquake, as well as the volunteers and emergency workers assisting them in their needs at this challenging time.

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



MAZENOD COLLEGE

Leave Nothing Undared for the Kingdom of God

Open Day 2023

Wednesday 8th March
2:00pm - 6:00pm

Book a Tour

At 5 Kernot Ave Mulgrave VIC 3170

Mazenod.vic.edu.au or contact on 03 9560 0911

Year 7/2025 Application Close, Friday 18th August 2023

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

Aid to the Church in Need is asking for support to provide sisters in Romania with a new heating system. The Sisters of the Mother of God are the oldest congregation of sisters in the Romanian Greek Catholic Church. The history of their community has long been one marked by persecution, particularly when Romania was under communist rule.

Today the sisters continue to aid their local community with youth groups, spiritual support and counselling, as well as providing the poor with basic necessities. But they are facing a major problem. Their ancient heating system has finally broken down and needs to be replaced, but they cannot afford the cost. The sisters need your help!

To make an offering and learn more visit www.aidtochurch.org/ monthlyproject or scan the QR code.