



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.

Third Sunday of Lent, Year A

12th 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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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

Exodus Ex 17:3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go.

I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The Word of the Lord,

Response - Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul

the Romans Rom 5:1-2. 5-8

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory.

This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The Word of the Lord,

Response - Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to

John Jn 4:5–42

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Response - Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Week's Reading

Fourth Sunday of LENT

1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 Eph 5:8-14:

Jn 9:1 - 41



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, Melissa Fernandes, Pauline Fisher, Celine Tang Willis. Lucy Field, Dilini Abeysekara, Sachini.

*We pray for all who have died recently, including **Elvira Murdoch, Maria-Guarerra.** May they rest in peace.*

*We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time including **Beryl Clarke Ratnayake, Thu Tran, Giuseppe Consolo.***

'The effective protection of minors and a commitment to ensure their human and spiritual development, in keeping with the dignity of the human person, are integral parts of the Gospel message that the Church and all members of the faithful are called to spread throughout the world.'

- Pope Francis

Parish Calendar 2023

Friday 17th 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



Thanksgiving Collections

5th March

1st Collection (house)

Presbytery - \$ 805.85

CDF - \$ 50.00

2nd Collection (church)

Thanksgiving - \$ 472.00

Loose - \$ 316.35

Thankyou and appreciate for your continuous support given to St Justin's Parish, God Bless,

Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate

Join us for the Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate of Stephen Fernandes and Hoa Tran at St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 11 March. The Mass will be broadcast live on our YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/archmelb).

As St Alphonsus Liguori once said, 'The happiest man in the world is he who abandons himself to the will of God and receives all things, whether prosperous or adverse, as from His hands.'



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

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

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 22nd 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.

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

Please email all requests to wheelershill@cam.org.au

STORIES OF FORGIVENESS

The Season of Lent is a time to rehearse the words and actions of Christ in our lives. In the *Sermon on the Mount* (chapters 5-7 of the Gospel of Matthew) Jesus not only outlined the conditions for belonging to the kingdom of Heaven but also gave us the words to pray: the Our Father. This prayer includes a petition that the Father 'forgive us our debts as we have forgiven those who are in debt to us' (Matthew 5:12). As we prepare to enter the Lenten season, Joe Doolan explores five stories of forgiveness between friends, family and strangers. Each story challenges us to reflect on Christ's call to 'forgive our debtors' and create new stories as "ambassadors of forgiveness".

Family forgiveness

Henry Lawson's classic short story, *When the Sun Went Down*, tells of two quarrelling brothers working at a rough-and-ready mineshaft. The words 'don't let the sun go down on your anger' (Ephesians 4:26) is a maxim these brothers knew well. But a morning row made the elder one angry and unforgiving of his quick-tempered brother. An accident in the shaft leads to the moment of grace and a powerful gesture of forgiveness.

Neighbourly forgiveness

An excellent picture storybook for Lent is *The Summer My Father Was Ten* by Pat Brisson (Boyd's Mills Press, 1999). Every school or parish preparing children for the Sacrament of Reconciliation would love this text. The book tells of an old Italian man who carefully tends his vegetable garden only to have it destroyed by some fun-loving local boys. One of them lives in his apartment block. The story of that boy's remorse, reconciling grace and commencement of new life has a certain sacramental schema.

Heroic forgiveness

The story of the French Resistance veteran Ms Maïti Girtanner (1922-2014) is an amazing account of Christ-like forgiveness in a violent world.

A brilliant young pianist living in Western France, she gathered military information by offering recitals for the German elite during the Second World War. Maïti was monitored, captured and tortured. A young doctor inflicted terrible damage to her spinal cord and central nervous system. She never played the piano again.

During her imprisonment, Maïti said that she assumed responsibility for her own sanity, for the good of her fellow prisoners, and for her enemies. She not only inspired other prisoners with her religious conviction but boldly spoke to her persecutor about her faith and the 'reality of eternity'.

Forty years later this medical torturer, suffering from a terminal illness, sought her out and asked pardon for the pain he caused. Maïti Girtanner met with him, and forgave him. She took his head in her hands and kissed him on the forehead.

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

"Walk with Jesus to Calvary"

Join St Agatha's Church Lenten retreat for children: 'Walk with Jesus to Calvary'. For ages 5-15, the retreat will feature praise and worship, activities and games, group discussions, Holy Mass and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

On Saturday 18th March (all day) , 129 Sladen Street, Cranbourne
Guest speakers:

Fr Aurelio Fragapane, Fr Joseph Abutu Fr Paul Zaher

Bookings are essential. Food will be provided.

For further information, visit www.divinekids.com.au

2023 Patrick Oration

Please join us online or via C31 for the fourth annual Patrick Oration, presented by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli. Archbishop Comensoli will be reflecting on the pathways that illumine our future as the people of God.

The event will be broadcast live on our YouTube channel

(www.youtube.com/archmelb) and via free-to-air TV on Community Channel C31 (channel 44 on digital TV).

Fiat - A Weekend of Prayer

Friday 24 March – Sunday 26 March 2023

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli has invited the Archdiocese of Melbourne to unite for a weekend of prayer from Friday 24 March to Sunday 26 March 2023. Parishes, communities and movements will be hosting hours of prayer across the Archdiocese, meditating on Mary's fiat, her total 'yes'.

You can view the full schedule at bit.ly/fiat-prayer-weekend

A pivotal moment in the history of salvation occurred when a young woman, Mary, listened to God's call and then gave a free and wholehearted 'yes' to the Lord and his mission, and to his gift of salvation. We too are assured of new life in Jesus Christ.

Our local Church has been walking the Take the Way of the Gospel journey together, and we have been invited to begin this year in prayer. We are asked to pray and reflect on what Mary's example means for us as individuals, as local communities of grace and as a local Church of Melbourne.

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.

UKRAINE CRISIS , one year on

Project Compassion is all about giving people the chances they deserve to thrive. We are blessed by the generosity of each and every one of you – whether by sharing the inspiring stories from Project Compassion with your family and friends, setting up a community or online fundraiser, or by simply donating, you are doing something extraordinary! Your support really does change lives every day, and we can't wait to see all the amazing things that come out of this year's Project Compassion.

You can help families fleeing disaster and conflict by donating to the [Caritas Australia Ukraine Appeal](#).

ROSTERS	DATE	ALTAR SERVERS	DATA PROJECTIONIST	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Sat 6.00 pm	11 Mar	Volunteer	Joe Persico	Yvette Esteves	Marian Coyle
Sun 8.30am	12 Mar	Volunteer	Ida Tontodonati	Diana Tan	Deacon Neil
Sun 10.30 am	12 Mar	Volunteer	John Italiano	Demetri DeJ	Deacon Neil
Sun 5.00 pm	12 Mar	Volunteer	Anthony Devadass	Natalie Uranie	Volunteer
NEXT WEEK					
Sat 6.00pm	18 Mar	Volunteer	Bernadine Fernando	Shenelle Fernandes	Volunteer
Sun 8.30am	19 Mar	Volunteer	Khai Vu	Claudia Scuteri	Deacon Neil
Sun 10.30am	19 Mar	Volunteer	Volunteer	John Italiano	Deacon Neil
Sun 5.00 pm	19 Mar	Volunteer	Ashleigh D'Souza	Anne Sylvester	Volunteer
ROSTERS		COUNTERS	CLEANING	ALTAR	
THIS WEEK	12 Mar	Peter Corteling, Ida Tontodonati		Adeline Sie	
	19 Mar	Claudia Scuteri, Robin Dragwidge	Natalie Uranie	Natalie Uranie	

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.

 **St Justin's Primary School**
42-48 Whalley Drive, Wheelers Hill

OPEN DAY
Thursday 23 March
9am - 3pm



Now taking enrolments for 2024

All enquiries: Ph: 9561 7644
Principal: Mr Patrick Torpey
principal@sjwheelershill.catholic.edu.au
www.sjwheelershill.catholic.edu.au

"All children can achieve success"

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

NEED TO DISPOSE OF A VEHICLE?

If you need to dispose of a vehicle either from a deceased estate or which is no longer required, please consider gifting it to the "Lifeboat Geelong Foundation", a registered charity with tax deductible status which for nine years has been providing pastoral and practical support to nearly 150 victims / survivors of church-related sexual abuse. Many of these suffer post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and have limited or no employment. A donated vehicle could vastly improve their quality of life.

If you would like to explore the possibility of gifting a potentially suitable vehicle to "Lifeboat", please contact Fr. Kevin Dillon (0421 777 360, or frkdillon@outlook.com.au) or Adam Kaali (0411 486 605, or adam-kaali@hotmail.com).