



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.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

28th January 2024

PARISH PERSONNEL

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr Andrzej Madry CR

Congregation of the Resurrection

PERMANENT DEACON:

Deacon Neil Daculan

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ST JUSTIN'S

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am, 10.30am & 5 pm

WEEK DAY MASSES:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9.15 am, Saturday 9.15am

GOOD SHEPHERD

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Sunday: 9.00am & 11.00am

WEEK DAY MASSES:

MONDAY, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9.15 am, Saturday 10.00am

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

First Reading

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Dt 18:15-20

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him.

The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."

The Word of the Lord,

Response - Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

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

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

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in, let us kneel and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

1 Cor 7:32-35

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband.

I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

The Word of the Lord,

Response - Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light:

a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.

Alleluia!



Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Mk 1:21-28

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord

Response - Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Week's Reading

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Job 7:1-4, 6-7:

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Mk 1:29-39:



We pray for the sick of our Parish:

Carmel Welsh, Francis & Joanne Downs, Tiana Mugagulio, 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, Pirooska Tertelyi. Cameron Wales, Alan Sullivan, Melinda Anderson, Helena De Costa, Marise Peiris, Jenny Williams, Nigel D'Lima, Ondie & Robert Goold,

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 21st January 2024

1st Collection (house)	
Presbytery	- \$ 1,002.60
2nd Collection (church)	
Thanksgiving	- \$ 426.60
Loose	- \$ 309.95

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

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 on the 14th & 28th February 2024,

 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 2024



Thursday 1st February
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 5.00 pm

Friday 2nd February
Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Sunday 4th February
Youth Camp 8.30am - 8.00pm
(Good Shepherd Parish Hall)

Sunday 11th February
Children's Ministry commences 10.30 am

Sunday 28th February
Swahili Mass 2pm (St Justin's Church)

The Children's Ministry of St Justin's Parish, Wheelers Hill

Nest session : 11th February 2024



The session will commence during the 10.30am Mass on 2nd Sunday of the month and children will be taken together by the volunteers before the penitential act. Father will invite all the children and give them a blessing prior to leaving the church.

Safeguarding Measures are in place & St Justin's is committed to ensure the safety, well-being and inclusion of all children and has policies and procedures in place to maintain a Child Safe Environment.

Further Information

If you have any suggestions or queries, please contact the parish office of St Justin's Church on 03 9401 6335 or email wheelershill@cam.org.au

LIFT Youth Camp

DATE : SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2024
TIME : 8:30 AM TO 8:00 PM
VENUE : GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH HALL ,34
ACADEMY AVE, WHEELERS HILL

Registration Fee: \$10.00
** For Year 7 to Year 12**

Registration
Email sheena.devadass@gmail.com
by Sun 21 Jan24

Scan the QR or use
link to join



<https://forms.office.com/j/pn1tDnbt3W>

Copy link

HERE I AM LORD



Registration's are still available for the Youth Camp

All Parish Bulletin requests must be in by
Wednesday midday.

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

HAPPY AUSTRALIA DAY



The history of Australia Day dates back to January 26, 1788, when Captain Arthur Phillip and the First Fleet arrived at Port Jackson (now Sydney Harbour).

Written in 1878, "Advance Australia Fair" became the country's national anthem in 1984 and is sung on Australia Day to express national pride.

This event marked the beginning of European settlement in Australia. However, it's essential to recognize that for Indigenous Australians, this date also represents the impact of colonization on their communities and cultures.

Christians' Testimony in Gaza A "True Miracle"

In the shadow of darkness, eight children in Gaza City beamed with joy as they received their first Communion.

As the world marked 100 days since the Hamas militants attacks that unleashed hell in the Holy Land, images of the children from Holy Family Parish—the only Catholic parish in the Gaza Strip—dressed in white albs to receive the sacrament were a stark and welcome contrast in a land that has had very little reason to smile since 7 October. Across the border in Israel, the families of those hostages still held by Hamas and other groups marked the poignant milestone of 100 days without their loved ones with a vigil in Tel Aviv.

Fr Patton described their witness amid the war as 'a true miracle.' 'All of them know each other and are waiting for the end of the war. They cannot leave the Gaza Strip and they need food, water, medicines, fuel—everything,' he said.

'They are giving to us a strong testimony of faith, because they in practice live inside the church, praying, helping each other and keeping their hearts free from hatred.

'And this for me is a true miracle,' said the Italian friar, who is the 168th custodian of the holy places since St Francis first brought the order there in the 13th century.

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REFLECTION:

The word 'diabolical' comes from a Greek word referring to something broken in two, shattered. Looking at persons and societies torn apart, it is obvious that the diabolical spirit is powerful. However, it harbours a fear that a more powerful Holy Spirit could reintegrate a personality, could make a community out of divided groups.

'Have you come to destroy us?' indicates that this fear was realised in the coming on to the scene of Jesus Christ. Jesus' answer was a resounding 'Yes', not in words but in action, healing a man torn apart by a diabolical spirit.

Jesus Christ invites and empowers us to join in his healing mission to overcome whatever it is which tears people apart, whether at the individual, community or global levels. We do so in the confidence of His Resurrection which overcame the diabolical tearing apart of His body and soul. We could pause for a moment to commit ourselves to joining Jesus' mission, so putting the fear of God into the devil!

The Presentation of the Lord - 2nd February

Mary and Joseph were faithful Jews who obeyed the Law of Moses. Jewish Law prescribed that two ritual acts needed to take place for a firstborn son. First, the mother of a newborn son was ritually unclean for seven days, and then she was to "spend thirty-three more days in a state of blood purity" (Leviticus 12).

During these forty days she was not to "touch anything sacred nor enter the sanctuary till the days of her purification are fulfilled." For this reason, today's feast has at times been called the "Purification of Mary." Second, the father of the firstborn son was to "redeem" the child by making an offering to the priest of five shekels so that the priest would then present the child to the Lord (see [Numbers 18:16](#)). Recall that the firstborn male of all the Egyptians, animals and children, was killed during the tenth plague, but the firstborn males of the Israelites were spared. Thus, this offering made for the firstborn son in the Temple was a way of ritually redeeming him in commemoration of protection during that plague. Since Jesus was presented in the Temple for this redemption, today's feast is now referred to as the "Presentation in the Temple."



Quote: When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord," and to offer the sacrifice of "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons," in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. ~[Luke 2:22-24](#)

Today's feast is celebrated in our Church forty days after Christmas, marking the day that Mary and Joseph would have brought Jesus into the Temple. Though Mary was pure and free from sin from the moment of her conception, and though the Son of God did not need to be redeemed, Mary and Joseph fulfilled these ritual obligations.

Prayer: *My saving Lord, Your loving parents offered You to Your Father in the Temple in accordance with the Law You revealed to Moses. In that offering, our souls are purified and we are offered to Your Father with You. I thank You for the gift of salvation and pray that my soul will always radiate Your light as You dwell within me. Jesus, I trust in You.*

ROSTERS	DATE	ALTAR SERVERS	DATA PROJECTIONIST	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Sat 6.00pm	27 Jan	Volunteer	Bernadine Fernando	Melissa Fernandes	Raymond Coyle
Sun 8.30am	28 Jan	Volunteer	Oswin Antao	Volunteer	Mai-Ling Sholl
Sun 10.30 am	28 Jan	Volunteer	Lolita Briones	John Italiano	Anthony Phey
Sun 5.00pm	28 Jan	Volunteer	Volunteer	Ophelia D'Souza	Natalie Uranie
NEXT WEEK					
Sat 6.00pm	03 Feb	Volunteer	Joe Persico	Jaime Davin	Marian Coyle
Sun 8.30am	04 Feb	Volunteer	Khai Vu	Claudia Scuteri	Volunteer
Sun 10.30am	04 Feb	Volunteer	Dominic D'Angelo	Rudy Fernandes	Volunteer
Sun 5.00pm	04 Feb	Volunteer	Youth Group	Youth Group	Volunteer
ROSTERS		COUNTERS	CLEANING	ALTAR	COLLECTORS
THIS WEEK	28 Jan	Lolita Briones, Theresa Bell		Lolita Briones	
NEXT WEEK	04 Feb	Ken Franklin, Robin Dragwidge		Natalie Uranie	

Sacraments Preparation Classes 2024

St Justin's Parish provides preparation for the Sacraments for children who attend schools other than our parish school.

Enrolments: 22nd of February from 4pm - 5.30pm

If you wish for your child to attend these lessons, please notify the Parish Office

Email: wheelershill@cam.org.au

Parish Office 9401 6335

The grade levels for each Sacraments are:

First Holy Communion - grade 4, Reconciliation - grade 3 and Confirmation classes - grade 6 & high school students.

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

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 !



Church and Parish House Maintenance Team

As we now have a Maintenance Group formed, next meeting will be on the 21st February at 10.00am

Whilst we are still calling 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, 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. VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL"

"Our St Vincent 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, and live in difficult circumstances.

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.



"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."