



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 A

29th January 2023

PARISH PERSONNEL

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr Andrzej Madry

Congregation of the Resurrection

PARISH DEACON:

Deacon Neil Daculan

PARISH SECRETARY:

Jeanne Bernard

SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Mai-Ling Sholl

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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 prophet

Zephaniah

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord.

They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths.

But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

The Word of the Lord,

Response - Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:7-10. R. Mt 5:3

(R.) Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. (R.)
3. It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the

Corinthians

1 Cor 1:26-31

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything.

The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom.

As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

The Word of the Lord,

Response - Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;

Your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!



Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to

Matthew

Mt 5: 1- 12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Response - Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Week's Reading

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

Is 58: 7-10:

1 Cor 2:1-5: Mt 5:13-16:





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.

We pray Theo Melenhorst, Issabelle Misso, Theresa Remedios, Khang The Vu, Agatha Lawrence, for and all souls who passed away recently, may they rest in peace.

We remember Amelia Somasundaram and all whose death anniversaries that occur at this time.

Thanksgiving Collections

22nd January

1st Collection (house)

Presbytery - \$ 825.95

2nd Collection (church)

Thanksgiving - \$ 367.50

Loose - \$ 306.30

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

Sacraments Preparation Classes

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

If you wish for your child to attend these lessons, please notify the Parish Office by the 7th of February 2023:

Email: wheelershill@cam.org.au or

Parish Office 9401 6335

Information and enrolment session is the 14th of February 2023 from 4.00 pm - 5.30pm

The grade levels for each Sacraments are:

First Holy Communion/Reconciliation Grade 4

Confirmation - Grade

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 February 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

Sunday 5th February

Youth Mass 5pm and Youth Group meeting 6pm

Thursday 9th February

Beginning of the School Year Mass at 12noon.

Parish Pastoral Council at 5pm

Wednesday 22nd February

Ash Wednesday Mass at 9.15am & 7pm



YOUTH MASS



SUNDAY,
5 FEBRUARY

MASS: 5.00 pm to 6 pm
YOUTH MEETING: 6 pm to 7.30 pm

ST JUSTIN'S PARISH
MEETING ROOM

FIRST MEETING
OF 2023

Discussions of future
meetings. Games. Prayer.



PIZZA WILL BE SERVED!

"Vinnies Food Appeal"

We need your help for those in the community less fortunate than ourselves,

Donations of non-perishable food items, such as Coffee, Tea, Jam, Cereal, Canned Tomatoes', Rice, Sugar, Noodles, Peanut Butter, Long-life Full Cream Milk.

These essentials named are in urgent need.

There will be a baskets in the church foyer,

Cash donations can be left in the St Vincent De Paul box at the rear of the church

We will run the collection for two weeks.

Your generosity is much appreciated, Thank you

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. or

Safeguarding group ;

wheelershill.safeguarding@cam.org.au

Memorial Mass for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Please join at St Patrick's Cathedral on the evening of Sunday 29 January, when Archbishop Peter A Comensoli will celebrate a memorial Mass for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. The Mass will take place approximately one month after his death, providing an opportunity for the People of God in Melbourne to gather together and to remember and pray for Pope Benedict.



St Patrick's Cathedral
1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne
Sunday 29 January, 6.30pm

For all queries, contact communications@cam.org.au

Memorial Mass



A Memorial Mass for the Repose of the Soul of His Eminence George Cardinal Pell AC, will be celebrated at

St Patrick's Cathedral on Friday 3 February 2023 at 6.30pm by Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli.

Message from the Safeguarding Unit

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

The Archdiocese is committed to the safety, wellbeing and human dignity of children, young people and adults.

The Safeguarding Unit is very pleased to invite you to join us for a special presentation by scholar Fr Hans Zollner SJ who is visiting Australia from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome and Ms Liana Buchanan, the Principal Commissioner for Children and Young People in Victoria.

Fr Hans Zollner SJ* on the topic:

Putting child safety at the centre – Reflections on world best practice in the protection of children and vulnerable people in the Catholic Church. And Ms Liana Buchanan*
Principal Commissioner for Children and Young People (Victoria)

Date - Wednesday 1 February 2023, 6:30 pm - 8:15 pm

Location - Catholic Leadership Centre

576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne VIC 3002

COST - Free (however, places limited with bookings essential)

Please use the TryBooking link below to reserve your seat.

Putting Child Safety at the Centre Tickets, Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne | TryBooking Australia

All Parish Bulletin requests must be in
by Wednesday midday.

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

REFLECTIONS - Exploring the Word

The rendering of the Greek term used in this text as 'happy' is rather weak. A better term is 'blessed'.

At the heart of the Beatitudes is Jesus' instruction to his followers to cultivate certain qualities in their lives. To be gentle, to mourn, to thirst for what is right, to be merciful, to be pure of heart and to be peacemakers are signs of the presence of the kingdom of God in our lives. To have such virtues is to be blessed. Jesus teaches that those who suffer some human lack or pain are blessed, not because poverty, pain or sorrow are good in themselves, but because they reveal to us our need for God. Those who are prosperous, comfortable or content find this much more difficult to realise and accept.

The final portion of this text speaks to the experience of the early church, which suffered persecution for the sake of faith in Jesus Christ. Christians today are also called to stand against arrogant secularism, which proclaims that humans do not need God. Even today, people suffer for their faith, but they too are assured that their reward will be great in heaven!

Recall a time of suffering and sorrow in your life. What was God saying to you at that time? How did such an experience influence the person you are today?

Describe someone you know who embodies one of the Beatitudes.

The Presentation of the Lord - 2nd February



The feast was first observed in the Eastern Church as "The Encounter." In the sixth century, it began to be observed in the West: in Rome with a more penitential character and in Gaul (France) with solemn blessings and processions of candles, popularly known as "Candlemas." The Presentation of the Lord concludes the celebration of the Nativity and with the offerings of the Virgin Mother and the prophecy of Simeon, the events now point toward Easter.

"In obedience to the Old Law, the Lord Jesus, the first-born, was presented in the Temple by his Blessed Mother and his foster father. This is another 'epiphany' celebration insofar as the Christ Child is revealed as the Messiah through the canticle and words of Simeon and the testimony of Anna the prophetess. Christ is the light of the nations, hence the blessing and procession of candles on this day. In the Middle Ages this feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or 'Candlemas,' was of great importance.

"The specific liturgy of this Candlemas feast, the blessing of candles, is not as widely celebrated as it should be, except of course whenever February 2 falls on a Sunday and thus takes precedence. There are two ways of celebrating the ceremony, either the *Procession*, which begins at a 'gathering place' outside the church, or the *Solemn Entrance*, celebrated within the church."

ROSTERS	DATE	ALTAR SERVERS	DATA PROJECTIONIST	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Sat 6.00 pm	28 Jan	Volunteer	Volunteer	Yvette Esteves	Volunteer
Sun 8.30am	29 Jan	Volunteer	Oswin Antao	Claudia Scuteri	Volunteer
Sun 10.30 am	29 Jan	Volunteer	Lolita Briones	Demetrio Dejesus	Volunteer
Sun 5.00 pm	29 Jan	Volunteer	Anthony Devadass	Anne Sylvester	
NEXT WEEK					
Sat 6.00pm	04 Feb	Volunteer	Melissa Fernandes	Shenelle Fernandes	Pabsi Perera
Sun 8.30am	05 Feb	Volunteer	Khai Vu	Oswin Antao	Deacon Neil
Sun 10.30am	05 Feb	Volunteer	Demetrio Dejesus	Lolita Briones	Deacon Neil
Sun 5.00 pm	05 Feb	Gavin R, Aiden D	Lucas Yap	Isabelle Devadass	
ROSTERS		COUNTERS	CLEANING	ALTAR	
THIS WEEK	29 Jan	Ida Tontodonati Robin Dragwidge		Adeline Sie	
	05 Feb	Ken Franklin, Rohitha Wick'ratne		Natalie Uranie	

2023 Lenten Daily Readings And Reflections

Ash Wednesday 22nd February to Easter.

Triumph booklets are now for sale at \$6.50 in the church foyer.

You are also welcome to online group sharing/discussion of Lenten Sundays Gospel Readings.

For more details and for online link please contact

Paul Dunn 402 843 361 or Kasimir Clement kasimir888@gmail.com

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 !



ST SIMON'S RCIA PROGRAM Starting in February 2023

Are you or a friend interested in becoming a Catholic? RCIA is for: Adults who are not baptised. Adults baptised in another Christian church. Non-practising Catholics wishing to renew their faith.

Phone the Parish office on 9764 4058 or Reg on 9790 5616.

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

Fr An Le : keeping Christ at the Heart of Ministry

As Fr An Le commences his priestly ministry for the Archdiocese of Melbourne, he is determined to keep Christ at the centre—as he has throughout his life. Fr An was one of three priests ordained at St Patrick's Cathedral on 19 November 2022 for the Archdiocese and has been appointed to Good Shepherd parish in Gladstone Park, in Melbourne's northern suburbs.



Fr An, 38, credits his own faith, and that of his family's to his grandmother, Nguyễn Thị Chiểu, his father's mother. Born in Cam Ranh, about 350 kilometres to the north-east of Ho Chi Min City (formerly known as Saigon) in Vietnam, he and his five siblings—four brothers and one sister—grew up with his grandmother due to family circumstances. Every day, his grandmother prayed the Rosary and attended Mass. She taught the children how to pray and sometimes 'forced' them to go to church, but that was 'good for us,' Fr An says. 'Our grandmother loved us and sacrificed her life for all of us—me and my siblings—when my parents were away from us,' he says. 'But I saw God's providence in all of these things. If we hadn't grown up with our grandmother, we wouldn't have had the Catholic faith. She was very special.'

Fr An says that his call to the priesthood was 'a journey', one that 'wasn't really clear.' There was an initial curiosity, but eventually, he discovered something deeper in his heart, which was the calling to be a religious. He initially joined the Scalabrinians in Vietnam and undertook philosophy studies at a Jesuit seminary in Ho Chi Min City. He then left and was invited by some Scalabrinian priests to visit Sydney and Melbourne in 2015 to see whether he might continue to become a priest. Recognising the 'goodness of God and the goodness of the people for him and his vocation and his family', Fr An decided to continue the journey towards priesthood.

'I felt during that time, God revealing his love for me, and his desire for me to become a priest,' says Fr An.

"All along the journey, I have found the goodness of God and the goodness of people for me and my vocation, and for my family."