



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 of Lent, Year A

19th March 2023

PARISH PERSONNEL

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr Andrzej Madry

Congregation of the Resurrection

PARISH DEACON:

Deacon Neil Daculan

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SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Mai-Ling Sholl

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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 first book of

Samuel

1 Sm 161:1, 6-7, 10-13

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The Word of the Lord,

Response - Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22 R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the

Ephesians

Eph 5:8-14

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.

The Word of the Lord,

Response - Thanks be to God

Next Week's Reading
Fifth Sunday of LENT
Ezek 37:12-14: Rom 8:8-11:
Jn 11:1-45:

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!



Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to

John

Jn 9:1-41

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Response - Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



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, Pauline Fisher, Celine Tang Willis. Lucy Field, Dilini Abeysekara, Sachini, Ransley Mascurine.

*We pray for all who have died recently, including **Dennis Dino, Benetierose Fernandes.** May they rest in peace.*

We pray for those whose death anniversaries occur at this time.

Thanksgiving Collections 12th March

1st Collection (house)	
Presbytery	- \$ 796.35
2nd Collection (church)	
Thanksgiving	- \$ 287.80
Loose	- \$ 351.85

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 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.

Parish Calendar 2023

Thursday 23rd March
St Justin's School Open Day

Friday 24th March
Stations of the Cross 7pm, Evening Mass 7.30pm

Wednesday 29th March
Lenten Reconciliation (2nd rite) 7pm

Thursday 30th March at Good Shepherd Parish Mulgrave
Lenten Reconciliation (2nd rite) 7pm



St Justin's Parish Community BIGGEST MORNING TEA 2023 Thursday 25th May at 10.00 am

In the Parish Meeting Room

To assist with planning please add your name to the form on the table in the Church Foyer or Parish Office .

Entry \$5.00 Donation

Lucky Door Prize

Bring along your gold coins / cash for Raffles and a fun Trivia Game.

All funds raised will go to the Cancer Council.

If you would like to bake for the morning tea please indicate on the form provided.

Donations for raffle prizes also greatly appreciated.

Any queries contact Mai Ling 0412 499 205

"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 4 weeks.

Your generosity is much appreciated, Thank you

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

10 Quotes for 10 years of POPE FRANCIS,

On Monday, 13 March, we mark the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' elevation to the papacy. The first Latin-American pontiff in history, Jorge Mario Bergoglio impressed the world with his emphases on simplicity and poverty, on being a Church of the poor and for the poor, and on Christ's call to the whole Church to live as missionary disciples. To celebrate this day, we've collected ten quotes, one from each year of his pontificate. Together they demonstrate the wide range of Pope Francis' concerns and his vision for the Church.



2013: Evangelii gaudium, on God's unfailing love and mercy

How good it feels to come back to him whenever we are lost! Let me say this once more: God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy ... Time and time again he bears us on his shoulders. No one can strip us of the dignity bestowed upon us by this boundless and unfailing love. With a tenderness which never disappoints, but is always capable of restoring our joy, he makes it possible for us to lift up our heads and to start anew. Let us not flee from the resurrection of Jesus, let us never give up, come what will. May nothing inspire more than his life, which impels us onwards!

2014: World Youth Day message, on true happiness

At the end, we will find ourselves face to face with the infinite beauty of God, and be able to read with admiration and happiness the mystery of the universe, which with us will share in unending plenitude. Even now we are journeying towards the sabbath of eternity, the new Jerusalem, towards our common home in heaven. Jesus says: 'I make all things new' (Rev 21:5)

2016: Amoris laetitia, on the heroism of marriage

We need to find the right language, arguments and forms of witness that can help us reach the hearts of young people, appealing to their capacity for generosity, commitment, love and even heroism, and in this way inviting them to take up the challenge of marriage with enthusiasm and courage.

2017: World Communications Day message, on what we feed the mind

Access to the media—thanks to technological progress—makes it possible for countless people to share news instantly and spread it widely. That news may be good or bad, true or false. The early Christians compared the human mind to a constantly grinding millstone; it is up to the miller to determine what it will grind: good wheat or worthless weeds. Our minds are always 'grinding', but it is up to us to choose what to feed them.

2018: Easter message, on Christ's resurrection

We Christians believe and know that Christ's resurrection is the true hope of the world, the hope that does not disappoint. It is the power of the grain of wheat, the power of that love which humbles itself and gives itself to the very end, and thus truly renews the world

2019: Christus vivit, on letting ourselves be saved

Keep your eyes fixed on the outstretched arms of Christ crucified, let yourself be saved over and over again. And when you go to confess your sins, believe firmly in his mercy which frees you of your guilt. Contemplate his blood poured out with such great love, and let yourself be cleansed by it. In this way, you can be reborn ever anew.

2020: Fratelli tutti, on the parable of the Good Samaritan

In the face of so much pain and suffering, our only course is to imitate the Good Samaritan ... The parable clearly does not indulge in abstract moralising, nor is its message merely social and ethical.

2021: First World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, on the vocation of the elderly

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells the Apostles, 'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you' (28:19-20). These words are also addressed to us today.

2022: Catechesis on Discernment, on friendship with God

Friendship with God. Have you ever thought about this? This is the way! Let us think about God who loves us and wants us as friends. Friendship with God is able to change the heart. Piety is one of the great gifts of the Holy Spirit, which makes us capable of recognising God's fatherhood. We have a tender Father, an affectionate Father, a Father who loves us, who has always loved us. When we experience this, our hearts melt and doubts, fears, feelings of unworthiness dissolve. Nothing can hinder this love that comes from the encounter with the Lord.

The Feast of ST JOSEPH, on the 20th March

The Solemnity of St. Joseph is usually celebrated on March 19, but has been transferred to March 20 since the liturgy of the Lenten Sundays take precedence.

St. Joseph was an ordinary manual laborer although descended from the royal house of David. In the designs of Providence he was destined to become the spouse of the Mother of God. His high privilege is expressed in a single phrase, "Foster-father of Jesus." About him Sacred Scripture has little more to say than that he was a just man—an expression which indicates how faithfully he fulfilled his high trust of protecting and guarding God's greatest treasures upon earth, Jesus and Mary.

The darkest hours of his life may well have been those when he first learned of Mary's pregnancy; but precisely in this time of trial Joseph showed himself great. His suffering, which likewise formed a part of the work of the redemption, was not without great providential import: Joseph was to be, for all times, the trustworthy witness of the Messiah's virgin birth. After this, he modestly retires into the background of holy Scripture.

Of St. Joseph's death the Bible tells us nothing. There are indications, however, that he died before the beginning of Christ's public life. His was the most beautiful death that one could have, in the arms of Jesus and Mary. Humbly and unknown, he passed his years at Nazareth, silent and almost forgotten he remained in the background through centuries of Church history. Only in more recent times has he been accorded greater honor. Liturgical veneration of St. Joseph began in the fifteenth century, fostered by Sts. Brigid of Sweden and Bernadine of Siena. St. Teresa, too, did much to further his cult.

At present there are two major feasts in his honor. On March 19 our veneration is directed to him personally and to his part in the work of redemption, while on May 1 we honor him as the patron of workmen throughout the world and as our guide in the difficult matter of establishing equitable norms regarding obligations and rights in the social order.

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.

ROSTERS	DATE	ALTAR SERVERS	DATA PROJECTIONIST	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Sat 6.00 pm	18 Mar	Volunteer	Joe Persico	Shenelle Fernandes	Volunteer
Sun 8.30am	19 Mar	Volunteer	Khai Vu	Claudia Scuteri	Deacon Neil
Sun 10.30 am	19 Mar	Volunteer	Volunteer	John Italiano	Deacon Neil
Sun 5.00 pm	19 Mar	Volunteer	Ashleigh D'Souza	Anne Sylvester	Volunteer
NEXT WEEK					
Sat 6.00pm	25 Mar	Volunteer	Bernadine Fernando	Chris Brodie	Marian Coyle
Sun 8.30am	26 Mar	Volunteer	Ida Tontodonati	Mai-Ling Sholl	Deacon Neil
Sun 10.30am	26 Mar	Volunteer	Domenico D'Angelo	Pioma Wijeyse're	Deacon Neil
Sun 5.00 pm	26 Mar	Volunteer	Anthony Devadass	Ashleigh D'Souza	Volunteer
ROSTERS		COUNTERS	CLEANING	ALTAR	
THIS WEEK	19 Mar	Claudia Scuteri, Rudy Fernandes	Natalie Uranie	Natalie Uranie	
	26 Mar	Ken Franklin, Adeline Sie		Yvette Esteves	

Türkiye-Syria Earthquake Disaster

A 7.8 magnitude earthquake has unleashed devastation on Türkiye and Syria. Over 50,000 people have been killed, with many more injured and left homeless. After 12 years of war, Syria is at breaking point and desperately needs assistance.

We must act NOW and help those affected by this catastrophe. Your generous donation means our partners in Türkiye and Syria can respond swiftly to support the survivors of this unimaginable tragedy. Visit: www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now.



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

 **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"

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).

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.

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