



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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year A

26th March 2023

PARISH PERSONNEL

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr Andrzej Madry
Congregation of the
Resurrection

PARISH DEACON:

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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 prophet
Ezekiel*

Ez 37:12-14

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

**The Word of the Lord,
Response - Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 129. R. v.7

(R.) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption

Second Reading

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Romans*

Rom 8:8-11

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

**The Word of the Lord,
Response - Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

**Glory and praise to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life,
says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.**

**Next Week's Reading
PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of the LORD
Is 50:4-7: Phil 2:6-11:
Mt 26:14 - 27:66:**



Gospel

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John**

Jn 11:1-45

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.

'When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in 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 Abeyssekara, Sachini, Ransley Mascurine, Senaka Fernando.

We pray for all who have died recently, May they rest in peace.

*We pray for those whose death anniversaries occur at this time, including **Connie James**.*

Thanksgiving Collections 19th March

1st Collection (house)

Presbytery - \$ 732.90
CDF - \$ 150.00

2nd Collection (church)

Thanksgiving - \$ 375.00
Loose - \$ 389.35

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

YOUTH MASS - 2 APRIL 2023



Calling all youths (Grade 6 – 25 years) to join the St Justin's Parish for the bi-monthly Youth Mass on:

Date: 2 April 2023 (PALM SUNDAY)

Time: 5.00pm - 6.00pm

LIFT Youth Ministry will be involved in the Liturgy from the Choir, Commentator, Offertory, Reader, Altar Servers and Collectors.

ALL ARE WELCOME

"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 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 3 weeks.

Your generosity is much appreciated, Thank you

Parish Calendar 2023



Wednesday 29th March

Lenten Reconciliation (2nd rite) 7pm

Thursday 30th March

Lenten Reconciliation (2nd rite) 7pm (Good Shepherd)

Friday 31st March

Stations of the Cross 7pm, followed by Evening Mass 7.30pm

Saturday 1st April

NO MORNING MASS.

Chrism Mass @ 10am St Patrick's Cathedral

Holy Week & Easter

Palm Sunday

Saturday 1st April Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Sunday 2nd April 8.30am, 10.30am and 5pm

Holy Week

Tuesday 4th April 9.15am Mass

Wednesday 5th April 9.15am Mass

The Lord's Supper Mass

Holy Thursday 6th April 7.00pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11.00pm

Stations of the Cross

Good Friday 7th April 10.00am

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Good Friday 7th April at 3pm

Easter Vigil Celebration

Holy Saturday 8th April 7pm

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday 9th April 8.30am, 10.30am

EASTER MONDAY

Monday 10th April 10.00am

BAPTISM



We welcome **Twins JORDAN AND LEXI COSTANZO** and pray this weekend for them as they receive their sacrament of Baptism.

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

All Parish Bulletin requests must be in
by Wednesday midday.

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

'If Jesus Christ is gloriously young, then his Body, the Church, is meant to be young. This is the Church our young people want to discover, one that is vital and alive in Christ ... Our common task is to rediscover the young Church.'

Why do Catholics cover crucifixes and statues during Lent?

It seems strange that during the most sacred time of year Catholics cover everything that is beautiful in their churches, even the crucifix. Shouldn't we be looking at the painful scene at Calvary while we listen to the Passion narrative on Palm Sunday?

Veiling of statues and images

While it may appear counterintuitive to veil statues and images during the final weeks of Lent, the Catholic Church recommends this practice to heighten our senses and build within us a longing for Easter Sunday. It is a tradition that should not only be carried out in our local parish, but can also be a fruitful activity for the "domestic church" to practice.

The rubrics can guide us. In the *Roman Missal* we find the instruction, **"In the Dioceses of Australia, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from [the fifth] Sunday [of Lent] may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil."**

Families are also encouraged to imitate this practice and **veil prominent religious images in their homes**. It helps us to participate in the liturgical season, especially if we are prevented from going to Mass during the week. Otherwise we only see the veiled images in church once or twice before Easter and it has a minor effect on us. It is also a beautiful tradition to pass down to our children, who will be intrigued by it and it will make this time of year truly special for them. We go through great lengths to decorate our homes for Easter, so why not prepare for the great feast by using veils?

Why cover up something beautiful?

But why go through such lengths to cover up images that are designed to raise our hearts and minds toward heaven?

First of all, we use veils to alert us of the special time that we are in. When we walk into church and notice everything is covered, we immediately know that something is different. These last two weeks of Lent are meant to be a time of immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum and these veils are a forceful reminder to get ready.

Secondly, the veils focus our attention on the words being said at Mass. When we listen to the Passion narrative, our senses are allowed to focus on the striking words from the Gospel and truly enter into the scene.

Third, the Church uses veils to produce a heightened sense of anticipation for Easter Sunday. This is further actualized when you attend daily Mass and see the veils each day. You don't want them to be there because they are hiding some very beautiful images.

And therein lies the whole point: **the veils are not meant to be there forever.** The images need to be unveiled; it is unnatural for them to be covered.

The unveiling before the Easter Vigil is a great reminder of our own life on earth. We live in a "veiled" world, in exile from our true home. It is only through our own death that the veil is lifted and we are finally able to see the beauty of everything in our lives. (source *Aleteia.org*)

Talking Points for the Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection 7th April.

1. On April 7th we celebrate Good Friday. This is a unique day when we recall the love of Jesus unto death for us, when he shows us the extent to which God is in solidarity with our suffering humanity. Can we use this occasion to recall our need to be in solidarity with those suffering around us, and in a particular way with the suffering Church of the Holy Land?



2. **Supporting the church in the Holy Land is an historic mission.** Since the time of St. Paul, who urged his missionary Churches not to forget the needs of the Church in Jerusalem, Christians worldwide have understood the responsibility to support the land where Jesus walked.

3. **It has never been easy to be a Christian in the Holy Land.** In these challenging times in the Middle East, Christians are experiencing unique hardships, made all the worse due to the pandemic. We have an opportunity to help them through the Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection.

4. **Christians in the Holy Land face special challenges,** many of which we hear about in the daily news. The political, religious and military challenges in the Holy Land are more complex than ever. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. Supporting the Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection offers hope to the Holy Land Christians. Over recent years, their difficulties have been greatly magnified by the Covid-19 Pandemic, not only on the health of the people but through the severe economic consequences that have disproportionately affected the most vulnerable.

5. **Who are these Christians?** Christians living in the Holy Land today are descendants of those who first believed and lived the Christian faith. It is important that Christians continue to live, work and pray in the Holy Land.

6. **The Holy Land Collection offers all Catholics an opportunity** to express their solidarity with Christians in the Holy Land. A donation to the Holy Father's annual appeal is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those caught up in war, violence and instability in this region, and of course the recent pandemic.

7. **What has been accomplished?** Normally, each year's Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection:

- Supports 29 parishes, four homes for orphans, three academic institutions
- Helps keep schools open for over 10,000 pre-K through to Grade 12 students
- Supports 120 men preparing to be priests or brothers
- Helps rehabilitate 80 homes for Christian families
- Provides senior care facilities in Bethlehem and Nazareth
- Creates 1,500 jobs in the Holy Land for Christians
- Preserves 54 shrines connected with the life of Jesus and the prophets

8. **Thank you for supporting the Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection** as encouraged by Pope Francis. Through this Collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. When you contribute to the Holy Land Collection, you become an instrument of peace in the land where Jesus walked.

ROSTERS	DATE	ALTAR SERVERS	DATA PROJECTIONIST	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Sat 6.00 pm	25 Mar	Volunteer	Bernadine Fernando	Chris Brodie	Marian Coyle
Sun 8.30am	26 Mar	Volunteer	Ida Tontodonati	Mai-Ling Sholl	Deacon Neil
Sun 10.30 am	26 Mar	Volunteer	Domenico D'Angelo	Pioma Wijeyse're	Deacon Neil
Sun 5.00 pm	26 Mar	Volunteer	Anthony Devadass	Volunteer	Volunteer
NEXT WEEK		PALM SUNDAY			
Sat 6.00pm	01 Apr	Volunteer	Melissa Fernandes	Paul Dunne	Ray Coyle
Sun 8.30am	02 Apr	Volunteer	Ashleigh D'Souza	Oswin Antao	Deacon Neil
Sun 10.30am	02 Apr	Volunteer	Volunteer	Rudy Fernandes	Deacon Neil
Sun 5.00 pm	02 Apr	LIFT YOUTH MINISTRY			
ROSTERS		COUNTERS	CLEANING	ALTAR	
THIS WEEK	26 Mar	Ken Franklin, Adeline Sie		Yvette Esteves	
	02 Apr	Yvette Esteves, Donald D'Cruz	Lolita Briones	Lolita Briones	

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

The Melbourne Passion Play



Each year, for the past 23 years, the passion of Jesus Christ has been enacted in Melbourne by a group of volunteers. This is a scene-by-scene representation of the ministry of Jesus by people in real, open-air surroundings.

Come and relive the passion of Our Lord, and meditate on the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

For all enquiries, visit www.passionplay.info.

On Sunday 2nd April: 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Venue: Holy Cross Centre, 207 Serpells Road, Templestowe

LIFT YOUTH MINISTRY

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



As we enter into Holy Week, LIFT Youth Ministry invites you for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction on

SUNDAY, 2 April 2023
from 6.15pm-7.00pm (after the 5pm Mass)
at St Justin's Parish
All ages are welcome.

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth" - Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

CHRISM MASS, St Patrick's Cathedral

You are warmly invited to join us for the annual Chrism Mass, which will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 1 April at 10am. In this ancient and beautiful liturgy, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, together with all of Melbourne's priests, will bless the oils being used in the sacraments for the year ahead.

This year the Mass will be celebrated on a Saturday to enable more people to come along and participate in this significant moment in the Church's calendar.

For all enquiries, email communications@cam.org.au.

Saturday 1st April 10am -12pm

Walk for JUSTICE for REFUGEES

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.

Fr Andy Hamilton SJ will be sharing a reflection and prayer before the event begins. Come walk this Palm Sunday at the 'Walk for Justice for Refugees'! For all enquiries, email info@capsa.org.au or call Maeve on 0477 197 623.