



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.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

12th February 2023

PARISH PERSONNEL

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr Andrzej Madry
Congregation of the Resurrection

PARISH DEACON:

Deacon Neil Daculan

PARISH SECRETARY:

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SAFEGUARDING TEAM

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ST JUSTIN'S SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL:

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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 book of Ecclesiasticus **Eccl 15:15-20**

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1
(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians **1 Cor 2:6-10**

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew **Mt 5:17-37**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

The Gospel of the Lord
Response - Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Week's Reading
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A
Lev 19:1-2, 17-18: 1 Cor 3:16-23:
Mt 5:38-48:



We pray for the sick of our Parish:

Carmel Welsh, Francis & Joanne Downs, Fred Clarke, Tiana Mugagulo, 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 for all who have died recently including Carmelita Haag, Joseph Canonigo, Anne Van Ratinger. May they rest in peace.

We pray for Giuseppe Bologna and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Thanksgiving Collections 12th February

1st Collection (house)

Presbytery - \$ 797.80
CDF - \$ 220.00

2nd Collection (church)

Thanksgiving - \$ 353.95
Loose - \$ 376.70

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

Pastoral Care Appeal



This weekend is the Pastoral Care Appeal, Donation from our parish community will help the Chaplaincy programs to support the most vulnerable people in our community.

Your support and generosity will ensure that Catholic Chaplains can continue to be the messengers of God's mercy, love and compassion. Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and financial support to help provide continued spiritual and emotional comfort to individuals and families in Victoria facing, illness, pain, loneliness, grief and death.

You can donate using the envelopes available, or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call 03 9287 5513

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 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

Wednesday 22nd February

Ash Wednesday Mass at 9.15am & 7pm

Tuesday 28th February

Fair on the Hill Meeting 7.30 pm - 8.30pm

Friday 24th February

Stations of the Cross 7pm, Evening Mass 7.30pm



BAPTISM



We welcome and pray this weekend for **EVA JOYCE GUERIN** as she receive her sacrament of Baptism.

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 and Confirmation classes.*

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 !



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 Dunne 0402 843 361 or Kasimir Clement :ckasimir888@gmail.com

All Parish Bulletin requests must be in
by Wednesday midday.

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION

TURKEY AND SYRIAN EARTHQUAKE!

Next weekend **18—19th February** there will be a special collection to support the communities affected by the devastating earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

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

Made for More: Exploring the Theology of the Body

Last month, hundreds came from across the Archdiocese of Melbourne and beyond to experience *Made for More*—an evening of art, animation, live music, humour and powerful talks by world-renowned *Theology of the Body* expert and speaker Dr Christopher West and singer-guitarist Mike Mangione.

Over two nights, on 24 and 25 January, people of all ages, including a number of young families and young people, gathered at St Francis of Assisi Parish in Mill Park, and at St Mary's Parish, Dandenong, for the Melbourne leg of the *Made for More* tour, which followed successful events in Sydney and Auckland.

Dr West and Mangione, both from the Theology of the Body Institute, delivered an engaging and thought-provoking message about the ways that God reveals who he is, and what it means for a person to be created in God's image.

Beginning by highlighting the difference between being looked at as a mere 'body' and being truly seen—body and soul—as a human person created in God's image, Dr West explained that each of us is 'somebody': 'You are seen, you are known and you are profoundly loved.'

In a modern culture that often looks but does not see, he said, St John Paul II's *Theology of the Body* was 'nothing but an invitation straight from the heart of Christ' to become someone who can change another person's life by truly seeing the other. Dr West encouraged his audience to view and treat other people as indispensable, irreplaceable and unrepeatable.

A stall at the event also invited young people to consider joining the Archdiocese of Melbourne's pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal, which will take place in August this year and is a life-changing opportunity for young people to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ.

As one attendee, Maree, observed at the end of the evening, *Made for More* had helped her to come to a more meaningful understanding of the body, showing her that, ultimately, 'the human body orients us towards God.'

LIFT Youth Ministry



Last Sunday, our Youth Group celebrated their Inaugural Mass for 2023. It was an uplifting Eucharistic celebration presided by Father Andrew. Our youth were actively involved in various aspects of the mass - choir, offertory, commenting, reading and serving at the altar. During mass,

Abbie announced the official name of the Youth Group as LIFT - '**Learn in Faith Together**'. A name acknowledging our need to constantly seek God with deeper understanding.

Abbie then outlined the mission of LIFT which is threefold: -

- ◆ Growing together, in seeking a deeper and meaningful relationship with God
- ◆ Creating a warm and inviting environment that is inclusive to all
- ◆ Seeking to promote greater involvement in the various Church activities

As the framework was outlined for the moving forward, it was also an appropriate moment to take stock of what has been achieved from its inception on the 1st of May last year.

'Prayer & Pizza Night' kicked off with just 13 youth in the foyer of the church. Today we stand at 30 strong, requiring the Parish Meeting Room to accommodate the growth in numbers.

Our journey from that night has encompassed Trivia Night, Campfire Worship and Movie Night-'The Prince of Egypt'. These monthly meets have extended to the Inaugural Carolling sessions held on first weekend of December, that brought joy to residents of 7 different aged care/retirement homes around Wheelers Hill and Mulgrave.

Our Youth gamely gave up their Saturdays to volunteer at the St Justin's Fete in November, setting up the Christmas tree, decorations as well as the Nativity Set at the start of Advent. This culminated in the Nativity Play that was held during the Christmas Eve Mass. It has indeed been an exhilarating 9 months that this journey has entailed for LIFT Youth as they look forward to even more that God has in store for them.

"For I know the plans I have for you" declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future"
Jeremiah 29:11

Calling all youths (Grade 6—25 years) to join the Parish Youth Group: LIFT Youth Ministry! Every 1st Sunday of the month at 6pm.

More information: Wheelershill@cam.org.au or call Parish Office 9401 6335!

ROSTERS	DATE	ALTAR SERVERS	DATA PROJECTIONIST	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Sat 6.00 pm	11 Feb	Volunteer	Joe Persico	Chris Brodie	Marian Coyle
Sun 8.30am	12 Feb	Volunteer	Ida Tontodonati	Mai-Ling Sholl	Deacon Neil
Sun 10.30 am	12 Feb	Volunteer	Volunteer	Rudy Fernandes	Deacon Neil
Sun 5.00 pm	12 Feb	Volunteer	Anthony Devadass	Isabelle Devadass	
NEXT WEEK					
Sat 6.00pm	18 Feb	Volunteer	Jaime Davin	Paul Dunne	Volunteer
Sun 8.30am	19 Feb	Volunteer	Oswin Antao	Volunteer	Deacon Neil
Sun 10.30am	19 Feb	Volunteer	John Italiano	Pioma Wijeyese're	Deacon Neil
Sun 5.00 pm	19 Feb	Volunteer	Ashleigh D'Souza	Natalie Uranie	
ROSTERS		COUNTERS	CLEANING	ALTAR	
THIS WEEK	12 Feb	Yvette Esteves, Donald D'Cruz		Yvette Esteves	
	19 Feb	Lolita Briones, Adeline Sie		Lolita Briones	

RCIA online seminar series : "Into the Deep"

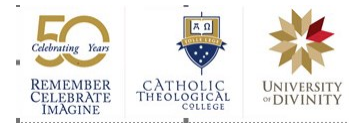
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults online seminar series with Fr Elio Capra SDB is aimed at equipping parish clergy, staff and RCIA teams. On Tuesday 28th February from 7.30— 9.15pm

'Into the Deep'—Easter Vigil and the Period of Mystagogia is the fourth session in this series and will include:

- the Easter Vigil—sacraments of initiation
- Mystagogia
- life-long discipleship.

RCIA teams may wish to gather in-person and join the session online together.

For all enquiries, please email proclaim@cam.org.au or call (03) 9926 5761.



Will you please assist Catholic Theological College in its promotion of our upcoming **"Solemn Celebration of Evening Prayer & Occasional Address"** to celebration 50 years of theological education by inserting the attached notice in your newsletter or bulletin during February.

The celebration is taking place on Sunday 5th March at 3.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. The celebration is open to everyone and we particularly invite any past students of Catholic Theological College to attend.

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia:

ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church.

Aid to the Church in Need is still supporting the Catholic Church in Ukraine in its commitment to stay on the ground and keep serving its flock in the face of material and economic war. ACN is helping priests and religious, who are working across the country in parishes, with refugees, in orphanages and homes for the elderly. The main cities where we are sending immediate help are Kyiv, Zaporizhyya, Odessa and the region of Donetsk. We are doing everything we can to assist our Ukrainian brothers and sisters to be strengthened in their faith so that they may continue to be a light in Ukraine. ACN needs your help to continue this mission.

To make an offering and learn more visit <https://aidtochurch.org/ukraine>

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.

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.

If you wish to place an advertisement please contact the Parish Office call 9401 6335 or email wheelershill@cam.org.au