



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.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

19th February 2023

PARISH PERSONNEL

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr Andrzej Madry

Congregation of the Resurrection

PARISH DEACON:

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9561 7644

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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 Leviticus

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

The Word of the Lord,

Response - Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

- 1 My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)
4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)

Second Reading

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

1 Cor 3:16-23

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says:

The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

The Word of the Lord,

Response - Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God.

Alleluia!



Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Mt 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Response - Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Week's Reading

First Sunday of LENT

Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7: Rom 5:12-19

Mt 4:1-11:



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 Abeyssekara, Sachini.

*We pray for all who have died recently including **Rosemary Jayawardene**. May they rest in peace.*

*We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time including **Caterina Giorgi, Gamini Perera***

Thanksgiving Collections 12th February

1st Collection (house)	
Presbytery	- \$ 734.75
2nd Collection (church)	
Thanksgiving	- \$ 502.50
Loose	- \$ 218.05

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

Pastoral Care Appeal



Thank you! Last weekend, we conducted the annual Pastoral Care Appeal. The presence of Catholic chaplains witness to our faith, a crucial dimension of our service of love, and a vital testimony to the value of life in all its stages.

Thank you the support given to this appeal.

We raised \$ 751.85

If you still wish to donate or if you would like to have more information about the Chaplaincy Service.

Please visit www.catholiccraevic.org.au or call 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

Friday 24th February

Stations of the Cross 7pm, Evening Mass 7.30pm

Tuesday 28th February

Fair on the Hill Meeting 7.30 pm - 8.30pm



LIFT YOUTH MINISTRY MARCH ACTIVITY

**DATE : SUNDAY , 5 MARCH
TIME : 6.00PM -7.30PM
VENUE : PARISH MEETING
ROOM**

***** PLEASE WEAR APPROPRIATE CLOTHING &
FOOTWEAR FOR THE RACE
(SPORT ATTIRE SUGGESTED)**

LIFT YOUTH MINISTRY MARCH ACTIVITY – AMAZING RACE

Pit Stops, Challenges & Clues to find ...There will be a surprise at the Finish Line. Join the LIFT Youth Ministry for some "AMAZING" adventure on

Date: 5 March (SUNDAY)

Time: 6.00pm – 7.30pm (immediately after the Sunday 5.00 pm Mass)

Starting Line: Parish Meeting Room

Youths from Grade 6 – 25 years are welcome. We recommend appropriate footwear and clothing for the race.

**Please RSVP to hold your place in the race by 2 March 2023
to 0466 532 381 / 0430 089 866**

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

Email: wheelershill@cam.org.au or

Parish Office 9401 6335

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 !



SPECIAL COLLECTION

TURKEY AND SYRIAN EARTHQUAKE!

This weekend, 18—19th February

there will be a special collection to support the communities affected by the devastating earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

BISHOP ROBERT RABBAT'S SYRIAN EARTHQUAKE APPEAL.

The Melkite Catholic Eparchy.

For those who would like to donate, contributions can be made by donating to:

MCF DGR Account

Ref: Syrian Appeal

BSB 062784 Account: 100011493

Donations are tax deductible and for a receipt please email : mcf@melkite.org.au or contact 02 9750 5514 for more information.

I ask also for your thoughts and prayers for all who are impacted by the devastating earthquake, as well as the volunteers and emergency workers assisting them in their needs at this challenging time.

Reflection:

The gaze of love: how adoration can change your life

There is a story about St John Vianney, famously known as the Curé d'Ars (French for 'pastor of Ars', a town in France). The priest often came across a farmer in his church spending hours in front of the tabernacle, lost in silence. One day, Vianney asked the man what he was doing, and he replied, 'Nothing. I look at him and he looks at me.'

When it comes to love, sometimes the simplest things are best. We don't always know what to say or how to say it; we think we need to engage in some elaborate, complicated gesture of love, when really, the things people crave are quite simple.

A close presence is one of those things. For more than 20 years, St Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne has opened its doors on Thursday nights for Six30 Holy Hour, inviting young people to come and spend time with Jesus in eucharistic adoration. We live in a very productivity-focused culture, making it hard to just sit and 'waste' time with God, but that's exactly what he wants, and it can be life-changing.

Two Melbourne-based young adults, Klara Rawdanowicz and Joe Melhem, share with us how they fell in love with adoration, what it means for them and why they think more people should try it.

One of the surprising things regular adoration has done for Joe is increase his love for the Mass. He says, 'If you stare at the Eucharist for long enough, you start to get a bit hungry. The longer you're adoring the Eucharist, the more you want to consume it.'

Joe encourages people to give adoration a try if they want to change their life.

'If you want to hear from God, if you want hear him speak loudly, go to adoration. If you want your life to change, go to adoration. If you struggle with the Mass, go to adoration.'

Klara was first awakened to the beauty and value of eucharistic adoration in Kraków, Poland, as a pilgrim for World Youth Day 2016. Only 16, she was moved deeply by the silence of thousands of people as they knelt before the Blessed Sacrament.

Regular eucharistic adoration is a constant source of peace for Klara, teaching her humility, patience, surrender and trust. For this reason, she encourages people to experience the joy of it for themselves.

LENT : A Guide for the Perplexed

With Lent approaching once more, we thought it might be a good time to revisit and respond some of the questions that come up every year: What is Lent? Why do we observe it? What is penance, exactly? And, perhaps most importantly for some, are Sundays included? With these questions in mind, we've put together this one-stop guide with some useful pointers on how we might enter more fully into this sometimes challenging but always gracious season.



What is Lent?

Lent is a season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving that begins with Ash Wednesday and concludes at sundown on Holy Thursday. At this point, the Easter Triduum begins and Catholics enter more deeply into the mystery of Christ's Passion before Easter.

Although penance is a calling of every Catholic throughout his or her life, Lent is a season specially marked out for the Church to be 'united among themselves by common observance' of it (*Code of Canon Law*, §1249). It is a way of growing in the faith together.

What is Penance?

Although the term *penance* might sound strange to modern ears, and perhaps hold some negative connotations, you might be surprised to learn that penance in the Catholic tradition is considered a virtue, one we're invited to live in our whole lives, not just in the sacrament of Reconciliation. What this means is that penance is something that, when practised enough, becomes a habit, something that is second nature to us. According to St Thomas Aquinas, penance is a species of justice and has two elements: contrition for sin and the making amends for sin. Simple justice dictates that if we steal something, we should return it; if somebody injures themselves because of us, we should compensate them in some way; if we break something, we should fix it. Seen in this way, justice is about healing what's broken.

Penance is like this for our relationship with God: it's about turning ourselves back to God when we might have turned away. It's a healing process, which is why prayer, even contemplative prayer, is a form of penance: prayer, by its nature, turns us back to God.

Lent, as a penitential season, is the time for us to turn radically back to God; to experience true conversion and repentance. This conversion, however, is primarily the work of grace, according to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (§1432). Lent should not be approached simply as a season of self-denial, then, but welcomed as a season of grace, in which our hearts can be softened.

Is Lent just about "giving something up"

No. As you've probably caught on by now, giving something up—or fasting—is only one of three things we should be focussing on throughout Lent. The other two, prayer and almsgiving, are very much about 'taking something up'.

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

ROSTERS	DATE	ALTAR SERVERS	DATA PROJECTIONIST	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Sat 6.00 pm	18 Feb	Volunteer	Jaime Davin	Paul Dunne	Volunteer
Sun 8.30am	19 Feb	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Deacon Neil
Sun 10.30 am	19 Feb	Volunteer	John Italiano	Pioma Wijeyese're	Deacon Neil
Sun 5.00 pm	19 Feb	Volunteer	Ashleigh D'Souza	Natalie Uranie	
NEXT WEEK					
Sat 6.00pm	25 Feb	Volunteer	Bernadine Fernando	Helen Johnpillai	Raymond Coyle
Sun 8.30am	26 Feb	Volunteer	Khai Vu	Noeline Willenberg	Deacon Neil
Sun 10.30am	26 Feb	Volunteer	Domenico D'Angelo	Rudy Fernandes	Deacon Neil
Sun 5.00 pm	26 Feb	Volunteer	Anthony Devadass	Ashleigh D'Souza	
ROSTERS		COUNTERS	CLEANING	ALTAR	
THIS WEEK	19 Feb	Lolita Briones, Adeline Sie		Adeline Sie	
	26 Feb	Theresa Bell, Adeline Sie		Lolita Briones	

ONE DAY LENTEN RETREAT

DISCIPLESHIP (Matthew 28:19)

AT ST SIMON'S ROWVILLE with Fr Ray Sanchez CP

SATURDAY February 25th - 10.00am to 3.30pm

Cost \$25.00—lunch included

Please email : loretta@stsimonsparish.com.au

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

Catholic Schools Guide

Please find enclosed copies of the 2023 edition of Catholic Schools Guide featuring our theme "Reimaging Education"

This is a handy guide for those interested in a Catholic Secondary Education for your Children.

Should you wish additional copies, Please contact

admin@catholicschoolsguide.com.au

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



Leave Nothing Undared
for the Kingdom of God

Open Day 2023

Wednesday 8th March
2:00pm - 6:00pm



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At 5 Kernot Ave Mulgrave VIC 3170

Mazenod.vic.edu.au or contact on 03 9560 0911

Year 7/2025 Application Close, Friday 18th August 2023