



# 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.*

**EASTER SUNDAY of the Resurrection of the LORD**

**31st March 2024**

**ALLELUIA ! A VERY HAPPY EASTER to all the families,  
may this day bring all Blessings, Joy and Love.**



## First Reading

*A reading from the book of Acts*

*Acts 10:34, 37-43:*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism.

God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

**The Word of the Lord,**

**Response - Thanks be to God**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24*

**(R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

## Second Reading

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

*Col 3:1-4:*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

**The Word of the Lord,**

**Response - Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.*

*Alleluia!*



## Gospel

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to*

*John*

*Jn 20:1-9*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**Response - Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Next Week's Reading**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**Acts 2:14, 22-33:**

**Ps 15: 1-2, 5, 7-11: Mt 28:8-15:**

Dear Friends, our Parish has always relied on the generosity of Parishioners to support the Priest and the expenses of running the Parish. You can donate by using Thanksgiving Envelopes or by Credit Card or Direct Debit.

If you would like to support the Parish Priest (1st Collection) you can donate to the Presbytery Account. You can leave your donation at the Office or deposit directly into the following account:

**Account name St Justin's Parish Presbytery Account**  
**St Justin's Parish**  
**Name of Bank -NAB**  
**BSB - 083 347**  
**Account No. - 671274694 Reference: Your Name - Donation**

To donate to the Church Account (2<sup>nd</sup> Collection) by direct deposit, the details are:

**Account Name: St Justin's Parish Church Account**  
**St Justin's Parish**  
**Name of Bank - NAB**  
**BSB - 083 347**  
**Account No. - 671307775 Reference: Your Name - Planned giving Number**

**Thank you for your continuous support given to St Justin's Parish,**  
**God Bless**



### **We pray for the sick of our Parish:**

Carmel Welsh, Francis & Joanne Downs, Tiana Mugagulio, David Booth, Maria Macan, Rita, Steven & Georgette Mizher, Annette & Stephen Sachie. Senaka Fernando, Cathy Faux, June Ferguson, Delani Hakan, Nicolette Thomas, Eileen Doyle, Pirooska Tertelyi. Cameron Wales, Alan Sullivan, Melinda Anderson, Helena De Costa, Marise Peiris, Jenny Williams, Nigel D'Lima, Ondie & Robert Goold and Stuart Ellem, Frances Gunther.

We pray for all those who have died recently,

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

***MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.***

### **CHURCH AND PARISH HOUSE MAINTENANCE TEAM**

**As we now have a Maintenance Group formed, next meeting will be on the 17 April at 10.00am**

Whilst we are still calling for parishioners, both men and women, to join a garden and general maintenance team that is being established for St Justin's. The team's main focus would be to keep the lawns and gardens around the Church and Parish House in good order. In addition, and as needs arose, the team would be involved in other maintenance activities such as window cleaning, minor repairs of fencing/gates, rubbish removal and so on.

This is important work so if you have 1 to 2 hours available once a month, your help would be greatly appreciated. It's also a great opportunity to involve yourself in Parish life and to meet others.

**To volunteer or for more information please contact Paul on 0402 843 361 or contact the Parish Office on 03 9401 6335.**

### **The Children's Ministry of St Justin's Parish, Wheelers Hill**

**The children's ministry will continue every month, however due to the school holiday's after a short break it will re-commence on the 12th May 2024,**

**The session will commence during the 10.30am Mass on Sunday in August and children will be taken together by the volunteers before the penitential act. Father will invite all the children and give them a blessing prior to leaving the church.**

#### **What safeguarding measures are in place?**

The Parish of St Justin's, Wheelers Hill is committed to ensure the safety, well-being and inclusion of all children and has policies and procedures in place to maintain a Child Safe environment. All volunteers above the age of 18 will need a Working With Children and Police Check in order to comply with the current regulations for the volunteers in the Parish. All applicable policies and guidelines could be found in the parish website via the link:

<http://www.cam.org.au/wheelershill>

#### **Further Information**

If you have any suggestions or queries, please contact the parish office of St Justin's Church on 03 9401 6335 or email [wheelershill@cam.org.au](mailto:wheelershill@cam.org.au)



Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion, Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations.**

**Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's project compassion 2024 Lenten Appeal,**

**“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. “**

We're excited to announce our ...

# Young Adults Group

This is a group for those aged  
between 18 to 35 years old.

Sign up if you're interested! ♥



Contact [abbietiong@outlook.com](mailto:abbietiong@outlook.com) for further details



The **GOOD SHEPHERD Charismatic Prayer Group** is  
running a **3 Week Seminar**,

- **GOD THE FATHER** - unconditional Love of GOD  
Tuesday 9th April - Guest Speaker  
Fr Eric Alleaume OMI
- **GOD THE SON** - JESUS is LORD  
Tuesday 16th April—Guest Speaker  
Fr. Terrence Shanaka MGL
- **GOD'S SPIRIT** - The gifts of GOD's Spirit  
Tuesday 23rd April—Guest Speaker  
Fr. Rojan George VC

Don't miss this opportunity to come and listen to  
three spirit filled speakers.

The Seminar starts at 7.30pm with prayer & praise  
and will be followed by a talk by the guest speaker.

We should finish around 9.30pm

The Seminar is held at the **GOOD SHEPHERD Parish  
Church**,

34 Academy Avenue, **WHEELERS HILL 3150**

**GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH** in collaboration with  
**VINCENTIAN RETREAT CENTRE**

**The Divine Mercy Novena at Good Shepherd Church**

**Holy Saturday 30th March 3-4pm** (No Holy Mass only  
Divine Mercy Chaplet, Novena Prayers, Eucharistic  
Adoration)

**Easter Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March: 7-8pm**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April: 7-8pm**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April: 7-8pm**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April: 7-8pm**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April: 7-8pm**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April: 7-8pm** (Rosary,  
Praise & Worship, Healing Mass,  
adoration with novena prayers)

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April: 6-7.30pm**



**SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL - FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY**

**1:30-3pm - Confessions**

**3pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine  
Mercy Chaplet, Blessing of Icon**

**3:30pm - Solemn Mass**

**4:30pm - Procession of Divine Mercy Icon**

**5pm - Conclusion**

**Hallelujah!**

ROSTERS	DATE	ALTAR SERVERS	DATA PROJECTIONIST	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
		<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>			
Sun 8.30 am	31 Mar	Ariyan A.	Khai Vu	Oswin Antao	Mai-Ling Sholl, Volunteer
Sun 10.30 am	31 Mar	Aiden D,	John Italiano	Rudy Fernandes	Deacon Neil, John Italiano
		<b>NEXT WEEK</b>			
Sat 6.00pm	06 Apr	Volunteer	Melissa Fernandes	Yvette Esteves	Marian Coyle
Sun 8.30am	07 Apr	Volunteer	Oswin Antao	Diana Tan	Deacon Neil
Sun 10.30am	07 Apr	Volunteer	Dominic D'Angelo	John Italiano	Anthony Phey
Sun 5.00pm	07 Apr	Volunteer	Volunteer	Youth	Volunteer
ROSTERS		COUNTERS		ALTAR	COLLECTORS
THIS WEEK	31 Mar	<i>Easter Counting</i>	<i>to be advised</i>	Yvette Esteves	
NEXT WEEK	07 Apr	Ida Tontodonati, Adeline Sie		Lolita Briones	

## THANK YOU

Your generous support during this lenten season and leading to Easter has been overwhelming ,

Thank you to all the Volunteers, Youth Group, Readers, Altar Serves and many others working behind the scene, making all the preparations, to remain strong and vibrant to the community.

From : St Justin's Parish, Fr Andrew



Happy Easter

### EASTER 2024, Message from Archbishop Peter A Comensoli,

#### *"The Dawning Light of the Resurrection"*

Friends, I sometimes reflect on the disciples of Jesus in what they had experienced between the time of Jesus' death and resurrection. It would have been darkness for them; a questioning of everything they had come to know and had hoped for. Confused and in grief, utterly shaken and probably quite fearful for their lives. We know they were at the threshold between death and life. But God did not want them to drift into oblivion; lost and forsaken.

God instead shook them into a new creation that would change them and everything for all time. With the resurrection of Jesus, the disciples were rocked out of complacency. Because, at Easter, life had found a way.

The disciples were overjoyed, to be true, but it went far more than that. Nothing would ever be the same after the dawning light of the resurrection in their lives. Theirs was the experience of death defeated, filling them with boldness and conviction to go out.

And so it should be with us.

Easter is not a day in the calendar to wait for and then let slip by. Easter is an invitation to us into the story of Jesus' resurrection – into the story of the disciples – the move from our darkness, into a new light.

The resurrection of Jesus gives us the means to transform our lives into something much better. When we embrace Jesus' resurrection we truly can begin living—what a beautiful thought—we break free of all those things that bind us, that keep us in death. For Jesus' victory over death becomes our victory for life.

Easter is meant to rock us and shake us, so as to empower us.

***May it be so for you this Easter***