

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 Easter, Year A

PARISH PERSONNEL

PARISH PRIEST: Fr Andrzej Madry Congregation of the Resurrection

Parish Deacon: Deacon Neil Daculan

PARISH SECRETARY: Jeanne Bernard

SAFEGUARDING TEAM Mai-Ling Sholl Ophelia D'Souza <u>Wheelershill.safeguarding</u> @cam.org.au

ST JUSTIN'S SCHOOL PRINCIPAL: Patrick Torpey

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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 ReadingA reading from the Acts of theApostlesActs 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. *R*. v.22 (R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Peter 1 Pt 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone. a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

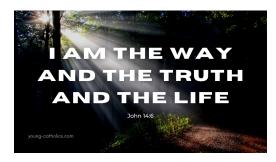
The Word of the Lord, Response - Thanks be to God

7th May 2023

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!



Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John Jn 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? '

To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

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

> Next Week's Reading Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 8:5-8, 14-17: 1 Pet 3:15-18: Jn 14: 15 –21:



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, Celine Tang Willis. Lucy Field, Dilini Abeysekara, Sachini, Ransley Mascurine, Senaka Fernando, Geoffrey Mortimer, Jan Vanderwert, Cathy Faux, Shereen McLeod.

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

We pray for those whose death anniversaries occur at this time, including Noel Uranie, Therese Thomas, Charles Bhungard.

Thanksgiving Collections **30th April**

1st Collection (house) Presbytery - \$ 805.40 CDF - \$ 70.00 2nd Collection (church) Thanksgiving - \$ 472.50 Loose - \$ 124.10

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

Thank You ! For your generous contribution given to Caritas Australia and the Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal

We received



\$ 526.90



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 Wednesday 10th, 24th May & 14th June

Sewing, Knitting, Crochet, Craft Projects

- Bring along your own project
- Learn a new craft
- Or just share a cuppa and a chat

Any gueries contact Mai Ling 0412 499 205.

Parish Calendar 2023

Sunday 7th May LIFT Youth Ministry meeting 6–7.30pm

Sunday 14th May MOTHER'S DAY

Tuesday 30th May Fair on the Hill Meeting 7.30 - 8.30pm



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

BIBLE. STUDY

St Justin's church has ongoing online/zoom weekly Bible Study sessions on Wednesdays at 7.30pm.

You are most welcome to join this study. No previous knowledge is needed and it is free! This is a great opportunity to grow In knowledge and to grow closer to our dear Lord.

The link is as follows: https://us02web.zoom.us/i/8975658645?pwd=TXp0TEQzRIFiRkdZRD BDVmpYeTU0UT09

Meeting ID 897 565 8645 Password 7HgAEz

For more details email: ckasimir888@gmail.com or contact the parish office 03 9401 6335

All Parish Bulletin requests must be in by **Wednesday midday**. Please email all requests to Wheelershill@cam.org.au



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

We are very excited to announce the start of a new Children's Ministry in our parish this year!

What is the Children's Ministry?

The Children's Ministry is a journey for children to connect with Jesus. The connection is strengthened when children experience the glory and wonder of God in a simplified way that relates to them. This will stay with them as they grow up to become youth and adults that are able to share that joy and love with others around them. This will also be a boost for parents to assist their children's spiritual journey.

The session will commence during the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 14th May 2023 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.

The session will start with the Childrens' Liturgy which is the teaching and sharing of God's word in a way that is child friendly and understandable. The Liturgy will be based on the Catholic church calendar 2023. There will be lots of singing, arts and crafts and more fun activities to participate in. Active learning with participation from the children to lead prayers and discussions will help them develop that close relationship with God.

Who is it for?

Any child up to 10 years of age are welcome.

When will it start and when is it held?

We are hoping to start this ministry from the 2nd Sunday of May 2023 (14th May) and continue every 2nd Sunday of the month.

Where will it be held?

It is planned for activities to be organized during the 10.30am Liturgy and will be held at the Parish Office.

Who is involved in the ministry?

We have a fantastic group of volunteers with the guidance from Fr Andrew from within the parish who have come forward to dedicate their time. Some have been actively involved in children's ministries in the past. All are parents with young growing families. We have the full support of our Parish youth group LIFT who will also join to assist with the sessions. Parents who attend mass are welcome to accompany their child if they are under 3 years of age.

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

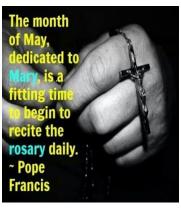
Further Information

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

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY - ROSARY DEVOTION

During the month of May, St Justin's Parish invites you to pray the Rosary after the **Saturday, 6.00pm Mass**

May6 : Joyful MysteriesMay13: Sorrowful MysteriesMay20: Glorious MysteriesMay27 : Luminous Mysteries



Please join us as we pray together as a Parish Community.

LIFT YOUTH MINISTRY <u>"MAY ACTIVITY" – MAKING AND PRAYING THE ROSARY</u>

What is a "Rosary'? Why is the Rosary important? Who developed the Rosary?

Did you know there are 4 mysteries we meditate upon when we recite the Rosary?



Given the month of May is devoted to our Blessed Mother Mary, the LIFT Youth Ministry has focussed the May activity to be on the Rosary. We will be making the rosary from scratch and learning how to pray to the rosary meaningfully. Come join the LIFT team this May to be inspired by the power of the rosary.

Date: 7 May 2023 (SUNDAY)

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

Venue: Parish Meeting Room

Youths from Grade 6 – 25 years are welcome. Please RSVP by Wednesday 3 May 2023 to the Parish Office on 03 9401 6335, if you have not already confirmed participation to the Youth Ministry Leadership Team.

ROSTERS	Date	Altar Servers	Data Projectionist	Readers	Eucharistic Minister
Sat 6.00pm	06 May	Isaac B, Volunteer	Joe Persico	Chris Brodie	Raymond Coyle
Sun 8.30am	07 May	Joel P, Volunteer	Ida Tontodonati	Noeline Willenberg	Deacon Neil
Sun 10.30 am	07 May	Patrick J, Volunteer	John Italiano	Rudy Fernandes	Deacon Neil
Sun 5.00pm	07 May	Aiden D, Lachlan D	Anthony Devadass	Volunteer	Volunteer
NEXT WEEK					
Sat 6.00pm	13 May	Jalon and Joel P.	Jaime Davin	Volunteer	
Sun 8.30am	14 May	Ariana De C	Oswin Antao	Claudia Scuteri	Deacon Neil
Sun 10.30am	14 May	Xavier R, Georgia R.	Lolita Briones	John Italiano	Deacon Neil
Sun 5.00pm	14 May	Joseph B, Elyana F.	Volunteer	Sheena Devadass	Volunteer
ROSTERS		COUNTERS	Cleaning	ALTAR	
THIS WEEK	07 May	Peter Corteling, Ida Tontodonati		Yvette Esteves	
NEXT WEEK	14 May	Ken Franklin, Claudia Scuteri		Lolita Briones	

WYD PILGRIMS gather together for the 1st Time

As more than 500 young people came together for the first time on

Sunday 30 April in preparation for Melbourne's pilgrimage to World Youth Day (WYD) in Lisbon, Portugal, the Fitzroy campus of Australian Catholic University was alive with joy, music and the Holy Spirit.



The pilgrimage's more-than-100-strong leadership team, who recently began their formation in Christian leadership, happily welcomed pilgrims as they walked through St Mary of the Cross Square. The sound of chatter, laughter and live music grew as Cathedral Hall filled with pilgrims from parishes, youth groups, communities and schools across the Archdiocese.

The energy and noise gave way to a reflective time of prayer, as pilgrims meditated on the gospel passage of the Annunciation of the Lord and the Visitation, where Mary journeys to visit Elizabeth—the passage from which the WYD theme is drawn: 'Mary arose and went with haste' (Luke 1:39). Lucy Rochford called her fellow pilgrims to be open to God and to new, joyful experiences.

As they reflected on the age-old saying 'You're a pilgrim, not a tourist', pilgrims were introduced to the idea of pilgrimage as a journey of growth and encounter with God and faith, and explored the history and format of World Youth Day.

Parents and guardians attended a concurrent session, where they were able to explore the practicalities of the pilgrimage and ask questions of the World Youth Day team and travel provider.

Fr Michel Remery, a priest of the Diocese of Rotterdam in the Netherlands who is well known for his popular book and app *Tweeting* with God, spoke to pilgrims about the meaning of pilgrimage.

Observing that the saints were on a journey too, growing ever closer to Jesus, he said that pilgrims are invited to become saints and to follow Jesus as his disciples.

"We are all going towards Lisbon to celebrate World Youth Day. But your destination in life is a different one, it is to live your vocation—that of what God is asking of you. "

The gathering ended as Archbishop Peter A Comensoli livestreamed from Rome to greet pilgrims and to share his experiences as a young priest on World Youth Day. 'My hope is that Jesus will find you,' he said. 'In Jesus finding you, I hope you get a sense of wanting to go out ... into your own communities ... your communities you've formed on pilgrimage.'

Message from Pope Francis on the 60th World Day of Prayer for Vocations



"The gift of vocation is like a divine seed that springs up in the soil of our existence, opens our hearts to God and to others, so that we can share with them the

treasure we ourselves have found.'

Information Session - Permanent Diaconate

On Saturday 3 June at 10.00am at the University of Divinity, Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade East Melbourne, there will be an information session on the Permanent Diaconate.

Your help is needed to promote this vocation within your parish. Perhaps there are some male parishioners, married or single, between the age of 30 to 60 years, whom you could speak with concerning this call to ministry.

Further details can be found in the documents attached to this message.

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