



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.

First Sunday of Advent, Year B

3rd December 2023

PARISH PERSONNEL

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr Andrzej Madry CR

Congregation of the Resurrection

PERMANENT DEACON:

Deacon Neil Daculan

PARISH SECRETARY:

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ST JUSTIN'S

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am, 10.30am & 5 pm

WEEK DAY MASSES:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9.15 am, Saturday 9.15am

GOOD SHEPHERD

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Sunday: 9.00am & 11.00am

WEEK DAY MASSES:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9.15 am, Saturday 10.00am

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

First Reading

A reading from the prophet

Isaiah

Is 63:16-17: 64:1. 3-8

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down – at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

The Word of the Lord,

Response - Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4

R. Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

- O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. (R.)
- God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)
- May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul

to the Corinthians

1 Cor 1:3-9

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace. I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

The Word of the Lord,

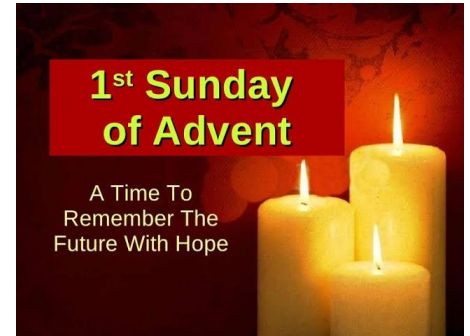
Response - Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!



Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to

Matthew

Mt 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

The Gospel of the Lord

Response - Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**Next Week's Reading
Second Sunday of Advent**

Is 40:1-5, 9-11:

2 Pet 3:8-14:

Mk 1:1 – 8:



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. Dilini Abeysekara, Senaka Fernando, Fred Clarke, Cathy Faux, June Ferguson, Delani Hakan, Nicolette Thomas, Eileen Doyle, Pirooska Tertelyi. Cameron Wales, Alan Sullivan, Melinda Anderson, Marie Rabot, Helena De Costa, Marise Peiris, Jenny Williams, Nigel D’Lima, Troy Eccles, Joan Oorloff, Ondie & Robert Goold.

We pray for all who have died recently including Fr Gerard Dowling, Helen Sanopoulos,

We pray for those whose death anniversaries occur at this time including Peter Paul Fernandez, Rajah Eruthayaraj, Miranda Tartaro.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

Thanksgiving Collections 26th November 2023

1st Collection (house)

Presbytery - \$ 760.20
CDF - \$ 32.00

2nd Collection (church)

Thanksgiving - \$ 282.50
Loose - \$ 379.60

We express our thanks and appreciation for your continued support to St Justin’s Parish.

Thank you to all the parishioners who helped so willingly to make our afternoon tea a great success.



We raised \$650.00 towards upgrading our meeting room

St Justin's Christmas Eve Nativity Play

Practices for the Christmas Nativity Play scheduled for the Christmas Eve Mass at 5.45pm at St Justin's are scheduled as follows:



Saturday 2nd December 10am to 11.30am
Saturday 16th December 10am to 11.30am
Saturday 23rd December 10am to 11.30am.

All Children are welcome to join.

Parish Calendar 2023



Tuesday 5th December
Year 3 level Mass - 9.15am

Wednesday 6th December
Year 4 level Mass—9.15am

Thursday 7th December
Year 5 and Prep buddies Mass—9.15am

Friday 8th December
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin,
Masses at 9.15am & 7pm



Tuesday 12th December
Advent Parish Reconciliation - 7pm

Thursday 14th December
Parish Maintenance Team from 10.00 - 11.30am
Year 6 Graduation Mass - 5.30pm

Friday 15th December
End of School Year Mass -9.15am

Tuesday 19th December
Good Shepherd Advent Parish Reconciliation - 7pm

Church and Parish House Maintenance Team

As we now have a Maintenance Group formed, next meeting will be on the 14th of December 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.

ReachOut Ministry at St Justin's Parish commenced in the month of August 2023

and members of the cell groups have been meeting once every month on an ongoing basis.

The cell groups had their joint final meeting for 2023 on 18 November, followed by a shared lunch. We will commence our cell group meetings from February 2024.

For more details about the ReachOut ministry please contact St Justin's Parish office: 03 9401 6335 or e-mail: dgdacruz@yahoo.com.au



ST VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL - for young disadvantage kids

Christmas is the perfect time to think of others within our community who long to feel loved. Your support is paramount in making this season a joyous one. St. Justin's would like to put out a call for families who wish to purchase and donate new toys or books for children from the ages of 12 months to 12 years of age. Gift vouchers are always appreciated as well.

There will be cards placed on the Christmas tree, please pick a tag of your choice, age for a girl or boy.

These donations will be given directly to the St. Vincent de Paul Society in and distributed to families in and around the area.

All families wishing to donate items are kindly asked not to wrap them, but to place them under the Wishing tree .

All the Gifts will be collected by the 12th of December 2023

At St Justin's we appreciate and thank you in advance, for showing the true meaning of compassion and unconditional love during this festive season, while allowing Christ to be born in your hearts and homes.

WHAT IS ADVENT?

Advent and Christmas offer us the opportunity to prayerfully commemorate the birth of Jesus, to become more aware of God's presence in our everyday lives and to reflect on the second coming of Jesus at the end of time (Vatican. Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 675).

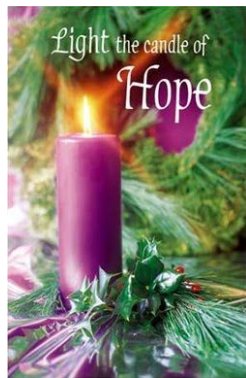
Advent is the season that precedes Christmas. It varies in length from 22-28 days. During this season, Catholics, and other Christians, enter a time of hopeful anticipation and joyful preparation for the celebration of Christmas.

THE FOUR THEMES OF ADVENT

There are four themes corresponding to each week of Advent, beginning with the Sundays.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: HOPE

Hope doesn't come from nowhere. The hope of God's people in the Bible comes from the fact that God made them specific promises: of peace, of an eternal kingdom to be established by the Messiah, of a creation finally healed and at rest. So the readings for this week focus especially on God's promises. Becoming acquainted with these promises is a good first step in coming to a deeper knowledge of who God is.



STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

A Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be visiting St Elizabeth Parish, 107 Bakers Rd, Dandenong North from Sunday 3 December 2023 to Friday 8 December 2023.

The visit will start with a procession from the Parish House to the Church commencing at 9.00am on Sunday 3 December 2023 followed by the rite of welcome of the statue of Our lady of Fatima and mass at 9.30am.

The Holy Rosary and the Litany of Our Lady of Fatima will be prayed in the church each evening at 7.00pm from Monday 4 December to Thursday 7 December and after each 9.15am mass during the week.

The visit will conclude with the celebration of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception mass on Friday 8 December at 9.15am followed by the Holy Rosary and Litany of Our Lady of Fatima.

All are welcome!

Christmas Carols Singing at the Aged Care

Following the heart-warming reception of 2022 carol singing, LIFT Youth Ministry and Childrens Ministry are thrilled to announce, we will be singing at aged cares/retirement homes around Mulgrave / Noble Park & Wheelers Hill Area on **Saturday, 9 December & Sunday, 10 December from 10.00am -2.00pm.**

Practices will be held on

Sunday: 19 November 2023 from 6.00pm-7.30pm

Sunday: 26 November 2023 from 6.00pm-7.30pm

Sunday: 3 December 2023 from 6.00pm-7.30pm



Join us as we spread the Christmas cheer. All are welcome.

Please confirm your attendance by contacting Rehan (0430 089 866)/ Sheena (0466 532 381) or wheelershill@cam.org.au by Wednesday, 15 November 2023 with your name and contact details.

Join us as we spread the Christmas cheer. All are welcome to spread the Christmas cheer and goodwill through music.

St Justin's Parish Ministry Rosters

The new roster will be out in January 2024

Parishioners who wish to participate in the Ministry Rosters are very much welcome. You can simply complete a Time and Talent form, available in the document holder in the Church Foyer.

Contact the parish office if you are thinking of being part of the new roster and for further assistance.

Contact : 9401 6335 / email: wheelershill@cam.org.au
Please have your WWC up-to-date.

A big thankyou to all parishioners who have contributed by participating in the Ministry Rosters.

Thank you

Sacraments Preparation Classes 2024

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.

| ROSTERS | DATE | ALTAR SERVERS | DATA PROJECTIONIST | READERS | EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER |
|------------------|--------|----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Sat 6.00pm | 02 Dec | Liam F, Eva C | Bernadine Fernando | Melissa Fernandes | Marian Coyle |
| Sun 8.30am | 03 Dec | Volunteer | Volunteer | Mai-Ling Sholl | Diana Tan |
| Sun 10.30 am | 03 Dec | Patrick J | Domenic D'Angelo | John Italiano | Anthony Phey |
| Sun 5.00pm | 03 Dec | Aiden D | Youth Group | Gavin & Liam | Ophelia D'Souza |
| NEXT WEEK | | | | | |
| Sat 6.00pm | 09 Dec | Leanne M, Elyana F | Bernadine Fernando | Paul Dunne | Raymond Coyle |
| Sun 8.30am | 10 Dec | Ariana De C | Khai Vu | Noel Ridler | Mai-Ling Sholl |
| Sun 10.30am | 10 Dec | Xavier & Georgia R | Lolita Briones | Rudy Fernandes | John Italiano |
| Sun 5.00pm | 10 Dec | Joseph B | Anthony Devadass | Sheena Devadass | Volunteer |
| ROSTERS | | COUNTERS | CLEANING | ALTAR | COLLECTORS |
| THIS WEEK | 03 Dec | Magda Schwarz, Theresa Bell | Natalie Uranie | Lolita Briones | |
| NEXT WEEK | 10 Dec | Claudia Scuteri, Ken Franklin | | Yvette Esteves | |

"An Instrument of Grace" - Three new priests and a deacon ordained in Melbourne

Three men were ordained to the priesthood at St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 25 November: Fr Thomas Christie, Fr Peter Nguyen and Fr Tien Tran. Jean-Sébastien Géry was also ordained to the transitional diaconate, the penultimate step in the journey to becoming a priest. It was a joyous occasion in the life of the local church, with the ordinands surrounded by family, friends and Melbourne's community of faith.

During his homily, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli reminded the ordinands of what constitutes a vocation in Christ: '[St] Paul talks of charity, selflessness, gentleness, patience, unity and peace. We might firstly note just how closely these vocational elements harmonise with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Some pictures from the celebration.



Click the link below for more information - <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/three-new-priests-and-a-deacon-ordained-in-melbourne>

Archbishop Comensoli to launch Advent Appeal for Ukraine ,

After 643 days of continued conflict, millions of Ukrainians have been displaced, the number of casualties on the frontline and among civilians continues to climb and the need for humanitarian aid remains high, especially as winter approaches. In response to the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli is launching a special Advent appeal on 3 December, the first Sunday of Advent. Funds raised will go towards providing aid and practical assistance to those who have been displaced and who are without basic supplies, especially the sick and the elderly.



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

"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. "