

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.

Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE Year C

20th November 2022

PARISH PERSONNEL

Parish Priest: Fr Andrzej Madry

Congregation of the Resurrection

PARISH DEACON:

Deacon Neil Daculan

PARISH SECRETARY:

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Patrick Torpey 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

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 second book of Samuel

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel." So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 121:1-5. R. see v.2 (R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

- I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R.)
- 2. Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. (R.)
- 3. For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God and the firstborn of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignties, Powers – all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father:

blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying

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

will be with me in paradise.'

for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong.

Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your

kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you

Next Week's Reading First Sunday of Advent Is 2:1-5: Rom 13:11-14: Mt 24:37-44:





We pray for the sick of our Parish:

Joan Lopes, Carmel Welsh, Lois O'Loughlin, Francis & Joanne Downs, Fred Clarke, Tiana Mugagulio, Deidre Schroter, Andrew White, David Booth, Carolyn Egan, Maria Macan, Rita, John Charman, Steven & Georgette Mizher, Annette & Stephen Sachie.

We pray *Kathrina Gavaghan*, Lo Presti Giuseppa, Louis Macky, Auriel Senn Kath Alexander, Elysee Wray and all souls who passed away recently, may they rest in peace.

We remember all whose death anniversaries that occur at this time.

St Justin's Parish Ministry Rosters

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.

The new roster will be out in January 2023

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.

Thank you

Thanksgiving Collections 13th November 2022

1st Collection (house)

Presbytery - \$ 672.65

2nd Collection (church)

Thanksgiving - \$ 530.50 Loose - \$ 235.20

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

The Holy Season of Advent starts on 27th November.

Pick up an Advent daily readings and reflections booklet from the church fover with a donation of only \$5.

It is a perfect daily companion guide for those wishing to have a closer relationship with Christ during Advent and Christmas.

Have a Holy and Blessed Christmas

BIBLE STUDY - The Bible timeline

This is an excellent program, especially for those wanting to make a start on bible study.

Wednesdays 7.30pm online/zoom

Watch video presentation and share responses to engaging questions.

For more information about resources and link, please contact Paul Dunne 0402 843 361 pwdunne@aap.net.au Kasimir Clement 0435 049 828 ckasimir888@gmail.com

Parish Calendar

Thursday 24th November

Memorial Remembrance Mass 7:00pm

Thursday 1st December

Parish Pastoral Team Meeting 6.00pm

Monday 5th December

St Justin's End of Year Lunch Monday 5th December Mulgrave Country Club

Thursday 8th December

St Justin's School, Christmas Concert 4.30pm - 6.30pm

Friday 16th December

Term 4—Students finish at 1pm

St Justin's Lunch Monday 5th December 12 noon

Mulgrave Country Club

All Welcome

Share a meal with Parishioners & Friends

Booking essential by phoning or texting Mai Ling 0412 499 205 Or Phone Parish Office 9401 6335

Christmas Tree & Crib - Decoration Activity



Calling all Parishioners to come help our Parish of St Justin prepare for Christmas by decorating the Christmas tree and the Crib

Date: Saturday, 26 November 2022

Time: 9.45am -10.45am

The youth of the Parish will be assisting the Parishioners this year in this activity.

All are welcome.

"Many hands make light work"

Youth Ministry: Christmas Carols Singing at the Aged Care

The Youth Ministry will be singing at several aged care homes around the Wheelers Hill area on

3rd December (Sat) from 10.00 am - 2.00pm

4th December (Sun) from 10.00am - 2.00pm

Practices will be held on:

Sunday 27th November from 6.00pm - 7.30pm Friday 2nd December from 6.00pm - 7.30pm



Please join us as we spread the Christmas cheer. ALL ARE WELCOME

Please confirm your attendance by calling the Parish Office on (03) 9401 6335 OR email wheelershill@cam.org.au by the *30th November with your name & contact details*.

Please read this letter from Rev Peter A Comensoli

Welcome Home!

My dear friends in Christ Jesus,

Over recent years, our freedom to be physically present in the Lord and with each other has been severely curtailed. We, God's pilgrim people, have had to withhold from assembling as Christ's tangible Body, and have been reduced to relying on virtual and mediated ways of gathering. Thanks be to God for the technological means that have sustained us!

We found a way to hear God's Word and to pray together, but we have not been free to physically gather together in the Lord. We are rightfully grateful for the many ways in which we reached out in Christian faith and service over the past few years -- online rosary, care checkups, prayer circles, support drop-offs, zoom and phone ministry, to name a few. Yet, it has been difficult to experience in person the words of Jesus, "When two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them." (Mt 18.20) Gathering virtually is not the fullness of the presence we bring of ourselves to God and to each other.

At the heart of our Catholic faith, we believe in the Word who became flesh, Jesus Christ. We believe that Jesus offered his body on the Cross, so that we might have life in him. And we believe that Christ's Body and Blood is now given to us sacramentally in the Holy Eucharist. Jesus, who bound himself to us on the Cross, left for us his sacramental presence, to bind us together in Him. Perhaps we lost contact with this bodily reality over the time of the pandemic. In desperate times, what was needed to be done was done. We learnt many things, particularly about loss, but also gratitude for what we so easily take for granted. Now that we are able to come back together as the Body of Christ, we should do so with joy, thankfulness and renewed energy.

From the earliest days of the Covenant, God called his People to assemble with Him. "Keep holy the Sabbath" is God's command to take up this happy invitation. (Exodus 20.8) The Lord's Day - for Christians, Sunday -is precious to us, borne out of our love for Christ, who first loved us. Dispensation from our Sunday obligation to physically gather for the Eucharist during the pandemic was always meant to be a temporary exemption for the sake of the common good, without dispensing us from the ongoing sanctifying of our day in some form of prayer and charity in our homes and families. The need for this dispensation has now passed.

Therefore, as from the I" Sunday of Advent, 27 November 2022, the general dispensation from our Sunday and Holy Day obligations will be lifted. As always, the ordinary individual exemptions will remain in place (e.g., for reasons of ill health, family care of the vulnerable, etc.).

Similarly, there is no longer a general need for televising or streaming local Masses, now that we can fully gather without restrictions. I note that some online and telecast options will continue to be offered where needed -e.g., the I I am Sunday Mass from the Cathedral on Community TV C3 I (Channel 44) and the Archdiocesan YouTube channel, as well as daily Mass via YouTube at any time.

Our communities of grace look forward to welcoming you this Advent. As the anticipation of Jesus' nativity grows, might we also extend our arms in invitation and welcome to others. Many family, friends and neighbours still experience uncertainty at this time. Being a people who can warmly provide a place of refreshment, hope and light is a gift. In all the messiness of parish life, here we can know that the door of grace is opened for us, the medicine of healing is there for us, and the hand of help is outstretched towards us.

We will continue to update the Liturgical Guidelines on the Archdiocesan website (https://melbournecatholic.org/covid-I9-guidelines), which answers many of the practicalities that might aid with our safe return and acceptable sacramental practices.

May I offer one final word of encouragement: be open to seeking the Lord's mercy and healing in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. When we return to the assembly of God's people, let our return be a reconciled one. (Mt 5.23-24) I am sure our priests will willingly open the doors of mercy at convenient times, so that we might find ourselves back at the Table of the Lord knowing that a banquet of mercy and forgiveness awaits us. (Cf. Lk 15.24)

May the Lord who gathers us into his Eucharistic Body continue to deepen our desire to be with him and each other in joy and hope. As the lyrics go for a popular song with our young people, "We are one Body, one body in Christ, and we do not stand alone."

Welcome back and welcome home this Advent and Christmas!

Canonisation of St Giovanni Battista Scalabrini, from North Fitzroy

Many migrant communities gathered at St Brigid's Catholic Church in North Fitzroy last Saturday 12 November to celebrate the canonisation of St Giovanni Battista Scalabrini, the founder of the Congregation of the Missionaries of St Charles Borromeo. Known as 'the Father of Migrants', the Blessed was canonised by Pope Francis on 9 October 2022, and Archbishop Peter A Comensoli was present at St Brigid's to celebrate the Mass of thanksgiving.

The Scalabrinians arrived in Australia in 1952, along with waves of other Italian migrants, and while they generously devoted themselves to the care of the Italian communities of the time, their ministry has since broadened to encompass Filipino communities, Portugese- and Spanish-speaking migrants, and more recently Chinese migrants.

Scalabrini's own travels were wide and embodied what it meant for the Church to be 'synodal', as he discussed the most pressing issues of the day with local communities and fostered the training and formation of clergy and laity alike.

'Again, we see the link back to St Charles Borromeo,' the Archbishop said, 'and to the deep Christian calling to attend, in faith, to the poor and needy, wherever they may be found.'

St Brigid's in North Fitzroy, and St Luke's in Lalor, are both places in which the Scalabrinian way has found a home, he said, bearing much good fruit in the communities where they minister. In our own day, he reminded the congregation, we are being called to 'take up the synodal ways of the Church and renew our missionary endeavours among our local neighbourhoods of grace.'



ROSTERS	DATE	ALTAR SERVERS	DATA PROJECTIONIST	READERS	EUCHARISTIC MINISTER
Sat 6.00 pm	19 Nov	Isaac B, Mason & Londyn C	Melissa Fernandes	Shenelle Fernandes	Marian Coyle
Sun 8.30am	20 Nov	Volunteer	Ida Tontodonati	Claudia Scuteri	Deacon Neil
Sun 10.30am	20 Nov	Noah P, Kiara K	John Italiano	Pioma Wijeyes're	Deacon Neil
Sun 5.00 pm	20 Nov	Sebastian T, Andy H	Ashleigh D'Souza	Natalie Uranie	
NEXT WEEK					
Sat 6.00pm	26 Nov	Leanne M, Charleen F.	Joe Persico	Helen Johnpillai	Pabsi Perera
Sun 8.30 am	27 Nov	Georgia R.	Khai Vu	Mai-Ling Sholl	Deacon Neil
Sun 10.30 am	27 Nov	Jalon P, Gavin R.	Domenico D'Angelo	Diana Tan	Deacon Neil
Sun 5.00pm	27 Nov	Aiden D, Lachlan Di I	Anthony Devadass	Ophelia D'Souza	
ROSTERS		COUNTERS	CLEANING	ALTAR	
THIS WEEK	20 Nov	Peter Corteling, Robin Dragwidge		Diana Tan	
	27 Nov	Yvette Esteves, Theresa Bell	Natalie Uranie	Lolita Briones	

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 23rd November

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.

MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP

We will never be a perfect parent, but we can be a praying parent.



"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!

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.

If you have any concerns whatsoever - please contact the Parish Office or

Fr Andrew - wheelershill@cam.org.au on 9401 6335. or

Safeguarding group;

wheelershill.safeguarding @cam.org.au

Sacraments, Classes for 2023

Parents of children who attend schools other than our parish school who wish to enrol their children to prepare to receive their Sacraments,

Please notify the Parish Office by the 7th of February 2023 as enrolment day is the 14th of February 2023 from 4.30pm - 4.30pm

Email: wheelershill@cam.org.au or Parish Office 9401 6335

The grade levels for each Sacraments are:
First Holy Communion/Reconciliation Grade 4
Confirmation - Grade 6
(This is so that classes and teachers can be organised for 2023)

Red Wednesday, 23 November 2022 -

You are invited to a Red Wednesday Prayer Vigil at St Patrick's Cathedral on 23 November, 7.30pm.

Joining many other cathedrals and churches around the world, St Patrick's will be floodlit in red on this night. **Red Wednesday** is an international initiative of *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN). It is a

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day to stand up for faith and freedom; to gather and pray for the 200+ million Christians who are persecuted for their faith. You can also visit www.aidtochurch.org/RedWednesday to learn more.

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