



# 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.

**Second Sunday of Advent, Year B**

**10th December 2023**

## PARISH PERSONNEL

### PARISH PRIEST:

**Fr Andrzej Madry CR**  
Congregation of the Resurrection

**PERMANENT DEACON:**  
Deacon Neil Daculan

### PARISH SECRETARY:

Jeanne Bernard

### PARISH PASTORAL

#### COUNCIL CHAIR:

Jamie Davin

### SAFEGUARDING TEAM:

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### ST JUSTIN'S SCHOOL

#### PRINCIPAL:

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#### PRINCIPAL:

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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, Friday 9.15 am,  
Saturday 9.15am

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### 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 40: 1-5, 9-11**

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

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

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8**  
*(R.) Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.*

## Second Reading

*A reading from the second letter of St Peter* **2 Peter 3:8-1**

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up. Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
**Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.**  
*Alleluia!*



## Gospel

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew* **Mt 1:1-8**

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight,

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

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

### Next Week's Reading Third Sunday of Advent

**Is 61:1-2, 10-11:  
1 Thess 5:16-24  
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28:**





### 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, Piroska Tertelyi. Cameron Wales, Alan Sullivan, Melinda Anderson, Marie Rabot, Helena De Costa, Marise Peiris, Jenny Williams, Nigel D'Lima, Troy Eccles, Ondie & Robert Goold.

We pray for all who have died recently including Joan Oorloff, We pray for those whose death anniversaries occur at this time including Immacolata Milano, Nicola D'Amelio.

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**

### Thanksgiving Collections 3rd December 2023

#### 1st Collection (house)

Presbytery - \$ 850.15  
CDF - \$ 170.00

#### 2nd Collection (church)

Thanksgiving - \$ 337.50  
Loose - \$ 414.45

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

## BAPTISM



We welcome and pray this weekend for **Remi Harper Zamora and Valencia Cruz Rafferty** as they receives their sacrament of Baptism.

### 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.

### Parish Office Notice

St Justin's Parish office will be closed from the 22nd December to 5th January 2024

Whilst the Parish Office remains closed during this period, if there is any emergency please leave a message & someone will get in touch with you!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR**

### Parish Calendar 2023



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

Sunday 24th December 2023  
8.30am & 10.30am (Parish Sunday Masses)

CHRISTMAS EVE, 24th December  
5.45pm St Justin's Nativity Play  
6.00pm Family Mass  
12.00am Midnight Mass



CHRISTMAS DAY - MONDAY 25th December 2023  
8.30am & 10.30am  
NO 5.00pm afternoon Mass

26th - 29th December 2023  
9.15am Weekly Mass

SATURDAY 30th December 2023  
9.15am & 6.00pm Mass

FEAST of the HOLY FAMILY - SUNDAY 31st December 2023  
8.30am & 10.30am & 5.00pm (Masses)

FEAST of MARY MOTHER of GOD - MONDAY 1st January 2024  
9.15am Mass

### 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](mailto: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

## 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 which is situated in the church foyer.**

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.

**"Advent, as the focus of its first couple of weeks tells us, is about the second coming of Christ."**

We are an Advent people,' Abbot Steele Hartmann of Tarrawarra Abbey said on Wednesday 6 December to a gathering of staff from the Archdiocese of Melbourne. 'Advent should be a time of waiting, of longing, of hoping,' he said, but often we move 'quite quickly' to the Christmas story before wrestling with the themes of the season's opening weeks.

'Advent is not about the birth of Jesus. Advent, as the focus of its first couple of weeks tells us, is about the second coming of Christ,' he explained.

This season is about looking forward to that time St Paul spoke about in his epistle to the Romans, when he said that 'creation is waiting with eager longing for the revealing of the children [or 'sons'] of God' (Romans 8:19)

But what does it mean to be a 'son' of God? 'I think it's better to approach it as a technical term rather than a term for a male offspring,' he said. In the period in which Jesus lived, 'a son was expected to do his father's will. That's what a son was ... The doing of the father's will is what defined a son more so than matters of paternity.'

This comes through several of Jesus' parables, Abbot Hartmann said, including the Parable of the Two Sons, in which Jesus explicitly contrasts one son, who does the will of his father, with another, who doesn't (Matthew 21:28-32).

When we look ahead to the final judgment, we look ahead to that time when it will be revealed who the 'sons of God' are and hope to be counted among them.

This waiting is not passive, however. 'If waiting patiently for us to truly be children of God means passivity, then nothing will happen. Our dream of sonship will only be a daydream.'

'We have a choice, and in the choice we make, we will show ourselves to be the son or not. God has adopted us as his sons, but it is up to us to show that we are his sons.'

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/we-are-an-advent-people-abbot-steele-hartmann-on-living-as-children-of-god>

'Advent calls us to renew our efforts to be God's children, to be his friends, to reach out to our brother and sister in need, that we may go all together into the kingdom,' he said. 'This is a whole of life project. Our whole life should be Advent. We are an Advent people.'

'Advent is a time for us to keep turning to those things which show us to be God's children, that we might enter into the kingdom.'

### 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.

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### 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.*

### 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](mailto: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	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 10.30 am	10 Dec	Xavier & Georgia R	Lolita Briones	Rudy Fernandes	John Italiano
Sun 5.00pm	10 Dec	Joseph B	Anthony Devadass	Sheena Devadass	Volunteer
<b>NEXT WEEK</b>					
Sat 6.00pm	16 Dec	Issac B, Volunteer	Melissa Fernandes	Helen Johnpillai	Marian Coyle
Sun 8.30am	17 Dec	Volunteer	Khai Vu	Diana Tan	Volunteer
Sun 10.30am	17 Dec	Patrick J, Volunteer	Domenic D'Angelo	John Italiano	Tamara Fonseka
Sun 5.00pm	17 Dec	Aiden D,	Volunteer	Volunteer	Ophelia D'Souza
ROSTERS		COUNTERS	CLEANING	ALTAR	COLLECTORS
THIS WEEK	10 Dec	Claudia Scuteri, Ken Franklin		Yvette Esteves	
NEXT WEEK	17 Dec	Peter Corteling, Robin Dragwidge		Diana Tan	

## Advent Appeal for UKRAINE



Since the start of the war, millions of Ukrainians have fled their home country, with thousands of refugees coming to Australia.

In response to the continued conflict in Ukraine, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli is launching a special Advent appeal, the proceeds of which will go towards providing aid and practical assistance to those who have been displaced and are without basic supplies, especially as winter approaches.

'There are no winners in war, only families torn apart. Sadly, this is the painful reality facing so many at this time,' Archbishop Comensoli reflected.

'I'm inviting the faithful of Melbourne to offer whatever they can at this time. And I pray that, together, we can be a sign of God's nearness to those who need it most.'

*"Humanitarian organisations are already sounding the alarm that 18 million people will need humanitarian aid this winter, which is currently half of Ukraine's population."*

Dear parishioners please pick a card placed in the church foyer & give generously, Thank you.

## Fundraising Exhibition

This is an exhibition for "Christmas special Sales" of a variety of plants, in particularly succulents in mini pots. Some in beautiful small pots for a perfect Christmas gift.

The exhibition will be on display from 11th Dec to 17th Dec at "Saint Paul's Retreat Centre"

11 Nortons Lane (just next to Nortons Park) Wantirna South

[amelia.marques1@gmail.com](mailto:amelia.marques1@gmail.com)

This income goes towards the tickets of some consecrated people traveling to a formation retreat in Italy.

## 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](mailto: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. "**