



# 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 Easter, Year A**

**16th April 2023**

## PARISH PERSONNEL

### PARISH PRIEST:

**Fr Andrzej Madry**

Congregation of the Resurrection

### PARISH DEACON:

Deacon Neil Daculan

### PARISH SECRETARY:

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### SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Mai-Ling Sholl

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### ST JUSTIN'S SCHOOL

#### PRINCIPAL:

Patrick Torpey

9561 7644

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#### PRINCIPAL:

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9795 8100

### 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 Reading

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

*Acts 2:42-47*

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

## The Word of the Lord,

**Response - Thanks be to God**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. v. 1*

**(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

## Second Reading

*A reading from the letter of St Peter 1 Pt 1:3-9*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens.

Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

## The Word of the Lord,

**Response - Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!**

Alleluia!



## Gospel

*A reading*

*from the holy Gospel according to John*

*Jn 20:19-31*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book.

These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

## The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Next Week's Reading**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**Acts 2:14, 22-33: 1 Pet 1:17-21:**  
**Lk 24:13-35**



### 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, Pauline Fisher, Celine Tang Willis. Lucy Field, Dilini Abeysekara, Sachini, Ransley Mascurine, Senaka Fernando, Geoffrey Mortimer.*

*We pray for all who have died recently, May they rest in peace. Including **Raymond Huynh.***

*We pray for those whose death anniversaries occur at this time, including **George Somasundaram.***

### Thanksgiving Collections 9th April Easter Sunday

#### 1st Collection (house)

Presbytery - \$ 1,515.00  
CDF - \$ 150.00

#### 2nd Collection (church)

Thanksgiving - \$ 1,255.95  
Loose - \$ 259.50  
CDF - \$ 100.00

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

**Holy Land Collection - \$ 1,012.10**



Thank you for your generous contribution.

### "Vinnies Food Appeal"

We need your help for those in the community less fortunate than ourselves,

Donations of non-perishable food items, such as Coffee, Tea, Jam, Cereal, Canned Tomatoes', Rice, Sugar, Noodles, Peanut Butter, Long-life Full Cream Milk.

**These essentials named are in urgent need.**

There will be a baskets in the church foyer,  
Cash donations can be left in the St Vincent De Paul box at the rear of the church

We will run the collection for 2 weeks.

Your generosity is much appreciated, Thank you

### MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP

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

Wednesday after 9.15am Mass, 2nd & 4th Wed each month

"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 !



### Parish Calendar 2023

Tuesday 2nd May  
Parents and Friends Meeting 7.30- 8.30pm

Sunday 14th May  
MOTHER'S DAY

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



### BAPTISM

We welcome **Luna Tortomano,**  
**Remy Evie Jones,**

**Sheylan Eilish Costa** and pray this weekend for them as they receive their sacrament of Baptism.

### St Justin's Parish Community

### BIGGEST MORNING TEA 2023

Thursday 25th May at 10.00 am  
In the Parish Meeting Room

To assist with planning please add your name to the form on the table in the Church Foyer or Parish Office .

### Entry \$5.00 Donation

Lucky Door Prize

Bring along your gold coins / cash for Raffles and a fun Trivia Game.

All funds raised will go to the Cancer Council.

If you would like to bake for the morning tea please indicate on the form provided.

Donations for raffle prizes also greatly appreciated.  
Any queries contact Mai Ling 0412 499 205

Please return your Project Compassion boxed to the Church

Thank you for your generous support



### 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**

*'When you do see something really beautiful, it's a revelation. It's a real epiphany ... If you draw people to beauty, then that can expose people to the other transcendentals, goodness and truth.'*

### Reflection -

Thomas was granted the gift of seeing the Risen Lord bearing the wounds of His crucifixion. Thomas was invited to touch them. Responding, he simply cries out: 'My Lord and my God.'

Thomas does not declare his belief in the Resurrection as such. That was all too apparent. Rather, he declares his faith in the identity of the risen Jesus Christ: 'My Lord and my God.'

Pope Francis says we can only join Thomas in this faith by touching the wounds of Christ. Those wounds are to be found in the body of someone wounded. This can be in a myriad of ways. We have to bend down and touch those wounds in whatever means of healing is available to us. Otherwise we simply engage in philanthropy at a distance. We end up believing in a semblance of God, but not God embodied in the Risen Lord Jesus Christ always bearing his wounds.

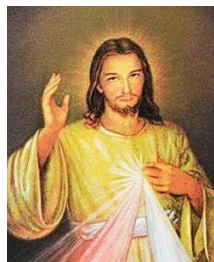
Sometimes we struggle with our faith – after all, it is an astounding claim that Jesus of Nazareth is God embodied for us. You, or any other person intrigued by Jesus, are invited to touch the wounds of Christ and let the patience of God take care of the timing of the response of faith.

We could pause for a moment, praying to be counted amongst those who receive the Blessing promised to those who have not seen the Risen Lord as such, but who touch his wounds and proclaim, 'My Lord and my God.'

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY,

**Come and celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday at the Basilica of Our Lady of Victories in Camberwell.**

Jesus said to St Faustina: 'I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day, the very depths of my mercy are open. The Feast of Mercy emerged from my very depths of tenderness. It is my desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the fount of my mercy.' (Diary 699)



***"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."***

**12.30pm** Confessions, Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy prayers

**3.00pm** Divine Mercy Chaplet

**3.15pm** Holy Mass

**4.30pm** Veneration of St Faustina's first class relic.

For all enquiries, visit [www.divinemercury.com.au](http://www.divinemercury.com.au) or call 9830 4386.

All Parish Bulletin requests must be in  
**by Wednesday midday.**

Please email all requests to [wheelershill@cam.org.au](mailto:wheelershill@cam.org.au)

### EASTER Homily from Archbishop Peter Comensoli,

#### See and Believe

What did Mary Magdalene see when she entered the tomb of Jesus' burial? It was still dark, just before dawn, so what she saw came from the torch she would have been carrying. We can guess that she saw the place on which Jesus' dead body had been laid—by tradition, a slab of flat stone. And she also saw the cloths in which his body had been wrapped.

In the empty tomb, Mary saw evidence about the death of Jesus: blood stains on the cloths and slab; perhaps a lingering smell of death. But she had gone into the tomb not to see things about Jesus' death; she had gone in to be with Jesus in his death. However, there was no body to be seen, no evidence of Jesus himself. She saw this, his bodily absence, and she believed in his risen presence.

All that had transpired over the three years Mary had known Jesus now made sense—the words he had spoken, the signs he had given, the actions he had taken. These pieces of his life with her, and hers with him, came together in that empty tomb. She saw and she believed.

Mary was the faithful witness in every way. She was at the foot of the cross and accompanied Jesus in his suffering. She saw his death and his burial. She remained faithful in those lonely hours afterwards, coming in the dark to anoint and be with him. And she was the first to encounter Jesus, gloriously risen. When all others had given up, Mary believed.

And in believing, she could not but tell this to others. Mary showed them how to believe in Jesus' resurrection. She did not keep it to herself but sought to tell it to whoever would listen. If ever there is a trustworthy witness that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead, then it is Mary Magdalene who shows, and tells, us it is true.

Today, there are very many who do not believe this. Contrary to the overwhelming evidence of Jesus' life and death, many do not believe in his resurrection. Maybe, we are all a little like this—unsure of witnesses, not yet able to see, over-confident about ourselves, unconvinced or unwilling to believe. To this—to us—the risen Jesus says what he said to Mary: 'Greetings, do not be afraid.'

This is the gift of Jesus' resurrection: that we have not been left alone to face the hostility of the world. Jesus is with us in the midst of all that transpires in our lives. He greets us, holds us, remains with us. Jesus walks along the road of our lives, accompanying and assuring us of his presence. In his resurrection, Jesus gives encouragement, offers healing, shows the way to go. We are known and loved by him, so that we can know and love like him.

The resurrection God enacted in his Son opens the world to a horizon greater than anything we can manufacture for ourselves, taking us beyond those transient preoccupations which can consume our lives. Stepping into the resurrection of Jesus tears away the veils of darkness and opens us to the joy and hope of a life in him. This is what the resurrection of Jesus brings—if, like Mary Magdalene, we have the courage to see and to believe.

### International Choir Organist from Notre-Dame ,Paris

Join us at St Patrick's Cathedral for the next concert in our 2023 Concert Series: a recital by acclaimed international organist Johann Vexo, the Choir Organist at Notre-Dame Cathedral, Paris.

Taking full advantage of our impressive cathedral organ, this performance will include masterworks by Bach, Franck, Vierne, Messiaen and Duruflé.

**On Friday 21st April from 6pm - 7pm**

**Tickets:** \$30 full, \$25 concession, free for those aged 15 years and under, or simply pay by cash or card at the door.

For all enquiries, email [music@cam.org.au](mailto:music@cam.org.au).

ROSTERS	DATE	ALTAR SERVERS	DATA PROJECTIONIST	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Sat 6.00pm	15 Apr	Volunteer	Jaime Davin	Paul Dunne	Volunteer
Sun 8.30am	16 Apr	Volunteer	Ida Tontodonati	Ashleigh D'Souza	Deacon Neil
Sun 10.30 am	16 Apr	Volunteer	Lolita Briones	Diana Tan	Deacon Neil
Sun 5.00pm	16 Apr		Volunteer	Isabelle Devadass	
<b>NEXT WEEK</b>					
Sat 6.00pm	22 Apr	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Pabsi Perera
Sun 8.30am	23 Apr	Volunteer	Volunteer	Mai-Ling Sholl	Deacon Neil
Sun 10.30am	23 Apr	Volunteer	Domenico D' Anglo	John Italiano	Deacon Neil
Sun 5.00pm	23 Apr		Anthony Devadass	Natalie Uranie	
<b>ROSTERS</b>		<b>COUNTERS</b>		<b>CLEANING</b>	
THIS WEEK	16 Apr	Adeline Sie, Theresa Bell		Tamara Corteling	
NEXT WEEK	23 Apr	Yvette Esteves, Rudy Fernandes		Adeline Sie	

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

This week we have the Second Sunday of Easter (15th April 2023). The Second Sunday of Easter is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Divine Mercy is about learning more about the mercy of God, learning to trust in Jesus, and living our lives as being merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to all of us. God loves us, and He wants us to recognise that His mercy is greater than our sins. We can call upon God with trust and share His joy with others. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is a powerful prayer, in which rosary beads are used. We pray for mercy in our own lives, and to remind ourselves that we must rely on God, replacing our weaknesses and anxieties with trust in Him. This Sunday during the Divine Mercy Holy Hour (which begins in St Joseph's Church from 2:30pm), the Chaplet will focus on contemplating the wounds of Christ. Jesus told St Faustina "When it seems to you that your suffering exceeds your strength, contemplate My wounds" (Diary, 1184, 1512). Such reflection upon what Jesus endured to save us from our sins may strengthen our faith, and put what happens in our lives into perspective. As St Faustina wrote in her diary "The first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be acts of mercy ... which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbours always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it" (Diary of St. Faustina, 742).

### God and Beer April: The Pell Legacy

George Cardinal Pell was arguably the most significant leader in the history of the Australian Church. As well as a lasting impact here, he played a key role reforming the global English liturgy, the Vatican's finances & in numerous Church debates. Our speaker Bishop Elliott was a life-long friend & coworker who will help us to understand his legacy. Topic: The Pell Legacy Speaker: Bishop Peter Elliott Date: **Monday 17th April Time: 7.30pm** (NB: dinner is not available on this occasion) Venue: St Gerard's Catholic Church Hall, 71 Gladstone Rd, Dandenong North (The Nott is being renovated) Register: GodandBeer.com.au Contact: John jtsmyth@gmail.com God and Beer is an initiative of the Knights of the Southern Cross to bring together people of all ages from across the south-east suburbs of Melbourne each month.

Our aim is to inspire & strengthen Christians by providing ideas & inspiration for renewing the Church by drawing on the truth, beauty & goodness of the Catholic tradition.

### SAFEGUARDING e-learning videos

**Upcoming Session (online) Wednesday 26 April 2023**

*please contact the Safeguarding Unit at [safeguardingunit@cam.org.au](mailto:safeguardingunit@cam.org.au) for further details.*

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is committed to supporting clergy, employees and volunteers to develop the skills and knowledge to promote the safety of children and young people and uphold their responsibilities in relation to the Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy.

Follow this link :

<https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-training-and-upcoming-events/safeguarding-e-learning-videos/>

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- Empowering Children and Young People Webinar
- Victorian Child Safe Standards Information Session Webinar
- Aboriginal cultural safety—a conversation with Sherry Balcombe and Michael Chisholm
- Planning service and outreach programs and parish events—a risk-management approach
- Safeguarding Risk Management Webinar
- Obligations to Report Child Abuse: Overview for Clergy
- Effective Safeguarding Committee Training
- Empowering Children and Young People Training
- Safeguarding Risk Management Fundamentals (3-part series)
- Responding to and Reporting Abuse (3-part series)
- Staying Connected Online with Children and Young People

**The office operates from Monday to Friday , 9am to 5pm**

**Contact 03 9926 5621**

### 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)**