



# 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 A

4th December 2022

### 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

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#### PRINCIPAL:

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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

#### 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 prophet Isaiah*

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.

His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together.

The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

**The Word of the Lord,**

**Response - Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17. R. cf. v.7**

*(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever*

### Second Reading

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans*

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you.

The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

**The Word of the Lord,**

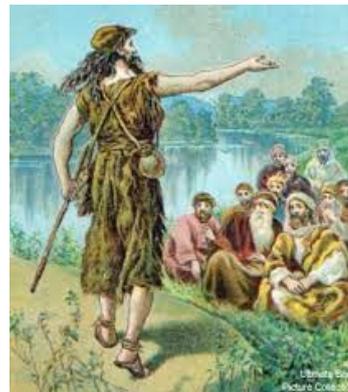
**Response - Thanks be to God**

### 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*

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

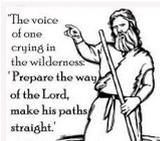
**Response - Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Next Week's Reading**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**Is 35:1-6, 10: James 5:7-10:**

**Mt 11:2-11:**





## We pray for the sick of our Parish:

Joan Lopes, Carmel Welsh, Lois O'Loughlin, Francis & Joanne Downs, Fred Clarke, Tiana Mugaglio, Deidre Schroter, David Booth, Carolyn Egan, Maria Macan, Rita, John Charman, Steven & Georgette Mizher, Annette & Stephen Sachie. Judy Mead, Aaron Thomas, Melissa Fernandes.

We pray **Roy Mead** and all souls who passed away recently, may they rest in peace.

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

## Thanksgiving Collections 27th November 2022

### 1st Collection (house)

Presbytery - \$ 658.70  
CDF online - \$ 182.00

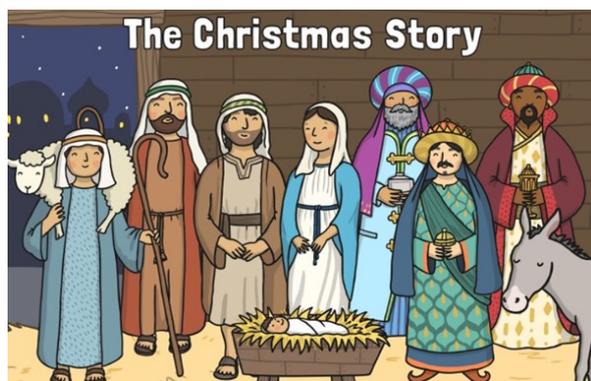
### 2nd Collection (church)

Thanksgiving - \$ 370.50  
Loose - \$ 305.55

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

**Notice :** This weekend (4th December) there will be **NO** Youth Ministry gathering at St Justin's Parish since the Youth will be singing at the Aged Care. Thankyou

## ST JUSTIN'S NATIVITY PLAY - CHRISTMAS VIGIL 6PM MASS



This year the Parish of St Justin would like to put up a Nativity Play for the Christmas Vigil Mass. The play will be performed on 24 December before the 6pm Christmas Vigil Mass with the help of the Parish Choir and the Youth Ministry.

Calling all children and young people to come together to sing/ act for this Play. No one is too old or too young to be in the Play.

The only requirement is a desire to praise the Lord with the gift of your voice or acting.

**Rehearsals will be held on Sunday, 11 December, 18 December and Saturday, 24 December from 11.30am -12.30pm at the Parish.**

We also need help with costumes and props.

Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to help with the costumes and props.

## Parish Calendar

### Monday 5th December

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



### Tuesday 13th December

Good Shepherd Reconciliation at 7pm

### Wednesday 14th December

St Justin's Parish Advent 2nd Rite Reconciliation at 7pm

### Friday 16th December

End of School Year Mass 9.15am

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME 2022

### Thursday 8th December

4.30pm - 6.30pm (Back Oval) St Justin's Christmas Concert

### Saturday 24th December - CHRISTMAS EVE

5.45 - Christmas Nativity Play  
6.00pm, 9.00pm and 12 Midnight

### Sunday 25th December - CHRISTMAS DAY

8.30am AND 10.30am

### Monday 26th December - BOXING DAY

10.00am Morning Mass

### Tuesday 27th - Friday 30th December

10.00 am Morning Mass

### Saturday 31st December

10.00am and 6.00pm

### Sunday 1st January 2023 - NEW YEAR

8.30am, 10.30am and 5pm



## St Justin's Lunch

Monday 5th December at 12.00 noon

Mulgrave Country Club Al La Carte (choose your own meal)  
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

## 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](mailto:wheelershill@cam.org.au) by the **30th November with your name & contact details.**

## Christmas Hamper

All proceeds will go to Charity

Cost \$ 2.00 per ticket ( available after each mass)

Hamper will be drawn on the 10th December ( Sunday after 10.30 mass)



## SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIALS ONLINE TRAINING MODULE IS NOW LIVE.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Professional Standards Unit has announced the launch of the Safeguarding Essential online training module for volunteers.

The **Safeguarding Essentials online training** is a 30 min training module for volunteers within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. Clergy and employees will be able to access the training module currently on Employment Hero.

The purpose of this training is to provide our volunteers with:

- foundational knowledge that will support them to undertake their role
- a clear understanding of their duty of care and expectations with regards to safeguarding children, young people and adults from all forms of abuse and harm

This will be:

- an annual requirement for everyone
- possible to complete individually online

At the completion of the training:

- participants will receive a certificate of completion
- the parish will also receive notification that the module has been completed successfully.

### ST JUSTIN'S PARISH VOLUNTEERS

Our parish is planning to host group sessions in the near future for all our committed volunteers.

Dates and times will be announced shortly.

Alternatively it may be more convenient for you to undertake online training at home, if so please go to: [www.safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org](http://www.safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org)

To login, you will need:

- your unique Working With Children Check ID
- your email address

Each registered user will receive:

- a certificate of completion emailed to you.
- an annual reminder to complete the course.

### CTS Information Session; "Find Your Path 2023"

The most telling step in a journey is the next step. That's the step that determines the path ahead.

Join the Catholic Theological College (CTC) in an online information session to learn more about making the next step in theological studies; the right step for you.

Expert presenters will lay out the options and help you see the possibilities ahead:

- Undergraduate courses
- Postgraduate courses
- Higher Degree by Research
- Modes of delivery—face-to-face, online and blended.

**The session will be recorded and made available on the [CTC website](http://www.ctc.edu.au).** For all enquires, email [jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au](mailto:jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au) or call (03 9412 3314).

### 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](mailto:pwdunne@aap.net.au)

Kasimir Clement 0435 049 828 [ckasimir888@gmail.com](mailto:ckasimir888@gmail.com)

## YOUTH TOGETHER

### Bringing the Christmas Spirit,



On the 26th of November, as the entire state of Victoria went to the Polls, the Youth Ministry showed up at St Justin Parish for another reason. There were 14 youths who turned up that Saturday morning, foregoing their usual extracurricular activities or for some, their only opportunity to sleep in. The youths worked together with Father Andrew and parishioners to set up and decorate the two Christmas trees on the altar as well as the foyer of the church. The Nativity scene was recreated with the Crib taking its usual pride of place at the front corner of the Church.

There was some heavy lifting, gamely undertaken by the Dads who assisted in this endeavour. Christmas lights were deftly untangled by nimble fingers and patient spirits. Missing thumb tacks were tracked down so that the Nativity Crib had the appropriate backdrop and covering. Tinsel was seen draped over some youths, that ultimately made it to the base of the tree where it belonged. Animated discussions were heard regarding placement of each decoration, with the Star of David taking a different position this year.

All of this was done in just under an hour, with lots of excited chatter and camaraderie that was heartening to witness. It represented a coming together of the young and not-so-young of our community to herald the joyous Season of Advent.

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 8th December

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is one of the most prominent Marian feasts in the Catholic Church, but also a tricky one when it comes to relationships with other Churches. Even the other traditions that venerate the Mother of God are hesitant to refer to her conception as "immaculate," although there is a long history of this teaching within western Catholicism. The origins of this teaching, and the solemn feast associated with it, are complicated. Different traditions have varying interpretations about Our Lady and her relationship to sin, but they all share the view that the woman chosen to be the Mother of God was exceptionally pure and holy.



A feast day celebrating the conception of the Mother of God is thought to have begun in the East from around the 7th or 8th centuries. It was not specified at this point that Our Lady's conception was "immaculate," meaning that she was without original sin from the moment she was conceived in her mother's womb. St. Augustine of Hippo and his understanding of original sin is not nearly as prominent in Eastern Christianity as it is in the West, so it wasn't until the feast day made its way into the Western Church that the notion of the Immaculate Conception began to develop.

Our Lady declared, "I am the Immaculate Conception," a statement Bernadette did not really understand, but it seemed to confirm the validity of her visions, considering she was thought to be a simple-minded girl without much knowledge of Church teaching.

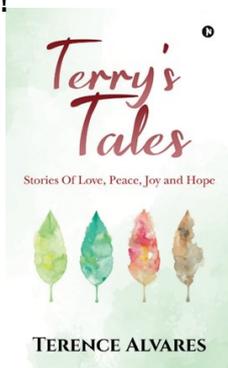
ROSTERS	DATE	ALTAR SERVERS	DATA PROJECTIONIST	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Sat 6.00 pm	3 Dec	Alissa & Sienna M	Melissa Fernandes	Jaime Davin	Volunteer
Sun 8.30am	4 Dec	Aaron Espiritu	Oswin Antao	Alice Espiritu	Deacon Neil
Sun 10.30am	4 Dec	Ava O, Georgia R	Lolita Briones	Volunteer	Deacon Neil
Sun 5.00 pm	4 Dec	Volunteer	Ashleigh D'Souza	Isabelle Devadass	
<b>NEXT WEEK</b>					
Sat 6.00pm	10 Dec	Liam F, Angelo G	Shenelle Fernandes	Volunteer	Marian Coyle
Sun 8.30 am	11 Dec	Volunteer	Ida Tontodonati	Diana Tan	Deacon Neil
Sun 10.30 am	11 Dec	Andy H	Demetrio De Jesus	John Italiano	Deacon Neil
Sun 5.00pm	11 Dec	Sebastian T, Andy H	Anthony Devadass	Natalie Uranie	
<b>ROSTERS</b>		<b>COUNTERS</b>	<b>CLEANING</b>	<b>ALTAR</b>	
<b>THIS WEEK</b>	4 Dec	Lolita Briones, Rohitha Wick 'ratne		Natalie Uraine	
	11 Dec	Ken Franklin, Rudy Fernandes		Lolita Briones	

### A Christmas Present to remember!

**Terry's Tales:** Stories of Love, Peace, Joy and Hope.  
A collection of heart-warming short stories with great reviews on Amazon. Perfect for Christmas holiday reading.

At a **special price** for St Justin's Parishioners. \$10 only!  
*The author is a fellow parishioner.*

Call **0418365426** to place your order.



### 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](mailto: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 )*



St Peter's parish in Clayton are running a Mercy Night on Tuesday evening, 6<sup>th</sup> December from 7pm-8:30pm.

*The evening will begin with a short testimony by John Canavan on Divine Mercy, followed by a time of Adoration, beautiful music, confessions available, and finishing with Benediction. All are welcome."*

### "Vinnies Christmas Appeal"



**We need your help for those in our community who are less fortunate than ourselves at this Christmas Time !**

Donations required are Christmas cake, Puddings, Mince pies, Chocolates, Biscuits, Candy canes, Jam, Coffee, Tea, Full cream milk.

There will be baskets in the church foyer.

Cash donations can be left in the Vincent De Paul box at the rear of the church. Your generosity is much appreciated, Thank you

### The Australian Nativity Scene

St Elizabeth's Paris, North Dandenong invites you to visit its Australian nativity scene on its 19th year of display. The nativity scene was created by artist Wilson Fernandez,

Each week, the nativity scene conveys the story of Christmas. It features scenes starting with Mary and Joseph looking for a place to stay, finding only a stable free, the birth of Jesus, visits from the shepherds and the three kings, and ends with the Holy Family fleeing to Egypt.

*Viewing time:* After Mass and, outside of Mass, by appointment only.

This event is open to everyone—children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

For all enquiries, call the St Elizabeth's Parish office on 9795 6217 or Wilson on 0428 927 110.

### 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)**