

# 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.

#### Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A

14th May 2023

#### 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
Ophelia D'Souza
Wheelershill.safeguarding
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#### ST Justin's School

#### PRINCIPAL:

Patrick Torpey 9561 7644

## NAZARETH COLLEGE

PRINCIPAL:

Sam Consentino 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

# Happy Mother's Day

#### First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22 (R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

#### **Second Reading**

A reading from the first letter of St Peter 1 Pt 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

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

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!



#### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John Jn 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live.
On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

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

Next Week's Reading
The ASCENSION of the LORD
Acts 1:1-11: Eph 1:17-23:
Mt 28:16-20:



### 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, Celine Tang Willis. Lucy Field, Dilini Abeysekara, Sachini, Ransley Mascurine, Senaka Fernando, Geoffrey Mortimer, Jan Vanderwert, Cathy Faux, Shereen McLeod.

We pray for all who have died recently, May they rest in peace. Including Priscilla Lewis.

We pray for those whose death anniversaries occur at this time. including Bruno Marino, Bernie Saldanha.

## Thanksgiving Collections 7th May

1st Collection (house)

**Presbytery** - \$ 950.30 - \$ 50.00 **CDF** 

2nd Collection (church)

Thanksgiving - \$ 380.50 Loose - \$ 463.05

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

#### 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 24th May & 14th June

Sewing, Knitting, Crochet, Craft Projects

- Bring along your own project
- Learn a new craft
- Or just share a cuppa and a chat

Any gueries contact Mai Ling 0412 499 205.

#### **BIBLE. STUDY**

St Justin's Parish, has ongoing online/zoom weekly Bible Study sessions on Wednesdays at 7.30pm.

You are most welcome to join this study. No previous knowledge is needed and it is free! This is a great opportunity to grow In knowledge and to grow closer to our dear Lord.

The link is as follows:

https://us02web.zoom.us/i/8975658645?pwd=TXp0TEQzRIFiRkdZRD BDVmpYeTU0UT09

Meeting ID 897 565 8645 Password 7HgAEz

For more details email: ckasimir888@gmail.com or contact the parish office 03 9401 6335

#### Parish Calendar 2023

Sunday 14th May **MOTHER'S DAY** 



Thursday 1st June Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 5 - 7pm

Saturday 3rd June First Eucharist 6.00pm

Sunday 4th June First Eucharist 10.30am & 5pm

Sunday 4th June LIFT Youth Ministry meeting 6 - 7.30pm



# **BAPTISM**

We welcome **Saxon Finn** and pray this weekend as he receive his sacrament of Baptism.



**St Justin's Parish Community** 



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

#### CHILD SAFE PARISH

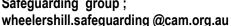
Here at St Justin's. Wheelers Hill Parish we follow the Child Safe Standards outlined by the Victorian Government and we implement procedures and standards as directed by the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

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;





# The Children's Ministry of St Justin's Parish, Wheelers Hill

We are very excited to announce the start of a new Children's Ministry in our parish this year!

#### What is the Children's Ministry?

The Children's Ministry is a journey for children to connect with Jesus. The connection is strengthened when children experience the glory and wonder of God in a simplified way that relates to them. This will stay with them as they grow up to become youth and adults that are able to share that joy and love with others around them. This will also be a boost for parents to assist their children's spiritual journey.

The session will commence during the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 14th May 2023 and children will be taken together by the volunteers before the penitential act. Father will invite all the children and give them a blessing prior to leaving the church.

The session will start with the Childrens' Liturgy which is the teaching and sharing of God's word in a way that is child friendly and understandable. The Liturgy will be based on the Catholic church calendar 2023. There will be lots of singing, arts and crafts and more fun activities to participate in. Active learning with participation from the children to lead prayers and discussions will help them develop that close relationship with God.

#### Who is it for?

Any child up to 10 years of age are welcome.

# When will it start and when is it held?

We are hoping to start this ministry from the 2nd Sunday of May 2023 (14th May) and continue every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month.



#### Where will it be held?

It is planned for activities to be organized during the 10.30am Liturgy and will be held at the Parish Office.

#### Who is involved in the ministry?

We have a fantastic group of volunteers with the guidance from Fr Andrew from within the parish who have come forward to dedicate their time. Some have been actively involved in children's ministries in the past. All are parents with young growing families. We have the full support of our Parish youth group LIFT who will also join to assist with the sessions. Parents who attend mass are welcome to accompany their child if they are under 3 years of age.

#### What safeguarding measures are in place?

The Parish of St Justin's, Wheelers Hill is committed to ensure the safety, well-being and inclusion of all children and has policies and procedures in place to maintain a Child Safe environment. All volunteers above the age of 18 will need a Working With Children and Police Check in order to comply with the current regulations for the volunteers in the Parish. All applicable policies and guidelines could be found in the parish website via the link: http://www.cam.org.au/wheelershill

#### **Further Information**

If you have any suggestions or queries, please contact the parish office of St Justin's Church on 03 9401 6335 or email wheelershill@cam.org.au

#### **Mother's Day Blessing Prayer:**

On this Mother's Day, we pray for blessings on all women who have loved and nurtured us throughout our lives.

We give thanks for the mothers who have guided and protected us, who have taught and encouraged us.

We give thanks for mothers who have passed away, birth mothers, adoptive mothers,

foster mothers, grandmothers, aunties, sisters, and for all women who take on a motherly role.

We ask your blessing,

Dear Lord, upon mothers who have lost children, that they may have your continuing strength and courage.

We ask your blessing too, upon those who would like to be mothers.

Pour your blessings upon all women here today.

Give them the strength to live the faithful and loving lives you call them to live.

Protect and guide them.

Keep them in your care.

Our Lady, a role model for all women, pray for us.

Amen.



#### MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY - ROSARY DEVOTION

During the month of May, St Justin's Parish invites you to pray the Rosary after the **Saturday, 6.00pm Mass** 

May 13: Sorrowful Mysteries

May 20: Glorious Mysteries

May 27 : Luminous Mysteries

The month
of May,
dedicated to
Mary, is a
fitting time
to begin to
recite the
rosary daily.
~ Pope
Francis

Please join us as we pray together as a Parish

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

Please email all requests to Wheelershill@cam.org.au

ROSTERS	DATE	ALTAR SERVERS	DATA PROJECTIONIST	READERS	EUCHARISTIC MINISTER
Sat 6.00pm	13 May	Jalon and Joel P.	Jaime Davin	Helen Johnpillai	Marian Coyle
Sun 8.30am	14 May	Ariana De C.	Oswin Antao	Claudia Scuteri	Deacon Neil
Sun 10.30 am	14 May	Xavier R, Georgia R.	Lolita Briones	John Italiano	Deacon Neil
Sun 5.00pm	14 May	Joseph B, Elyana F.	Volunteer	Sheena Devadass	Volunteer
NEXT WEEK					
Sat 6.00pm	20 May	Liam F, Eva C.	Bernadine Fernando	Volunteer	Pabsi Perera
Sun 8.30am	21 May	Volunteer	Khai Vu	Oswin Antao	Deacon Neil
Sun 10.30am	21 May	Patrick J, Volunteer	Domenico D'Angelo	Diana Tan	Deacon Neil
Sun 5.00pm	21 May	Aiden D, Lachlan Di.	Anthony Devadass	Volunteer	Volunteer
ROSTERS		COUNTERS	CLEANING	ALTAR	
THIS WEEK	14 May	Ken Franklin, Claudia Scuteri	Lolita Briones	Lolita Briones	
NEXT WEEK	21 May	Yvette Esteves, Donald D'Cruz		Tamara Corteling	

# Mothers who pray for their Children, restoring families by the power of prayer

Mothers who Pray was started by a woman named Angela Abdo in the southeast of Brazil as a non-profit organisation seeking to restore families by the power of prayer, Carolina explains. 'We are here to try to rewrite our story, to forgive and reconcile.' What they do is establish networks of mothers who come together in the Church to pray and be formed in their faith.

The patroness of the movement is Our Lady of La Salette, a Marian apparition acknowledged by the Catholic Church and 'the mother who cries for all children'. The co-patroness is St Monica, the mother of once-wayward St Augustine—she was told by a priest that her tears as a mother would not be wasted—and the consolation of many mothers who've grieved over the paths their children take.

Carolina has been involved with the Brazilian movement for some time. When she first came across it, she knew immediately that its mission would become her own. The advice of a priest at this time helped her to see this as an authentic calling: 'Look at your wound, look at your challenges, look at your difficulties. That's where your mission is.' Carolina's own story involves a journey through many difficulties, first suffering through her parents' divorce and then her father's severe health challenges at that time. 'I felt really crushed in my heart, and [was] asking myself, "Why does God allow this?"' she says.

Then, when she was married, she was confronted with the possibility of being unable to conceive. For three years she and her husband tried without success, and when they did finally conceive, Carolina suffered intense periods of postnatal depression after the births of both her first and second daughters. Living in Brisbane and being so far from home only exacerbated the problem, so after their second child was born, they moved back to Brazil.

Although Carolina grew up Catholic and was initiated in the sacraments, she says 'Catholic' was more a label than anything else; she didn't know much about what the Church taught. The guidance of a priest—who blessed her with the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and spent a lot of time with her discussing the book of Job—helped to launch her on a journey of healing.

Miracles happen gradually because God is gentle. He doesn't come opening the door of your heart by force,' she says.

While being anointed with the sacrament, she felt God's presence. 'I felt [him] telling me, "Come, I'm your Father. You are not alone." And I had the strength by God, and by prayer, to slowly seek medical help to get better.'

To find out more about Mothers who Pray for their Children, contact Carolina on 0478 362 049, by email at <a href="mailto:australia@maesqueorampelosfilhos.com">australia@maesqueorampelosfilhos.com</a>

# **Prayer for World Communications Day**

May the Lord Jesus, the pure Word poured out from the heart of the Father, help us to make our communication clear, open and heartfelt.

May the Lord Jesus, the Word made flesh, help us listen to the beating of hearts, to rediscover ourselves as brothers and sisters, and to disarm the hostility that divides.

May the Lord Jesus, the Word of truth and love, help us speak the truth in charity, so that we may feel like protectors of one another.

#### Information Session - Permanent Diaconate

On Saturday 3 June at 10.00am at the University of Divinity, Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade East Melbourne, there will be an information session on the Permanent Diaconate.

Your help is needed to promote this vocation within your parish. Perhaps there are some male parishioners, married or single, between the age of 30 to 60 years, whom you could speak with concerning this call to ministry.

Further details can be found in the documents attached to this message.

# 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