



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.

The Ascension of the LORD, Year A

21st 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
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ST JUSTIN'S SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL:

Patrick Torpey
9561 7644

NAZARETH COLLEGE

PRINCIPAL:

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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 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 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6
(R.) *God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

Next Week's Reading
PENTECOST SUNDAY
Acts 2:1-11: 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13:
Jn 20:19-23:

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Eph 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Mt 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

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



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 Marianne Halangoda.

We pray for those whose death anniversaries occur at this time, including Lucia Bernardo, Antonietta Velardo, Angelina D'Angelo.

Thanksgiving Collections

14th May

1st Collection (house)

Presbytery - \$ 915.70
CDF - \$ 125.00

2nd Collection (church)

Thanksgiving - \$ 414.50
Loose - \$ 386.10

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 queries 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/j/8975658645?pwd=TXp0TEQzRiRkZRDkVmpYeTU0UT09>

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



Saturday & Sunday 20th & 21st May
Medal Mass for the 1st Eucharist Students

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



St Justin's Community
10.00am
THIS THURSDAY
25th May 2023

DOWN UNDER ROOM

Parish House

\$5.00 Entry Donation

bring your cash for
RAFFLES - TRIVIA GAME

All funds raised for the Cancer Council

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

All Parish Bulletin requests must be in by
Wednesday midday.

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

Reflections for the Feast of the Ascension of the LORD

Each Sunday we profess through the Creed, "He ascended into Heaven." Christ's Ascension was the culmination of God's Divine plan for Christ Jesus – his return to his Father with his "Mission Accomplished." Ascension is the grand finale of all Jesus' words and works done for us and for our salvation. It is a culmination, but not the conclusion. As Jesus is now with God in glory, so Jesus is with us now in Spirit:

"Lord, I am with you always."

The feast of the Ascension celebrates one aspect of the Resurrection, namely Jesus' exaltation. Jesus did not wait 40 days to be glorified at God's right hand. That had already happened at his Resurrection.

The focus of this feast is the Heavenly reign of Christ.

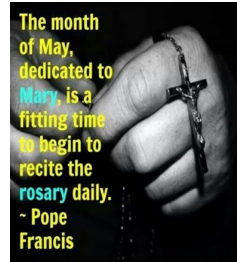
The Lord is now "seated at the right hand of the Father" as we profess in the Nicene Creed, meaning He alone is in control of the continuing plan of salvation through the Holy Spirit, unrestricted by time, space or culture.

Thus, in the Paschal Mystery, Jesus' passion, death, Resurrection, Ascension and the sending of the Holy Spirit form one unbroken reality which is to be understood by Faith. The Ascension means that Jesus, His salvific suffering for our Salvation completed, is with his Father in glory. Being seated at the right hand of the Father is the fulfillment of "the prophet Daniel's vision concerning the Son of Man: 'To him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed'"



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**



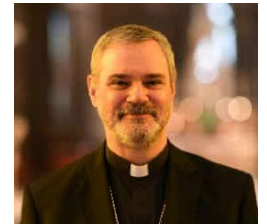
May 20: Glorious Mysteries

May 27 : Luminous Mysteries

Please join us as we pray together as a Parish Community.

New Safeguarding video message from Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

In a newly released video message, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli expresses his gratitude to clergy, employees and volunteers within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne for their commitment to safeguarding.



Archbishop Comensoli encourages clergy, employees and volunteers to continue to build a culture of safety, reminding us that safeguarding is everybody's responsibility and that upholding the dignity of all people is integral to the Gospel message.

Please find some free time to read.

Please check on the link below:

<https://melbourncatholic.org/safeguarding>

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

The children's ministry will continue every 2nd Sunday of the month, and the date for next month is the **11th of June 2023**

The session will commence during the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 11th June 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.



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

"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 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 four 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 !



ROSTERS	DATE	ALTAR SERVERS	DATA PROJECTIONIST	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
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 10.30 am	21 May	Patrick J, Volunteer	Domenico D'Angelo	Diana Tan	Deacon Neil
Sun 5.00pm	21 May	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
NEXT WEEK					
Sat 6.00pm	27 May	Leanne M, Elyana F.	Melissa Fernandes	Yvette Esteves	Volunteer
Sun 8.30am	28 May	Ariana De C	Ida Tontodonati	Mai-Ling Sholl	Deacon Neil
Sun 10.30am	28 May	Xavier R, Georgia R.	Lolita Briones	John Italiano	Deacon Neil
Sun 5.00pm	28 May	Joseph B	Volunteer	Isabelle Devadass	Volunteer
ROSTERS		COUNTERS	CLEANING	ALTAR	
THIS WEEK	21 May	Yvette Esteves, Donald D'Cruz		Tamara Corteling	
NEXT WEEK	28 May	Lolita Briones, Adeline Sie		Diana Tan	

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

STATEMENT REGARDING AN ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER VOICE TO PARLIAMENT



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples have lived in this land for many thousands of years. Their custodianship, however, is not recognised in the Australian Constitution. This is an omission which needs to be rectified. A constitutionally enshrined Indigenous Voice to Parliament is proposed as a way to achieve this.

We acknowledge that a Voice is not the only possible way of recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in our Constitution, but it is the way requested by those who gathered at the historic meeting at Uluru. This could be a significant step towards a more just and equitable Australia.

The wording to change the Constitution and establish the Voice is currently being discussed. We will soon have the opportunity to examine the precise wording and we will be asked to vote on the proposal towards the end of the year. We want to encourage all Australians to educate themselves as well as possible concerning the proposal to establish the Voice.

This is an important moment in the history of the nation, and it can help us to move towards a deep and just reconciliation. It also offers a mechanism to improve the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

We urge all Australians to engage in the debate productively, respecting each other and accepting that people may, in good faith, have differing concerns and perspectives. We are an open democracy, and this is a moment to use our democratic institutions to produce a high-quality debate shaped by a genuine concern to do justice and bring healing to First Nations Peoples. We ask those drafting the changes to the Constitution to work together in a spirit of cooperation, so that the proposal presented to the Australian people will appeal to a wide range of the population.

To guide all Australians at this important time, we encourage everyone to read and discuss the Uluru Statement from the Heart, which we endorsed in 2021 and the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia endorsed in 2022.

In particular, we recommend that Catholic parishes, schools and agencies arrange opportunities for people to come together to read and discuss the Uluru Statement. Access the Uluru Statement at: <https://ulurustatement.org/the-statement/view-the-statement/>

“Listening and Journeying together” during Laudato Si’ Week

On 24 May, we mark the seventh anniversary of Pope Francis’ encyclical letter *Laudato Si’: On Care for Our Common Home*. Pope Francis has helped Catholics to understand the connection people have to the whole of creation and that caring for the entire community of people and Earth is central to mission. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) invites Catholic parishes and communities to celebrate *Laudato Si’* Week from 16 to 24 May in acknowledgement and appreciation of the holistic approach to care for God’s creation in the Pope’s message.

As Christians, we are called to reach out with compassion and kindness, and to contribute to Earth’s flourishing. We are urged to be more aware of the gift of our belonging to the whole Earth community, and to make choices to live more simply, in mutuality with all.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, who have the oldest continuous living culture in the world, speak of their sacred connection to Country and the privilege and responsibility of caring for every aspect. As Sherry Balcombe, coordinator of Aboriginal Catholic Ministry in Melbourne, says, ‘Aboriginal people have learnt how to care properly for Country, not just for survival, but knowing this is important to the Creator Spirit.’

Laudato Si’ Week helps us to hear more clearly the call to listen and learn from our collective experiences and to seek the guidance of the global community. Community resilience and empowerment together form one of the pillars of the *Laudato Si’* Action Platform, which is being designed to support Catholic communities as they deepen their commitment to hearing the cries of people and planet.

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