



# 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 B**

**12th May 2024**



## 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.**

1. All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth. **(R.)**
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R.)**
3. God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne. **(R.)**

## 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*

*Mark*

*Mk 16:15-20;*

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

**The Gospel of the Lord**

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

**Next Week's Reading - Pentecost Sunday - Gen 11:1-9; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39:**

## We pray for the sick of our Parish:



Carmel Welsh, Francis & Joanne Downs, Tiana Mugagulio, David Booth, Maria Macan, Rita, Annette & Stephen Sachie. Senaka Fernando, Cathy Faux, June Ferguson, Delani Hakan, Nicolette Thomas, Eileen Doyle, Alan Sullivan, Melinda Anderson, Helena De Costa, Frances Gunther, Bernadette Somasundaram.

We pray for all those who have deceased recently,

We pray for those whose death anniversaries occur at this time, especially **Bernie Saldanha**.

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**

## Thanksgiving Collections 5th May 2024

### 1st Collection (house)

Presbytery - \$ 743.85  
CDF online - \$ 40.00

### 2nd Collection (church)

Thanksgiving - \$ 257.50  
Loose - \$ 465.55

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

## Volunteers needed for our monthly "Cuppa after Mass".

### Why come for a Cuppa?

- Every cup is a conversation starter; a chance to connect with fellow parishioners.
- You'll find acceptance and belonging in our Parish community.
- At the very least come and enjoy a beverage and some freshly baked pastries or a savory snack.

With the enthusiastic response to our recent cuppa we will continue to offer this on the last week end of the month.

Together we will continue to build and nurture our Parish community. We are looking for volunteers to support this activity.

If you are available please contact the parish office on 03 9401 6335 and add your name to the roster.

Email : [wheelershill@cam.org.au](mailto:wheelershill@cam.org.au)

## BAPTISM



We welcome and pray this weekend for

**Charlie Frances Fan,  
Matthew Jacob Medina**

as they receive their sacrament of Baptism.

## 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 will be on the 22nd of May

 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.

## CHURCH AND PARISH HOUSE MAINTENANCE TEAM

As we now have a Maintenance Group formed, next meeting will be on the 15th of May 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.

## 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](mailto:wheelershill@cam.org.au) on 9401 6335. Safeguarding Group ; [wheelershill.safeguarding@cam.org.au](mailto:wheelershill.safeguarding@cam.org.au)

## 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 !





# Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

**BOOK NOW on SHEET IN FOYER**

(If you can contribute by baking please indicate on sheet Thank You)

**10.00am Wednesday 29th May 2024**

DOWN UNDER ROOM  
St Justin's Parish House

**\$5.00** Entry Donation

**bring your cash for**

**RAFFLES - TRIVIA GAME**

All funds raised for the Cancer Council

## Prayer of Gratitude for Mothers

"Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of motherhood. Today, we celebrate the loving sacrifice of mothers, both biological and spiritual, who nurture and guide us in Your ways. Bless them with joy, strength, and love to continue their selfless devotion. May they feel deeply appreciated and honored not just today, but every day. Amen."

### SATURDAY EVENING ROSARY DEVOTION FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to certain devotion.



The month of May is traditionally considered the month of Mary, a month especially dedicated to devotion to Our Lady, the Mother of God and of all of us.

Join us EVERY SATURDAY after the 6pm Mass as we pray the Rosary as a Parish community.

Week 3 (18 May 2024) - Glorious Mysteries

Week 4 (25 May 2024) - Luminous Mysteries (followed by light refreshments)

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



**The Children's Liturgy is on this Sunday (12th May)**

**We will be celebrating the feast of the Lord's Ascension.**

**As its also Mother' Day, the children will have a surprise craft activity for their mothers.**

The session will commence during the 10.30am Mass on Sunday in May 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](mailto:wheelershill@cam.org.au)





ROSTERS	DATE	ALTAR SERVERS	DATA PROJECTIONIST	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
		<b>THIS WEEK</b>			
Sat 6.00pm	11 May	Seth A, Ritesh P.	Joe Persico	Yvette Esteves	Volunteer
Sun 8.30am	12 May	Romulus H.	Khai Vu	Diana Tan	Deacon Neil
Sun 10.30am	12 May	Xavier R.	Lolita Briones	John Italiano	Deacon Neil,
Sun 5.00pm	12 May	Oliver C.	Anthony Devadass	Natalie Uranie	Volunteer
		<b>NEXT WEEK</b>			
Sat 6.00pm	18 May	Brooklyn, Dyan P	Bernadine Fernando	Jaime Davin	Marion Coyle
Sun 8.30am	19 May	Jalon P,	Oswin Antao	Claudia Scuteri	Michael Spina
Sun 10.30am	19 May	Patrick,	Dominic D'Angelo	Volunteer	Deacon Neil, John Italiano
Sun 5.00pm	19 May	Keith M.	Joyce Simm	Sheena Devadass	Ophelia D' Souza
<b>ROSTERS</b>		<b>COUNTERS</b>		<b>ALTAR</b>	<b>COLLECTORS</b>
<b>THIS WEEK</b>	12 May	Ken Franklin, Theresa Bell		Lolita Briones	
<b>NEXT WEEK</b>	19 May	Yvette Esteves, Peter Corteling		Diana Tan	

## Take the Way of the Gospel

Some time ago our Archbishop, Peter Comensoli, met with the clergy and lay leaders from around the Archdiocese of Melbourne to begin discussing what the local Church in Melbourne might look like in the future. The discussions focused on:

- The mission of the Gospel being at the heart of our life, worship and outreach
- How might local faith communities be arranged to allow for them to flourish
- How might our faith communities be effectively resourced – spiritually, ministerially and materially

This re-imagining of the local Church is known as **Take the Way of the Gospel**. It's a process of renewal. At its heart is that parish life becomes more vital and vibrant through a focus on evangelisation, worship, formation and outreach.

In this context, and guided by the Holy Spirit, each parish was invited to hold conversations that look closely into itself to discern its strengths, its needs and how it can better proclaim and live out the Good News of the teachings of the Gospel.

At a different level, Take the Way of the Gospel also envisages nearby local parishes coming together, or partnering, to form families of communities of Mission. The parishes within a Mission work collaboratively on renewal, learn from each other and share resources. The arrangement of parishes to form a Mission is something to be determined by the local parishes themselves in consultation with the Archdiocese and, as always, prayerfully guided by the Holy Spirit.

Part of sharing resources within a Mission may involve that of priests. The parish structure in some parts of the Archdiocese reflects an earlier age with a surplus of clergy. The number of priests now is vastly different. This is the reality that needs to be addressed with the future in mind.

Sharing priests could mean, for example, that one priest ministers to a Mission of three parishes. A practical outcome of this is that scheduling of masses would need to be rationalized across those parishes. There may not always be a particular weekday or weekend mass available at a parishioner's usual parish so this may mean attending another parish within that Mission.

The Mission structure will require greater involvement from parishioners at all levels of parish life to ensure our priests are able to manage the extra responsibilities and workload that comes from working across multiple parishes. This is our chance to step up!

The intention of Take the Way of the Gospel is that churches not be closed down. Each church would maintain its identity, functionality and character but within the context of a Mission community.

**Take the Way of the Gospel is a journey that will evolve over time, there may be various steps along the way. Parishioners of St Justin's will be kept informed of developments and will be involved in meetings/discussions to discern our future. Further information on can be found on the Archdiocese website.**