



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 EPIPHANY of the LORD

8th January 2023

PARISH PERSONNEL

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr Andrzej Madry

Congregation of the Resurrection

PARISH DEACON:

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ST JUSTIN'S SCHOOL

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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 prophet Isaiah Is 60: 1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord,

Response - Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the

Ephesians

Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery.

This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord,

Response - Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!



Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 2: 1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord

Response - Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Week's Reading
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 49:3, 5-6: 1 Cor 1:1-3:
Jn 1:23-34:



We pray for the sick of our Parish:

Carmel Welsh, Francis & Joanne Downs, Fred Clarke, Tiana Mugagulo, David Booth, Maria Macan, Rita, Steven & Georgette Mizher, Annette & Stephen Sachie. Judy Mead, Melissa Fernandes, Pauline Fisher, Celine Tang Willis.

We pray for **Marianna Del Balso** 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

1st January

1st Collection (house)

Presbytery - \$ 1,101.85
Online - \$ 52.00

2nd Collection (church)

Thanksgiving - \$ 447.50
Loose - \$ 559.65

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

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 4.00 pm - 5.30pm

Email: 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 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 in February 2023

 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.

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

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Calling all Parishioners from St Justin's Parish to come and help to remove all the Christmas Decorations ,

Date - Saturday , 21st January

Time - 9.45am - 10.45am

All are Welcome

REFLECTION :

Unlike the writers of the horoscope columns in our newspapers, these Wise Men were scholar astrologers, probably from Syria or Iraq. They believed that the stars controlled the destiny of human beings, but they were open enough to the Hebrew scriptures to be led to the amazing discovery of a starchild in Bethlehem.

They knelt before this baby, doing homage, because they realised that the stars did not control this infant, but that there was something of this baby which caused the night sky to respond! They preserved the child from the deadly schemes of Herod, and then they returned to their home country, 'by a different way'. They were on a different journey after encountering the Child.

Who can doubt that the Holy Spirit led these wise men from the East to the manger? In fact, the Holy Spirit is at work in every human being, prompting each and every one to become seekers after Truth.

As a person responds to this prompting and tries to lead a good humane life, then the Church teaches that the Holy Spirit can draw them into the saving life of God. Thus, billions in China and India who have never heard the Gospel, can be saved. But, such persons do not savour the fullness of Truth as we do with the privilege of having the scriptures and the sacraments. Where it is possible, we are obliged to offer them the road map to the Truth.

We can take a moment to affirm our faith in the baby in the manger as the One of whom Dante spoke: 'the Love which moves the sun and other stars'. Come, let us adore him.

"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 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 !



Pray for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Following the sad news of the recent death of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, we are encouraged to continue to unite with all the People of God in praying for the eternal rest of his soul. There are a number of opportunities to come together as the faithful of Melbourne to remember and pray for the late Pope Emeritus, including the following: "Month's Mind" Mass, St Patrick's Cathedral

A memorial Mass for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI will be celebrated by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 29 January at 6.30pm—approximately one month after his death. All are welcome.

Prayer for the Soul

Father, eternal shepherd, hear the prayers of your people for your servant Benedict, who governed your Church with love.

In your mercy, bring him with the flock once entrusted to his care to the reward you have promised your faithful servants.

May he who faithfully administered the mysteries of your forgiveness and love on earth, rejoice with you for ever in heaven.

In your wise and loving care, you made your servant teacher of all your Church. He did the work of Christ on earth.

May your Son welcome him into eternal glory.

May your servant whom you appointed high priest of your flock be counted now among the priests in the life of your kingdom.

Give your servant the reward of eternal happiness and let your mercy win for us the gift of your life and love.

We entrust your servant to your mercy with faith and confidence.

In the human family he was an instrument of your peace and love.

May he rejoice in those gifts for ever with your saints.

Amen.

The Baptism of the LORD - 9th January

This feast brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.



In the Eastern Church this feast is called *Theophany* because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

The Spiritual Testament of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI



When, at this late hour of my life, I look back on the decades I have wandered through, I see first of all how much reason I have to give thanks. Above all, I thank God Himself, the giver of all good gifts, who has given me life and guided me through all kinds of confusion; who has always picked me up when I began to slip, who has always given me anew the light of his countenance. In retrospect, I see and understand that even the dark and arduous stretches of this path were for my salvation and that He guided me well in those very stretches.

I thank my parents, who gave me life in difficult times and prepared a wonderful home for me with their love, which shines through all my days as a bright light until today. My father's clear-sighted faith taught us brothers and sisters to believe and stood firm as a guide in the midst of all my scientific knowledge; my mother's heartfelt piety and great kindness remain a legacy for which I cannot thank her enough.

My sister has served me selflessly and full of kind concern for decades; my brother has always paved the way for me with the clear-sightedness of his judgements, with his powerful determination, and with the cheerfulness of his heart; without this ever-new going ahead and going along, I would not have been able to find the right path.

I thank God from the bottom of my heart for the many friends, men and women, whom He has always placed at my side; for the co-workers at all stages of my path; for the teachers and students He has given me. I gratefully entrust them all to His goodness. And I would like to thank the Lord for my beautiful home in the Bavarian foothills of the Alps, in which I was able to see the splendour of the Creator Himself shining through time and again. I thank the people of my homeland for allowing me to experience the beauty of faith time and again. I pray that our country will remain a country of faith and I ask you, dear compatriots, not to let your faith be distracted. Finally, I thank God for all the beauty I was able to experience during the various stages of my journey, but especially in Rome and in Italy, which has become my second home.

I ask for forgiveness from the bottom of my heart from all those whom I have wronged in some way.

What I said earlier of my compatriots, I now say to all who were entrusted to my service in the Church: Stand firm in the faith! Do not be confused! Often it seems as if science—on the one hand, the natural sciences; on the other, historical research (especially the exegesis of the Holy Scriptures)—has irrefutable insights to offer that are contrary to the Catholic faith. I have witnessed from times long past the changes in natural science and have seen how apparent certainties against the faith vanished, proving themselves not to be science but philosophical interpretations only apparently belonging to science—just as, moreover, it is in dialogue with the natural sciences that faith has learned to understand the limits of the scope of its affirmations and thus its own specificity. For 60 years now, I have accompanied the path of theology, especially biblical studies, and have seen seemingly unshakeable theses collapse with the changing generations, which turned out to be mere hypotheses: the liberal generation (Harnack, Jülicher, etc.), the existentialist generation (Bultmann, etc.), the Marxist generation. I have seen, and see, how, out of the tangle of hypotheses, the reasonableness of faith has emerged and is emerging anew. Jesus Christ is truly the Way, the Truth, and the Life—and the Church, in all her shortcomings, is truly His Body.

Finally, I humbly ask: pray for me, so that the Lord may admit me to the eternal dwellings, despite all my sins and shortcomings. For all those entrusted to me, my heartfelt prayer goes out day after day.

ROSTERS	DATE	ALTAR SERVERS	DATA PROJECTIONIST	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Sat 6.00 pm	7 Jan	Volunteer	Melissa Fernandes	Paul Dunne	Volunteer
Sun 8.30am	8 Jan	Volunteer	Ida Tontodonati	Mai-ling Sholl	Deacon Neil
Sun 10.30 am	8 Jan	Volunteer	Demetrio DeJesus	Volunteer	Deacon Neil
Sun 5.00 pm	8 Jan	Volunteer	Anthony Devadass	Isabelle Devadass	
NEXT WEEK					
Sat 6.00pm	14 Jan	Volunteer	Joe Persico	Helen Johnpillai	Pabsi Perera
Sun 8.30am	15 Jan	Volunteer	Oswin Antao	Diana Tan	Deacon Neil
Sun 10.30am	15 Jan	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Deacon Neil
Sun 5.00 pm	15 Jan	Volunteer	Ashleigh D'Souza	Natalie Uranie	
ROSTERS		COUNTERS	CLEANING	ALTAR	
THIS WEEK	8 Jan	Adeline Sie, Theresa Bell		Natalie Uranie	
	15 Jan	Rudy Fernandes, Yvette Esteves		Diana Tan	

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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.

If you have any concerns whatsoever - please contact the Parish Office or Fr Andrew - wheelershill@cam.org.au on 9401 6335. or

Safeguarding group ; wheelershill.safeguarding@cam.org.au

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