



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.

Third Sunday of Advent, Year A

11th December 2022

PARISH PERSONNEL

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr Andrzej Madry

Congregation of the Resurrection

PARISH DEACON:

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ST JUSTIN'S SCHOOL

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

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

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy, for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

The Word of the Lord,

Response - Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:6-10. R. see Is 35:4

(R.) Lord, come and save us

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. (R.)
3. It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St James

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord,

Response - Thanks be to God



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!**



Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Response - Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Week's Reading
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Is 7:10-14: Rom 1:1-7:
Mt 1:18-24:



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, Pauline Fisher.

We pray **Peter Tang Kam Kok, Helen Fernando, Errol Fredericks** and all souls who passed away recently, may they rest in peace. We remember **Cordilia Bastianensz, Chan Swee Chow** and all whose death anniversaries that occur at this time.

Thanksgiving Collections 4th December

1st Collection (house)

Presbytery - \$ 754.05
CDF online - \$ 70.00

2nd Collection (church)

Thanksgiving - \$ 442.50
Loose - \$ 259.45

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

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.

All Parish Bulletin requests must be in
by Wednesday midday.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For all Christmas Mass, If you can assist please sign the volunteer sheets placed in the Church foyer.

Thank you

Notice :

St Justin's Parish Office will be closed from the 26th December to the 3rd of January 2023



Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

Parish Calendar

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

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



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

YOUTH MINISTRY: CAROL SINGING AT THE AGED CARE

Dressed in bright red and green colours, adorned with festive Christmas hats and reindeer ears and brimming with excitement, a total 32 youths and children together with 12 parents, parishioners and of course Fr Andrew made our way to 6 aged cares/retirement villages around Wheelers Hill last weekend with the common goal of bringing joy to the elderly and spreading the Christmas spirit.

With our best voices, we performed for the residents of

- *Nellie Melba Retirement Village*
- *Weary Dunlop Retirement Village*
- *Cumberland View Aged Care*
- *Royal Freemasons – Monash Garden*
- *Waverly Hill SRS*
- *Lifeview the Willow*



And had an amazing time doing so. At first, performing as a group in front of a crowd was a little bit daunting but as we did it more, we got more comfortable and by the end it was a magical display of melody, energy, and good times. The experience of Christmas carolling had the power of bringing us youths and children together, as well as the broader community, in song and friendship. This is even more special during the holiday season, as we are celebrating love and the promise of new beginnings. We believe that the familiar tunes conjured up precious memories of songs sung, stories told, moments shared with loved ones, laughter with family and friends, cherished gifts and more, not just for the people we visited but for us, youth and children as well.

Christmas carolling 2022 was a truly joyful and rewarding experience and we hope to do it again for years to come. Also, thank you to Father Andrew, our parents and all parishioners for all your support and prayers.

Youth XXX



Reflection - 4 ways to share the love this Christmas

Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation—a time when we are called to look to the horizon and to live our lives in the light of God's great gift to us: Jesus Christ

But as we count down the days to Christmas, it's easy to become stressed and overwhelmed, distracted by endless to-do lists and last-minute shopping trips, even as we prepare ourselves for the coming of the 'Prince of Peace'. The Christmas tradition of gift-giving took its inspiration from the Magi and originated as a way of responding to and participating in God's love for the world, expressed most profoundly in the gift of Jesus. But too often it becomes a burden, a flurry of materialistic excess that can leave us feeling drained and anxious.

One way we might reclaim the more life-affirming origins of the Christmas gift-giving tradition, though, is by 'sharing the love' more broadly and by giving to those in our communities and our world who are most vulnerable and in need of our generous, practical assistance. Many organisations and charities now also offer special Christmas 'gift card' programs that allow you to purchase a truly meaningful gift in the name of a loved one, so that you can share the joy of giving with your friends and family.

To start the ball rolling, here are just a few Catholic organisations that you might like to consider supporting through financial donations or the purchase of 'gift cards' for your nearest and dearest this Christmas

St Lucy 13th December, Patron Saint for Blindness

Lucy's history has been lost and all we really we know for certain is that this brave woman who lived in Syracuse lost her life during the persecution of Christians in the early fourth century.

Her veneration spread to Rome so that by the sixth century the whole Church recognized her courage in defense of the faith. Because people wanted to shed light on Lucy's bravery, legends began to crop up. The one that has passed the test of time tells the story of a young Christian woman who vowed to live her life in service of Christ.

Her mother tried to arrange a marriage for her with a pagan and Lucy knew her mother could not be swayed by a young girl's vow, so she devised a plan to convince her mother that Christ was the better partner for life.

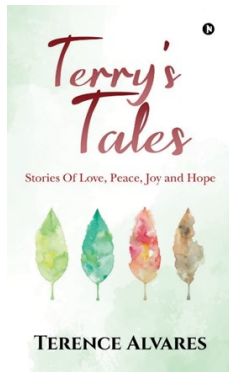
After several prayers at the tomb of Saint Agatha, Lucy saw the saint in a dream. St. Agatha told Lucy her mother's illness would be cured through faith, which Lucy used to persuade her mother to give the dowry money to the poor and allow her to commit her life to God. While Lucy and her mother were grateful to God, the rejected bridegroom was deeply angered and betrayed Lucy's faith to the governor Paschasius. The governor attempted to force her into defilement at a brothel, but the guards who came to take her away were unable to move her, even after hitching her to a team of oxen.



ROSTERS	DATE	ALTAR SERVERS	DATA PROJECTIONIST	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Sat 6.00 pm	10 Dec	Liam F, Angelo G	Shenelle Fernandes	Volunteer	Marian Coyle
Sun 8.30am	11 Dec	Volunteer	Khai Vu	Claudia Scuteri	Deacon Neil
Sun 10.30am	11 Dec	Andy H	Demetrio De Jesus	John Italiano	Deacon Neil
Sun 5.00 pm	11 Dec	Sebastian T, Andy H	Anthony Devadass	Natalie Uranie	
NEXT WEEK					
Sat 6.00pm	17 Dec	Mason & Londyn C	Jamie Davin	Yvette Esteves	Pabsi Perera
Sun 8.30 am	18 Dec	Georgia R	Ida Tontodonati	Oswin Antao	Deacon Neil
Sun 10.30 am	18 Dec	Noah P, Kiara K	Domenico D'Angelo	Volunteer	Deacon Neil
Sun 5.00pm	18 Dec	Aiden D, Lachlan Di I, Jacob S.	Ashleigh D'Souza	Sheena Devadass	
ROSTERS		COUNTERS	CLEANING	ALTAR	
THIS WEEK	11 Dec	Ken Franklin, Rudy Fernandes		Lolita Briones	
	18 Dec	Theresa Bell, Adeline Sie		Yvette Esteves	

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
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)



Thank You! Your support of this year's Appeal for World Mission Sunday enables Church workers in 1047 mission dioceses to offer Good News to their local communities.

Thank you for contributing to the amount of **\$842.00** which was raised by St Justin's community for Catholic Mission. Our partnership with local churches in over 160 countries is dependent upon the prayerful and financial support of many. Through your contribution, communities in Ethiopia look forward with hope, with easier access to health, educational and spiritual resources. THANK YOU.

"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 Parish, 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