



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 B

17th December 2023

PARISH PERSONNEL

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr Andrzej Madry CR

Congregation of the Resurrection

PERMANENT DEACON:

Deacon Neil Daculan

PARISH SECRETARY:

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ST JUSTIN'S

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

GOOD SHEPHERD

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Sunday: 9.00am & 11.00am

WEEK DAY MASSES:

MONDAY, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9.15 am, Saturday 10.00am

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

First Reading

A reading from the prophet

Isaiah

Is 61:1-2. 10-11

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord. 'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels. 'For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

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The Word of the Lord,

Response - Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Lk 1:46-50. 53-54. R. Is 61:10

(R.) My soul rejoices in my God.

1. My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour. He looks on his servant in her nothingness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed. (R.)
2. The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name! His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him. (R.)
3. He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty. He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy. (R.)

Second Reading

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

1 Thes 5:16-24

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

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

John

Jh 1:6-8, 19-28

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked, 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not,' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied:

a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

The Gospel of the Lord

Response - Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Week's Reading
Fourth Sunday of Advent
2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16:
Rom 16:25-27:
Lk 1:26-38:

"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."



We pray for the sick of our Parish:

Carmel Welsh, Francis & Joanne Downs, Tiana Mugagulio, David Booth, Maria Macan, Rita, Steven & Georgette Mizher, Annette & Stephen Sachie. Dilini Abeysekara, Senaka Fernando, Fred Clarke, Cathy Faux, June Ferguson, Delani Hakan, Nicolette Thomas, Eileen Doyle, Piroska Tertelyi. Cameron Wales, Alan Sullivan, Melinda Anderson, Marie Rabot, Helena De Costa, Marise Peiris, Jenny Williams, Nigel D'Lima, Troy Eccles, Ondie & Robert Goold, Mary Rasiah.

We pray for all who have died recently including **Jo Crofts**. We pray for those whose death anniversaries occur at this time including **Dudley Ludekens**,
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

Thanksgiving Collections 10th December 2023

1st Collection (house)	
Presbytery	- \$ 722.60
CDF	- \$ 20.00
2nd Collection (church)	
Thanksgiving	- \$ 433.50
Loose	- \$ 366.40

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

Sacraments Preparation Classes 2024

St Justin's Parish provides preparation for the Sacraments for children who attend schools other than our parish school.

If you wish for your child to attend these lessons, please notify the Parish Office

Email: wheelershill@cam.org.au or Parish Office 9401 6335

*The grade levels for each Sacraments are:
First Holy Communion/Reconciliation Grade 4 and*

St Justin's Christmas Eve Nativity Play

Practices for the Christmas Nativity Play scheduled for the Christmas Eve Mass at 5.45pm at St Justin's are scheduled as follows: **Saturday 23rd December 10am to 11.30am.**



All Children are welcome to join.

Parish Office Notice

St Justin's Parish office will be closed from the 22nd December to 5th January 2024

Whilst the Parish Office remains closed during this period, if there is any emergency please leave a message & the parish will get in touch with you!

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

BAPTISM



We welcome and pray this weekend for **Jax Alexander Clark Gomez** as he receives his sacrament of Baptism.

Parish Calendar 2023



Tuesday 19th December
Good Shepherd Advent Parish Reconciliation - 7pm

Sunday 24th December 2023
8.30am & 10.30am (Parish Sunday Masses)

CHRISTMAS EVE, 24th December
5.45pm St Justin's Nativity Play
6.00pm Family Mass
12.00am Midnight Mass



CHRISTMAS DAY - MONDAY 25th December 2023
8.30am & 10.30am
NO 5.00pm afternoon Mass

26th - 29th December 2023
9.15am Weekly Mass

SATURDAY 30th December 2023
9.15am & 6.00pm Mass

FEAST of the HOLY FAMILY - SUNDAY 31st December 2023
8.30am & 10.30am & 5.00pm (Masses)

FEAST of MARY MOTHER of GOD - MONDAY 1st January 2024
9.15am Mass

'Whenever someone sets up a Nativity scene, there is not just Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus. We are there. The people of today. We are the shepherds now.'

Giovanna Zabotti, co-curator of the Nativity scene in St Peter's Square

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

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

ST VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL - Update



We thank all those people who have taken gift cards for our Christmas presents for the children from 12 months to 12 years.

Please return presents before **December 18th** so that they can be wrapped and to be delivered that week.

Thank you for the Christmas food and other items already donated – all Christmas contributions such as food, lollies, toys etc will always be appreciated.

We thank you for your great support. .

These donations will be given directly to the St. Vincent de Paul Society in and distributed to families in and around the area.

“ Some highlights taken at the Aged Care Centre's - Bringing the Spirit of Christmas “

Long Time ago in Bethlehem, so the Holy Bible says; Mary's boy child Jesus Christ was born on Christmas Day!

A heartfelt thanks goes out all children, youths and parishioners of St Justin's who participated in singing Christmas Carols at the surrounding Aged Care Centre's last Saturday and Sunday. The true meaning of Christmas was unfold; with the residents being filled with joy, love, peace and hope; thanks to the warmth and happiness shared by our amazing St Justin's Carolers. The spirit of Christmas was truly felt by all.

Joy to the World, the Lord is come; let earth, receive her King!



ROSTERS	DATE	ALTAR SERVERS	DATA PROJECTIONIST	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Sat 6.00pm	16 Dec	Issac B, Volunteer	Melissa Fernandes	Helen Johnpillai	Marian Coyle
Sun 8.30am	17 Dec	Volunteer	Khai Vu	Diana Tan	Volunteer
Sun 10.30 am	17 Dec	Patrick J, Volunteer	Domenic D'Angelo	John Italiano	Tamara Fonseca
Sun 5.00pm	17 Dec	Aiden D,	Volunteer	Volunteer	Ophelia D'Souza
NEXT WEEK					
Sat 6.00pm	23 Dec	Jalon & Joel P.	Joe Persico	Yvette Esteves	Volunteer
Sun 8.30am	24 Dec	Ariana De C	Khai Vu	Noeline Willenberg	Diana Tan
Sun 10.30am	24 Dec	Xavier & Georgia R	Lolita Briones	Demetrio DeJ	John Italiano
CHRISTMAS MASS 24th and 25th DEC					
Sun 6.00pm	24 Dec	Liam F, Leanne M	Bernadine Fernando	Melissa Fernandes	John Italiano, Mai-Ling Sholl
Sun 12.00 pm	24 Dec	Volunteer	Volunteer	Rudy Fernandes	Rudy Fernandes, Tamara Fonseca
Mon 8.30 am	25 Dec	Volunteer	Ida Tontodonati	John Italiano	Diana Tan
Mon 10.30 am	25 Dec	Volunteer	Lolita Briones	Noel Ridler	Anthony Phey
ROSTERS		COUNTERS	CLEANING	ALTAR	COLLECTORS
THIS WEEK	17 Dec	Peter Corteling, Robin Dragwidge		Diana Tan	
NEXT WEEK	24 Dec	Theresa Bell, Yvette Esteves		Natalie Uranie	



Catholic Mission thanks the parish of St Justin's for your support of this year's World Mission Day Appeal. Your generosity has empowered Church workers across 1047 mission dioceses, allowing them to spread the message of hope and love within their local communities. Your contribution of \$1,027.45 has been most gratefully received. Through your partnership with Catholic Mission, Sr. Carolina in Timor-Leste can continue providing life-saving treatment and essential resources for health, education and well-being. Your gift not only transforms individual lives but also fuels mission programs globally, reaching out to those in dire need. Many thanks!

Fundraising Exhibition

This is an exhibition for "Christmas special Sales" of a variety of plants, in particularly succulents in mini pots. Some in beautiful small pots for a perfect Christmas gift.

The exhibition will be on display from 11th Dec to 17th Dec at "Saint Paul's Retreat Centre"

11 Nortons Lane (just next to Nortons Park) Wantirna South

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This income goes towards the tickets of some consecrated people traveling to a formation retreat in Italy.

Pope marks 800th anniversary of Nativity scene as homeless dine under Bernini's colonnade



In a cave near Greccio, Italy, St Francis of Assisi staged the first Nativity scene for the faithful on Christmas Eve in 1223. A 15th-century fresco now decorating the cave inspired the Nativity scene recently erected in St Peter's Square for the 800th anniversary celebrations. On 9 December, as 150 homeless people dined under Bernini's colonnade, the scene was unveiled and the Christmas tree in the square lit up.

"For St Francis of Assisi, who had travelled to the Holy Land, 'the caves of Greccio reminded him of the landscape of Bethlehem.'" "Whether the Nativity scene is in St Peter's Square, in a church or in one's home, the Pope said, people passing one should remember Jesus' birth 2,000 years ago and be moved to 'silence and prayer in our often so hectic daily lives.'

Please click the link below for more information :

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/pope-marks-800th-anniversary-of-nativity-scene-as-homeless-dine-under-bernis-colonnade>