



PARISH NEWSLETTER

One mission, two parishes



Good Shepherd Parish, Mulgrave

Parish of St Justin, Wheelers Hill

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

26 JULY 2026

FIRST READING

1 Kings 3:5. 7-12

A reading from the first book of the Kings

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97

(R.) Lord, I love your commands.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. **(R.)**
2. Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. **(R.)**
3. That is why I love your commands more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. **(R.)**
4. Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:28-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL

Matthew 13:44-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

The Gospel of the Lord

R: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Is 55: 1-3: Rom 8:35, 37-39: Mt 14:13-21:

Parish Priest: Fr Andrzej Madry CR - Episcopal Vicar Southern Region,
Assistant Priest: Fr Jean-Sebastien Gery

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIR: Jeff Tan
SAFEGUARDING TEAM: Judith Schneiders

PARISH OFFICE OPEN

Mon: 9:30 am - 5:00 pm **Tues: 9:30 am - 1:30 pm**
Thurs: 9:30 am - 5:00 pm **Fri: 9:30 am - 3:00 pm**

GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

Principal: Jacqui Marshall (03) 9562 0229

ST JUSTIN'S PARISH

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PARISH OFFICE OPEN

Tues: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm **Wed: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm**
Thurs: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm **Fri: 12 noon - 4:00 pm**

ST JUSTIN'S SCHOOL

Principal: Patrick Torpey (03) 9561 7644

MASS SCHEDULE & OTHER SERVICES

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday	5.00pm	Good Shepherd
	6.30pm	St Justin's
Sunday	8.30am	Good Shepherd
	10.00am	St Justin's
	11.30am	Good Shepherd
	5.00pm	St Justin's

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday	9.15am	St Justin's
Wednesday	9.15am	Good Shepherd
Thursday	9.15am	Good Shepherd
Friday	9.15am	St Justin's
Saturday	9.30am	Good Shepherd

Reconciliation is available before or after Mass. Please speak to Father or arrange an appointment through the Parish Office.

BAPTISMS, MARRIAGE, PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

For details regarding the celebration of these sacraments please contact the Parish Office or speak directly to Fr Andrzej.

We pray for...



Those who are ill: Falguni D'Souza, Hyejung Kim, Ana Slawek, Noel & Myrna Beven, Charlie Galea, Fr Marian Szableski CR. Barbara Lazer, Jasmine Jimenez, Lidia Pascuzzi, Collette Harman, Tiana Mugagulio, David Booth, June Ferguson, Nicolette Thomas, Eileen Doyle, Alan Sullivan, Helena Costa, Mala Katugaha, Jack Angelic, James Tan, J Ang, Thomas Sarto, Josephine Mirando, Dilhan Fernando, Lloyd Silva, Shanika Somasundaram, Ian Andrews, Jan Squires, Dino DeVenuto, Dominic Cozzi, Audrey Rodrigo, Julia Foster, Mary Bayley and Luke Bullock, Clare Falloon, Charles, Orazio, Henok Tesfom, Megan Sharpe, Natasha, Denis Hanlon, Ivan Oorloff, Lynne & Bobby Peterson. Richard Khoo, Elda de Ventuo, Domenico Scuteri, Sarah Francis.

Recently Deceased:

Death Anniversary: Josephine Devadass, Margaret Quek, Anthonio Mele, Theodorus Thoolen, Joseph Liyanage, Colleen Thiele, Hilda Remedios, Clarisse Silva,

Please remember them in your prayers.

BIBLE STUDY

Face to face study is on **Sundays 7pm** at Good Shepherd Church. On line/zoom study is on **Thursdays at 7:30pm**. Everyone is most welcome. For more information please email Jefferson.tan@gmail.com

BETHLEHEM OLIVEWOOD ITEMS

On the **25th & 26th July** there will be a display of handcrafted olivewood religious items for sale at **Good Shepherd Parish**. These items are hand crafted in Bethlehem the Holy Land by the Catholic families there. Your purchase helps support these families and supports preserving the Holy Sites in Bethlehem. Over 600 families rely on this work as their main source of income, but with the ongoing conflict, Hardly any pilgrims are visiting Bethlehem.

By purchasing these items, you are offering much-needed support to the Christian community in Bethlehem and helping to keep the faith in the Holy Land.



YOUTH & PARENT NIGHT

FAITH & FIRE



SURVIVOR CHALLENGE NIGHT

Calling all youth in **Years 6–12!**

Get ready for an action-packed night of team challenges, fun games, an Amazing Race, prizes, food and faith-filled friendships.

Parents are an important part of the evening too. We invite parents to join us. Support our young people in their faith journey and help them feel connected and encouraged.

Whether you are a regular attendee or have not been along for a while, this is the perfect event to reconnect, meet new people and invite a friend.

DATE : SUNDAY 2 AUG 2026

TIME : 6.00pm - 7.00pm Followed by Dinner

LOCATION: Assemble at DOWNUNDER ROOM @ 6.00pm sharp

As this event will be catered - pls RSVP by 27 JULY to 0466 532 381

We look forward to seeing you there.

ORGANISED BY LIFT YOUTH MINISTRY

Take courage! I have overcome the world.

(JOHN 16:33)



1 YEAR UNTIL WORLD YOUTH DAY

9 August 2026 • St Patrick's Cathedral

Sign up to express your interest!



The Archbishop's Campaign helps to bring the mission of the Church alive in our community.

It does this by supporting the works of the Priest Retirement Foundation, the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, the CatholicCare Victoria Chaplaincy Program, Melbourne Overseas Mission, John Pierce Centre, the University of Divinity for the Catholic Theological College and grants to Catholic agencies and community service organisations.

'Courage! ... do not be afraid.' (Matthew 14:27)

In these words, Jesus invites us to move forward with confidence, knowing that He walks with us. By supporting this campaign, you help sustain ministries that accompany those in need, strengthen our parish communities, and bring Christ's love to others. Thank you for answering this call with courage and generosity.

The Campaign will take place over three weekends in August

More updates in the coming weeks,

Follow the link online :

melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign

Please give generously for this campaign.,
Thank you



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO DEACON NEIL,

On behalf of our parish community, we wish you a very happy and blessed birthday. We thank God for the gift of your life and for your faithful service to our parish and the wider Church.

GOD BLESS YOU ALWAYS !

Our parishes are committed to the safety, wellbeing and human dignity of children, young people and adults.

GOOD SHEPHERD

DATE	MASS	DATA PROJECTIONIST	LECTOR	COMMENTATOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
25/07	5.00 pm	Alvin Gomes	Jeff Tan	Christabel Gomes	Desiree D'Silva, Maria Da Gama, Rosemary Sanna
26/07	8.30 am	Sean Vargas	Glenn La Brooy	Adiv Pinto	Judy Schneiders, Gwen Russell, Volunteer
26/07	11.30 am	Naveen J	Teresa Packwood	Klara Baka	Suzanna Pinto, Golda Dcunha, Sandra Palermo
01/08	5.00 pm	Samantha C	Justin Augustin	Christabel Gomes	Jenny Dallimore, Carolyne & Peter Keogh
02/08	8.30 am	Paolo Yu	Adiv Pinto	Jocelyn Ferns	Judy Schneiders, Meera D'Souza, Gwen Russell
02/08	11.30 am	Stephy J	Catherine M	Naveen J	Suzanna Pinto, Golda Dcunha, Catherine Michael

COUNTERS: 27/07 Team 4 : Max & Margaret Wood

02/08 Team 5 : Ewa & Wojtek & Peter Keogh

All volunteers, please arrive at least 10 minutes before the Mass . Thank you so much for your service.

ST JUSTIN'S

DATE	MASS	DATA PROJECTIONIST	READER	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	COUNTERS	ALTAR
25/07	6.30 pm	Bernadine Fdo	Paul Dunne	Ray Coyle	Magda Schwarz Robin Dragwidge	Yvette Esteves
26/07	10.00 am	Khai Vu	Antonio W.	Neil Deacon, Anthony Phey		
26/07	5.00 pm	Anthony Devadass	Ophelia D'Souza	Volunteer		
01/08	6.30 pm	Joe Persico	Yvette Esteves	Marion Coyle	Peter Corteling, Ken Franklin	Natalie Uranie
02/08	10.00 am	Oswin Antao	Demetrio Dejesus	Neil Deacon, John Italiano		
02/08	5.00 pm	Youth	Youth	Erik Yamin		

COLLECTIONS

St Justin's	Good Shepherd
Thanksgiving \$ 665.65	\$ 971.00
Presbytery \$ 971.50	\$ 1316.75

We are very grateful for your support to both our parishes.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Every Tuesday at 7:30 pm at
Good Shepherd Parish in the foyer.
For more information please call Trish 0488 996 106

St Justin's Combined Exercise

Commencing 14 & 28 August (fortnightly)
At the DOWNUNDER ROOM on FRIDAY @
11.00am

SENIORS COMBINED EXERCISE
TAI - CHI (1/2 Hour)

If you are interested please contact the Parish
office on 9401 6335,



PARISH CRAFT GROUP

We gather to share our skills & learn a new one.
Bring along your own project.
Or just come along to share a cuppa and have a chat.

Where: Meeting Room, Parish House,
48 Whalley Drive, Wheelers Hill

When: **Wednesdays 1pm - 3pm**

Dates: **Aug 12, 26, Sept 2, 16**

All Welcome



COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY

Our Parishes follows the Child Safe Standard outlined by the Victorian Government and we implement procedures and standards as directed by the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

All Parish Volunteers MUST HAVE:

1. **A Current Working with Children Check Card**
2. **Read and signed the Code of Conduct Declaration**
3. **Completed the on-line Safeguarding Training.**

When you complete this on-line training you will receive a certificate by email. Please forward all documentations to the parish office. Links to the relevant sites are available in the "Safeguarding" section on the parish website.

If you need assistance or for more information contact the
Parish Office of Good Shepherd 7064 3994 or
St Justin's 9401 6335.

REACHOUT MINISTRY

ReachOut Ministry commenced in August 2023 and since then, members of neighborhood cell groups from St Justin's Parish and Good Shepherd Parish meet once a month on an ongoing basis. We are a family group where we move from rows to circles. If you are looking to know the Church community better, grow, laugh and study the scripture, we have a place for you. Our home groups are now opening for new members.

If you require further information or have any queries, please contact St Justin's Parish office: 03 9401 6335, Good Shepherd Parish 03 7064 3994 or e-mail: dgdacruz@yahoo.com.au