Parish Newsletter

One mission, two parishes

Good Shepherd Parish, Mulgrave | Parish of St Justin, Wheelers Hill

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A **19 JULY 2026**

FIRST READING

Wisdom 12:13.16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything,
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.
Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,
you govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your power is there.
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,
and you have given your sons the good hope
that after sin you will grant repentance.

The Word of the Lord.
R: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. **(R.)**

2. All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. **(R.)**

3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

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 13:24-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."'

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy:

> I will speak to you in parables
> and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord.
R: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

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Parish Secretary: Theresa Kim
Parish RE Coordinator: Kath Andraczke
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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Permanent Deacon: Deacon Neil Daculan
Parish Pastoral Council Chair: Jamie Davin
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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, Hyejyung 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: Janice Squires,

Death Anniversary: Hazel Perera, Fowzil Hussain, James Peterson, Anthonio Mele, Nadege Manuel, Keiren.

Please remember them in your prayers.

Next Week's Readings

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

I Kings 3:5.7-12, Romans 8:28-30, Matthew 13:44-52

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.

CHOSEN

NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

What is Chosen?

Chosen is a four-day National Catholic conference for young Australians who are open to encountering God in a real and personal way. It brings together teens (16+), young adults (18–35), and young couples (married up to 5 years).

Over four days, attendees experience:

* *Daily Mass & Eucharistic Adoration*
* *Rallies with live music, theatre and dance*
* *Talks and shared testimonies*
* *Dynamic workshops*
* *Expo of Catholic ministries*
* *Genuine community with young people from across Australia*

We have three streams built for where you are:

Teens (16+): Identity, friendship, prayer, making good choices, navigating pressure as a young Catholic today.

Young Adults (18–35): Discernment, vocation, faith in the workplace, relationships, leadership, living on mission.

Young Couples (18–35, married up to 5 years): Communication, praying as a couple, building unity, navigating challenges together, growing spiritually as a family.

Among our speakers is Dr. Mark Nimo who is the Director of Faith Formation in Chicago, originally from Ghana. Through the Catholic Charismatic Renewal he has ministered in over forty countries across every continent, and now he brings that fire to Australia.

When: 19–22 November 2026

Where: La Trobe University, Bundoora.

Please see the poster in the foyer.

Volunteers Needed

Communion to the Sick

St Justin's Parish is seeking volunteers to bring Holy Communion to parishioners who are sick, elderly, or unable to attend Mass.
If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please contact the Parish Office 9401 6335 for more information.

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

St Justin's & Good Shepherd SUNDAY SCHOOL

For Prep to Yr 6

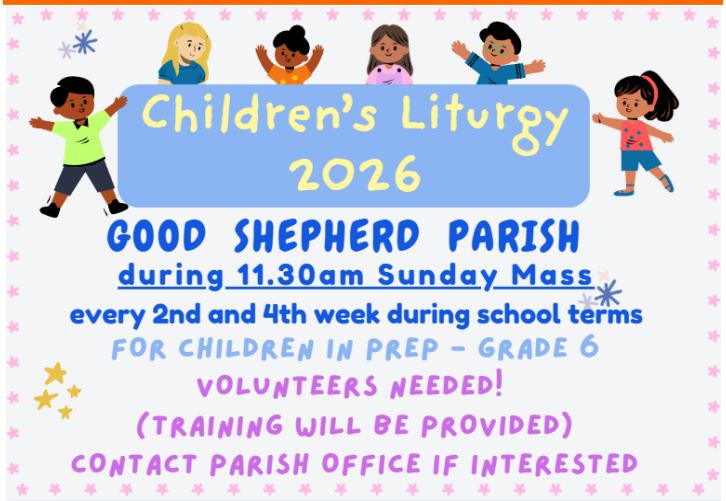
From 10:20 am—11:20 am

Every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month

Venue: Good Shepherd Parish Hall

"Let all the little children come to me"

Matthew 19:14



St. Francis of Assisi ♫ SHOWCASE ♫

COG theatre group is preparing a musical showcase to commemorate the year of St Francis of Assisi so we are looking for those who'd like to use their skills to contribute or are simply curious, eager or interested to help front or backstage. Training is provided so beginners are welcome. All are welcome to join in.
We are holding an orientation for this musical showcase on Sunday **26 of July.**

Contact for further information: cogtheatregroup@gmail.com or 0413 398 528

Or book for further information: https://www.trybooking.com/DNZZS

Funeral at Good Shepherd Parish

Janice Squires

23 July 2026 at 11am

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	Eucharistic Ministers
18/07	5.00 pm	Rochelle Kur	Bosco Menezes	Justin Augustin	Desiree D'Silva, Maria Da Gama, Peter Keogh
19/07	8.30 am	Smitha Pinto	Margaret Seenan	Mary Seenan	Meera D'Souza, Margaret Seenan, Volunteer
19/07	11.30 am	Jyothi Joseph	Naveen Joseph	Klara Baka	Catherine Michael, Klara Baka, Volunteer
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, Meera D'Souza, Gwen Russell
26/07	11.30 am	Naveen J	Teresa Packwood	Klara Baka	Suzanna Pinto, Golda Dcunha, Catherine Michael

COUNTERS: 19/07 Team 3 : Marlene Dias, Odette & Lini Nepolean **27/07 Team 4 :** Max & Margaret Wood

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	Eucharistic Ministers	COUNTERS	ALTAR
18/07	6.30 pm	Joe Persico	Yvette Esteves	Marion Coyle	Lolita Briones, Yvette Esteves	Natalie Uranie
19/07	10.00 am	John Italiano	Mini David	Neil Deacon, Michael Spina		
19/07	5.00 pm	Jerry Yap	Ashleigh D'Souza	Erik Yamin		
25/07	6.30 pm	Bernadine Fdo	Paul Dunne	Ray Coyle	Peter Corteling, 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		

COLLECTIONS	St Justin's	Good Shepherd
Thanksgiving	$ 586.35	$ 598.00
Presbytery	$ 824.10	$ 1363.95

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

ST JUSTIN'S MORNING TEA

On Tuesday 21st July after morning mass (9.15am) cuppa in the Meeting Room. ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

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 please contact the Parish Office of Good Shepherd 7064 3994 or St Justin's 9401 6335.

Fr Christian Fini OMI

Celebrating 25 Years of Priesthood

Join us to celebrate this occasion with a Mass of Thanksgiving

SATURDAY 25 JULY
1:30 PM
Good Shepherd Parish

No presents please. I have everything I need and more. Your presence is the true gift. **- Fr. Christian**

ALL PARISH NEWSLETTER REQUESTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY WEDNESDAY 13:00. ANY REQUESTS RECEIVED AFER THIS TIME WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE FOLLOWING WEEK'S NEWSLETTER. Please email all requests to mulgrave@cam.org.au OR wheelershill@cam.org.au