



# Para Hills Modbury Catholic Parish

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## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

171 KESTERS ROAD,  
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## ST JOHN XXIII CHURCH

50 RESERVOIR RD,  
HOPE VALLEY 5090

## BAPTISMS

BOOKINGS TO BE MADE  
THROUGH THE PARISH OFFICE.

## MARRIAGES

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

## REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S  
(PRIMARY)

CARIGNANE ST,  
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15th March 2026  
4th Sunday of Lent, Year A - Violet

**We acknowledge the Kurna people as the custodians of this region.  
Let us share and learn together for reconciliation and justice.**

## MASS TIMES

**ST JOHN XXIII**  
**Hope Valley**

**Saturday 6pm**  
**Sunday 8am**  
**Tuesday 9.15am**  
(Rosary Before Mass commencing 8.50am)  
**Thursday 9.15am**



**HOLY TRINITY**  
**Para Hills**

**Wednesday 7pm**  
**Friday 9.15am**  
(Adoration Before Mass commencing 8.30am)  
**Saturday 9.15am**  
**Sunday 10am**

**Reconciliation (Confession)**  
**Saturday after 9.15am Mass at Holy Trinity**  
**and 5.30pm at St John XXIII**

## Please Note:

Due to St John XXIII being used as a polling place for the state election on Saturday 21st March Mass will commence at 6.30pm

## Parish Lenten Exercise

During Lent the church encourages all to be involved in the three main disciplines of prayer, fasting OR abstinence and almsgiving OR compassionate charity OR giving to others [or detachment from worldly possessions].

As a parish exercise you are encouraged to arrive for Mass **ten minutes earlier** to spend some time in prayer before the Lord.

**Therefore, we respectfully ask that you leave your chat at the door to allow others to pray and for God to talk to us.**



**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
14th – 15th March 2026

**PROJECT COMPASSION**

Life was hard for Manaini and her children living in rural Fiji. With the support from Caritas Australia's partner, FRIEND, she learnt food processing and gardening skills, improving nutrition and creating new income opportunities to support her children's education.



## Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code. **Or online at:**

[www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate)

**Or by calling: 1800 024 413**

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*



**Readings for Sunday 22nd March 2026  
5th Sunday of Lent, Year A**

1st Reading	Ez	37:12 - 14
2nd Reading	Rom	8:8 - 11
Gospel	Jn	11:1 - 45

**Saints & Feast Days**

17th Mar	St Patrick
18th Mar	St Cyril of Jerusalem
19th Mar	St Joseph

**Our Community's Prayer Petitions**

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST: Please note that names can only be added to this list by immediate family, or the ill person themselves (for reasons of privacy).

**Please Remember in your Prayers**

**Those who are sick:**

Rodger Porter, Michael Proctor, Carolyn Trimboli, Ann Marie Kilvington, Joan Walmsley, Anne Hughes, Helen Zmarek, Riley See, Jayden Lee, Kelly Jordan, Phyllis Truman, Teresa McBride, Margaret Dunn, Clarence Rodericks, Sue Rodericks, Rita Robinson, Theresa Camilleri, Corrie Bowman, Martha Fernandes, Vesna Zagar, Kim Pope, Bruce Tilley, Anne Valentine, Ken Randell, Mary Rose Probst, Emelia Pudelek, Maria Trotta, Lil Buckley, Pat Collins, Margaret Pitt, Darcy Ridley, Anne Van Der Arend, Maria Hand, Emma Gammon, David North, Elijah Neri, Antoinette Pascale, Reta Lockyer, John MacGrath, Betty Roper, Imperia De Ionno, Julie Reimann, Gerry Canavan, Kay Kennedy, Yvonne Summers.

**Recently Deceased:**

Mary De Felice, Verity Knight

**Deceased Anniversaries:**

Paz Arcilla Go

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**  
HQ: 1300 729 202 from 9.00am — 1.00pm  
or [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au)



**St Vincent de Paul  
Modbury Conference**

Just three calls this last week – six adults and a child. Our Gift Card provision, for shopping some perishables to complement the non-perishable groceries we deliver, is still with Drake's and is our major source of expenditure. If you're a Drakes shopper, Vinnies Modbury is listed in the MyDrakes app as a beneficiary. We've been advised that this is now the mechanism for getting assistance with the shopping bags we use for Christmas hampers.

Our needs in the pantry are  
**Two Minute Noodles, Tinned Mixed Veg and Peanut Butter (Small).**

It will greatly help if any or all of these items could be placed in the Vinnies' collection basket.

Vinnie's continues to operate an assistance centre at Para Hills, at the Holy Trinity church hall, by appointment Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:00am to 12:00pm to provide support to our companions. The roster for this two person duty is stretched thin and any volunteer help would be welcome.

**Regional  
Second Rite of Reconciliation**



Tuesday 24th March 7pm,  
St Pius X  
17 Avoca St, Dernancourt

Several priests will be available for individual Reconciliation after communal prayer and preparation.

**Lenten Program**

Thursdays during Lent (starting 19th February)  
7pm at St John XXIII

Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and abstinence so you are invited to put aside the Thursday nights of Lent for an evening of Prayer, each lasting between 30 & 45 minutes. The night will be presented by Fr Kym and the Liturgy Committee

**Liturgy Assistants Roster**

The Liturgy Assistants Roster for March - June 2026 has been prepared and emailed out to Liturgy Assistants. Some hard copies are also available at the back of the church for those who cannot access the rosters electronically. Please keep in mind that as the roster has been distributed, liturgy assistants are responsible for arranging fill-ins if they are unable to fulfill their rostered ministries.

**Anointing of the Sick**

We will have the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick on:

**Tuesday 24th March at  
St John XXIII Mass at 9.15am  
&  
Wednesday 1st April at  
Holy Trinity Church Mass at 7pm**



**Advance Notice Timor - Leste Fundraiser**

Sunday April 19th a fundraising lunch will be held in the Holy Trinity hall from 11.30 a.m. Menu - Chicken, salads and desserts. Cost Adults \$15 and Students \$10. Bookings and payment taken after most masses from 28/29 March or by phoning Marg on 0411 343 126.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

**Diamond Jubilee of  
Holy Trinity Church**

**Holy Trinity Art Work**

As part of our 60th Jubilee celebrations of the Holy Trinity Church, parishioners are welcome to create a piece of art that speaks of the Holy Trinity.

The piece of art is to be displayed in the Holy Trinity Church from Pentecost and through the month of June.

As the artist, you would need to give consideration to where and how the piece of art would be mounted.

Therese Meyers

**New EFTPOS Machines  
At Both Churches!!**

They are placed at the back of the church. You simply need to select the amount you would like to donate and tap your card.

If you would like to use it and need assistance please seek for  
Ann Cotton (6pm Mass)  
John Jarrad (8am Mass)  
Linda Torres (10am Mass).



**Parish Finance Council PFC**

**WANTED!!**

We would like to invite more people to join the counters. If you would like to donate a couple of hours once a month, please contact volunteers at the end of each Mass.

We also thank the current counting team for faithfully serving our church through your ministry of counting and recording the weekly offerings. Your work is often done quietly behind the scenes, yet it is an essential part of the life and stewardship of our congregation.

Parish Finance Council PFC



**Stations of the Cross**

Join us for Stations of the Cross  
7pm at Holy Trinity  
every Friday during Lent.

**2026 Archdiocesan Synod Working Document  
Now Available**

The Working Document for the Synod:  
*A Synodal Church on Mission*, has been published and is available as a PDF and audiobook at  
[www.togetherontheway.au/key-themes](http://www.togetherontheway.au/key-themes).

**STATE ELECTION**

St John XXIII will be a polling booth on election day  
**Saturday 21 March 2026.**

The booth will utilise the church entrance foyer and the western tiled section of the church which will be partitioned off.

Mass that night will commence at 6.30pm.

**Please note:**

St John XXIII will not be a pre-polling booth. The nearest pre-polling booth will be at the Journey Church, 1063 North East Road Ridgehaven.



**EASTER LITURGIES 2026**



**HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS**

**CHRISM MASS ~ Monday 30th March**

6pm at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral,  
Wakefield Street, Adelaide  
(Please note NO onsite car parking will be available.)

**HOLY THURSDAY ~ 2nd April**

**Mass of the Lord's Supper**

7pm at Holy Trinity

After the Mass there will be prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose.

**GOOD FRIDAY ~ 3rd April**

**Stations of the Cross**

10am at Holy Trinity

10am at St John XXIII

**Celebration of the Lord's Passion**

3pm at Holy Trinity

3pm at St John XXIII

**HOLY SATURDAY ~ 4th April**

**Easter Vigil** 7pm at St John XXIII

**PLEASE NOTE: There is no 6pm Mass**

**EASTER SUNDAY ~ 5th April**

**Celebration of the Resurrection**

8am at St John XXIII

10am at Holy Trinity

**Holy Week and Easter Liturgies**

During Lent, our Parish is getting ready for Holy Week and the Easter Triduum.

The Liturgy Committee has prepared sheets listing the volunteer ministries required at the services.

To volunteer for any of the ministries, please add your name to the list at the back of the church **as early as possible, and by 22nd March** at the latest.

We are also looking for people to participate in the Washing of the Feet at the Holy Thursday ceremony. If you are able to participate please add your name to the sign up sheet at the back of the church.

The ministry provided by many people during Holy Week and Easter is highly valued.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

PRAYER MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

<b>Tue</b>	<b>17th Mar</b>	Reach Out	9.45am	<b>St John XXIII</b>
<b>Thu</b>	<b>19th Mar</b>	Lenten Program	7pm	<b>St John XXIII</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>20th Mar</b>	Craft Group	(Cancelled due to Election)	<b>St John XXIII</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>20th Mar</b>	Stations of the Cross	7pm	<b>Holy Trinity</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>21st Mar</b>	Legion of Mary	10am	<b>Holy Trinity</b>



**DEVELOPMENT FUND 2026**

Congratulations to this week's winner

No 79, Jill Brokensha  
Drawn by Sheila Clark

To join, or for more information, please contact:  
Barbara Mathews 8258 8806

**Cathedral Light Show – Adelaide Fringe**

St Francis Xavier's Cathedral is set to be illuminated like never before as part of an immersive light experience to be staged during the 2026 Fringe. Titled 'Cathedral Chiaroscuro', entry to the event will be from 8.30pm to 9.30pm nightly (except Mondays), with architecturally mapped projections accompanied by a classical and choral music soundtrack. Audience members can move around the Cathedral to view the projections from different angles and expected 'dwell time' is about 15 minutes. Tickets range from \$10 for preview nights to \$15 (February 20-March 22).  
To book, visit: [adelaidefringe.com.au](http://adelaidefringe.com.au)

**Birthline Pregnancy Support**

Do you have a heart for supporting women facing crisis during pregnancy or pregnancy loss? Birthline is seeking compassionate volunteers to become Telephone Counsellors. No prior counselling experience is required — full training is provided through a FREE 10-week Telephone Counselling Course, held Wednesdays, 7–9pm, commencing 29 April 2026.  
Enquiries: [birthline@birthline.org.au](mailto:birthline@birthline.org.au) (preferred) or call (08) 8331 1223 to leave your contact details for a call back.  
Website: [www.birthline.org.au](http://www.birthline.org.au)

**Cathedral Pipe Organ Recitals During Fringe 2026**

See the Cathedral organ showcased by a select group of organ maestros in a series of free lunch time recitals.  
Wednesday March 18, 1pm – Val Estrella  
Sunday March 22, 1pm – Young Organists



**SAFETY FIRST**

Please remember the carparks are shared zones and for safety the speed limit is 10kph (walking pace).

**REACH OUT  
Tuesday 17th March 2026**

This coming Tuesday, 17th March, Reach Out members and friends are invited to our Lenten reflection meeting after the 9.15am Mass at St John XXIII. Our discussion will focus on John's Gospel for the 5th Sunday of Lent, John 11:1-45, 'Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead'. Copies of this Gospel will be provided on the day so that all attending can read, reflect on and share in discussion (over a 'cuppa') our continuing Lenten journey.

**Special reminder...**

As Tuesday 17th March is also St Patrick's Feast Day, please bring along some related songs, stories, poems, prayers and any Irish family memorabilia to share, and, if you wish, wear something Green to celebrate the Irish heritage and festive tradition of this special day.

Maureen Kenny  
Reach Out President  
Mobile: 0418 821 859

**POSITIVE MANAGEMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT**

To all members of our Parish. Para Hills Modbury Parish supports correct recycling of items into the Recycle Yellow bin and the Green Waste bin. The Council has supplied new fridge magnets which display what items go into which bin. These magnets are located on the fridges in both Parish Centres. You can help by checking the lists to ensure that items go into the correct bin. Items that are not on the lists go into the normal red rubbish bins.  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
MARCH BABIES**

- 16th Mar Joe Viceban
- 18th Mar Paul Gallagher  
Les Ost
- 19th Mar Anne Valentine



**THE SOUTHERN CROSS**

The latest edition of the Southern Cross is available from both Mass Centres at a cost of just \$2 or online at [www.thesoutherncross.org.au](http://www.thesoutherncross.org.au)