



# PARA HILLS MODBURY CATHOLIC PARISH

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1st Sunday of Advent — Year B (Violet)

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## Holy Trinity Church

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## John XXIII Church

50 Reservoir Rd, Hope Valley 5090

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY  
CELEBRATED AT 6PM &  
10AM MASSES.**

## BAPTISMS

Celebrated EITHER during the  
6pm, 8am & 10 am Masses on  
the 2nd Sun of the month OR  
11.30am at Holy Trinity  
12noon at John XXIII  
(Alternately on 4th Sun)  
Bookings to be made through  
the Parish Office.

## MARRIAGES

By appointment only.

## REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

**St Francis Xavier's**  
(Primary) 8251 9500  
Carignane St,  
Wynn Vale 5127

**Gleeson College**  
(Secondary) 8282 6600  
40-60 Surrey Farm Drive,  
Golden Grove 5125

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



## Parish Mass Times

**Saturday Vigil 6pm John XXIII Church**

**Sunday 8am John XXIII Church,**

**10am Holy Trinity Church**

**Reconciliation (Confession) 5.30pm Sat at John XXIII and  
after 9.15am Mass on 1st Sat. of the Month at Holy Trinity.**

## Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

3rd St Francis Xavier

4th St John Damascene

6th St Nicholas



**“Begin over again....be awake...  
Wait for God in patient hope.”**

Today is the beginning of a new Church year, and once again Advent comes around. The word “advent” reminds us to look forward to something. Half the fun of something is the anticipation of it. For many children it is the anticipation of getting some new toy, and for many adults it is the anticipation of seeing relatives and friends and having a good time. Unfortunately, because of the furore in the marketplace today, there are some who do not look forward to Christmas or any holiday, but only have anxiety for it. If Advent has to be a great season we need to put into perspective what it is that we really look forward to, and strip away all those false expectations and anxieties created by the marketing and the media. The four Sundays in Advent remind us of why we are really here, what we really should be looking forward to and figuring out how we can get more love in our lives. Today’s lessons for the first Sunday of Advent have no expectant young Mary, no joyful song of justice. The baby Jesus is nowhere to be seen, not even as a twinkle in someone’s eye. On this first day of the church’s year when we look at the readings we are to really wonder! Are we back at the end? Is the end of time what Advent is about? The lessons today speak of judgment and sin in a way we cannot avoid. Entering this season we cannot deny the wounds of the world or our own. We know our brokenness; perceive our need for God, our incompleteness. You and I have been through many Advent seasons, but maybe the job we have been asked to do is changed. Maybe we are asked to show our love and our charity more in anticipation of the master coming home. Let’s not sleep on the job, then. Stay awake to times that we can prove our love for neighbour, that we can do service to others, that we can provide peace to others in their misery, pain and grieving.

Be awake to the opportunities that will show themselves in our love to be Christ to others. It is that vigilance, that active waiting, which Jesus seems to ask for today, as we await his coming as an innocent, powerless child on Christmas day. I hope we are all up to it as part of our advent observance to balance out the messages of media and marketing or else we will fail just like the Jews who failed to find the awaited messiah in the very ordinary Jesus.

## The Blessing of the Crib



**If you would like your Crib blessed please bring  
it along to Mass next weekend.**

Readings for 7th December 2014

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

2nd Reading: Peter 3:8-14

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

### KIDS CORNER

## First week of Advent



If you had a friend or a relative coming to your house and no-one knows that they are coming. How would you prepare? How would they feel if they waited? Would you be asleep when the visitors arrived? What if the visitor was to be Jesus himself?

Mark's Gospel says "Stay Awake" you never know when Jesus is coming. The first week of Advent is a waiting and a preparing time for Jesus to come to us as a baby. Let's prepare for this joyful time, help your family at home with the preparations. Helping your parents or guardians is one of, if not the best present you can give to them.

### Prayer:

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!

### Little Blue Book

*Little Blue Books are once more available and will be sold at both Masses at John XXIII this weekend for \$ 4-00.*

They are also available at the Parish Office during the week. For all enquiries please contact Pauline Lai on 8264 7590.

### COLUMBAN CALENDAR

The 2015 Columban Calendar is now available from the Parish Office & at weekend Masses for only \$9.00.

### Our Community's Prayer Petitions During December

**PLEASE NOTE: THE NAMES ON THE SICK LIST WILL REMAIN FOR TWO MONTHS ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED.**

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, especially:

Fr. Jim Sayers, Ursula Spencer, Fiona Power, Elizabeth Meikle, Rita Robinson, Cathy Sharkey, Frances Davies, Pauline Fuller, Eileen Ryan, Gary Lockyer, David Bird, Yvonne Summers, Darcy Ridley, Joy Almeida, Marie Bakaj, Brett Speed, Jennifer Francou, Owen Cannard, Regan Barry, John Cherry, Dudley Dolman, Anastazia Proc, Fr. Michael Walsh, Pat Feutrill, Paul Holmes, Michael Lochhead, Margaret Scott, Christopher Malone, Odette Dotter, Felix Williams, Kay Kennedy.

#### Those Recently Deceased

Richard McDonald

### What's happening during DECEMBER 2014



[J23 = John XXIII Church, HT = Holy Trinity Church]  
[LWHC = Liturgy of the Word with Communion]

- Mon 1st** LWHC, 9.15am, HT  
Friendship Bowls, 1pm-3.30pm, J23  
Legion of Mary (Jr), 4pm-5pm, HT  
R.E., 4pm-5pm, HT  
Advent Program, 7.30pm-9pm, J23 & HT
- Tues 2nd** MASS, 7pm, J23  
LWHC, 9.15am, HT  
Reach Out, 9.45am, J23  
Legion of Mary, 12.30pm-2pm, HT
- Wed 3rd** MASS, 9.15am, HT  
OFFICE CLOSED ALL DAY  
Over 50's, 12.30pm-3.30pm, HT
- Thur 4th** MASS, Modbury Hospital, 11am  
Christian Meditation, 2pm, J23
- Fri 5th** MASS, 9.15 am, HT  
LWHC, 9.15am, J23  
Craft Group, 9.30am—12noon, J23  
Holy Hour, 3pm, HT  
Two Hearts 8pm-4am, with Mass at 9pm & 3am Mass, HT
- Sat 6th** MASS 1st Saturday Mass, 9.15am, HT  
MASS, 6pm, J23  
Legion of Mary, 10-11.30am, HT  
Blessing of the Cribs, J23 & HT
- Sun 7th** MASS, 8am, J23  
MASS, 10am, HT

### Anointing of the Sick

We will have the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at all Masses, on 13th & 14th December. Parishioners, 65 years and upwards would be prime candidates but obviously younger people who may have health issues, be they physical, emotional etc., may like to present themselves also.

So if you are younger and there is nothing really of concern, you don't need to receive the Sacrament of Anointing at present.

***If there are people at home who require anointing but not able to attend, please call the office to arrange a visit from Fr Manu.***

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

# Our Community News . . .



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

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL



"Whenever you do this...  
You do it unto Me" [Matthew 25 v 40]

We are extending opportunities for you to take tags from the Giving Tree for another week. We are very much in need of gifts for ladies and gentlemen as well as food. All items to be placed under the tree by next week-end. Please do **NOT** wrap any items. Thank-you.

## REACH OUT

Tuesday 2nd December, 2014  
Mass 9.15am at J23 followed by a cuppa  
Reader: Wayne C  
Offertory: Pat C & Pam R  
Communion: Margaret E & Maureen F  
Altar Server: Ian

**All Welcome**



## DEVELOPMENT FUND

Congratulations Anne-Michelle Howell  
Ticket No. 85  
Drawn by Jim Bell  
Contact: Marg Dolman 8264 1317  
to be included in the draw.

## Happy Birthday November/December Babies

28th Christine Healey  
29th Anne Richards  
2nd Mark Ager  
4th John Dini Junior  
5th Delice Regan  
7th Patricia Collins



## OFFICE CLOSURE



**THE PARISH  
OFFICE WILL BE  
CLOSED  
On WEDNESDAY  
3RD DECEMBER, 2014  
Due to our Annual Staff  
Team Planning Day.**



## FIRST SATURDAY MASS

December 6th 2014, 9.15am  
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH  
Holy Rosary for PEACE in the world.  
Commencing at 8.45am  
with Acts of Consecration,  
the Sacred Heart of Jesus and  
the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
with the Sacrament of Penance.  
Please bring a SINGLE flower  
for Our Holy Mother  
*"In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph"*  
( Our Lady of Fatima 1917 )

## CHRISTMAS STALL

To raise much needed funds for the parish,  
a stall will be held on Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> December  
after the 6pm Mass and on Sun.  
14<sup>th</sup> December after the 8am Mass at  
John XXIII Mass centre.  
Donations of food and NEW goods/crafts  
would be appreciated.  
We also need  
Volunteers to assist on the stall.  
Please advise the office staff  
if you can help out.  
Donations can be left  
at the Parish Office  
or bring them on the day.



## TO ALL LITURGY ASSISTANTS

Should you intend being absent/away from  
the Parish during the months of  
January and/or February 2015,  
please contact the Liturgy Assistants Roster  
Organisers, Greg and Leonie Dew on: 8265 -1566  
or Mobile No. 0411 774 510  
**on or before** the 30th November, 2014.  
"If we do not hear from you by then we shall presume  
you will be able to fulfil your Ministry if/when Rostered  
on during those months".

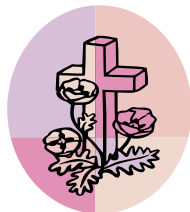
## FLOWERS



There will be no flowers  
during the Season of Advent. All  
donations will go towards  
the Christmas arrangements. We  
take this opportunity to thank all  
those who loyally contributed  
money during the year.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.**

## November - The Month of Remembrance



November is the month when we as the Church remember those of our family, friends and parishioners who have died. We especially remember those who have gone to their heavenly reward this past year. During November Fr Manu, Fr Jack and Fr Peter will pray and offer up intentions for the beloved deceased family and friends of:

Morrison & Moses Families

*"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be freed from their sins." 11 Machabees 12:46*

### "WHAT IS MARRIAGE"

#### "What Are You Talking About?"

Finding it hard knowing what to say in conversations about marriage with your family and friends? Take a copy of the *What Is Marriage* brochure that explains the simple facts about marriage in everyday language. Let's educate the world one person at a time!

RELIGIOUS ITEMS, CARDS, STATUES ARE ON SALE AFTER 10AM MASS EACH SUNDAY AT HOLY TRINITY MASS CENTRE, PARA HILLS. VISIT OUR DISPLAY CABINET WHICH CAN BE FOUND IN THE ROOM AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH.

Contact Person:

Sheila Clark, phone 8264 5661

### Pub Theology

DATE: Monday 1 December 2014  
TIME: 6.30pm (dinner), 7.30pm (talk)  
VENUE: Rob Roy Hotel, 106 Halifax St, Adelaide  
SPEAKER: Deng Chuor  
This event is for ages 18-35  
Any age for priests and religious!



### Upcoming events in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral:

**Wednesday December 3**, 5.45pm – St Francis Xavier's Feast Day  
**Friday December 5**, 5.45pm – Ministry Formation Program end of year Mass  
**Saturday December 6**, 10am – Blessing of the Animals at St Patrick's Church  
**Tuesday December 9**, 12.10pm – Catholic Charities Thanksgiving Mass followed by Expo in Mary MacKillop Plaza

#### More events:

<http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/news-and-events/upcoming-events>



## FOUND

A key and a gold chain has been found at Holy Trinity Church. If you have lost either of these items please contact the office on 8264 7590

## DIARY DATES

Please send in your Diary Dates for next year to the Parish Office no later than 12th DECEMBER

Thank you to all the groups who have sent their diary dates in to me so far.

**Jill Brokensha**  
**Parish Secretary**

## A JOURNEY OF FAITH DURING ADVENT

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December and 8<sup>th</sup> December. Both at John XXIII and Holy Trinity Churches. Starting at 7.30 for a 9 pm finish. Topics will be Prayer, Discernment, Holiness and Evangelization. A gold coin donation to cover the cost of stationery would be appreciated.

Contact Grace Healey for more information on 82647590



## CHUCKLE CORNER



Working people frequently ask us retired people what we do to make our days interesting. Well, for example, just the other day my wife and I went into town to do some shopping. When we came out, there was a parking meter cop writing out a parking ticket. We went up to him and I said, 'Come on, man, how about giving a senior citizen a break?' He ignored me and continued writing the ticket I called him a jerk. He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn-out tires. So my wife called him a stuffed shirt. He finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first. Then he started writing more tickets.

This went on for about 20 minutes. The more we abused him, the more tickets he wrote. Just then our bus arrived, and we got on it and went home

**We try to have a little fun each day now that we're retired. It's important at our age.**

