



PARA HILLS MODBURY CATHOLIC PARISH

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2nd Sunday of Advent — Year B (Violet)

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**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

8th The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

11th St Damasus

12th Our Lady of Guadalupe

13th St Lucy

“The call in the Wilderness: change and be comforted ...”

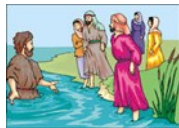
In the wilderness the call of the prophet comes to us today: “Comfort, comfort my people. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem.” For most of the people John preached too, life was a hard enough struggle already, without this rather bizarre figure appearing from nowhere and telling them that they all needed to repent and change their ways of life. But the ordinary people at that time took his fierce and accusatory message seriously and welcomed it, because they recognised John's special calling. John was able to speak with great moral authority about doing penance because he himself was living a lifestyle of repentance, in a way that nobody could criticise. Christian life has to include these two basic elements of John's spirituality, message and practice. But today we have come to a tendency that as Christians we can have the same way of life and the same values that everyone else has in our society and a lot of the discussion about 'modernising' in the Church is really a code for accommodating and compromising with the values of consumer capitalism, rather than remaining faithful to our alternative way of life. So when we listen to the message of hope and promise today; the call is clear, it is to change our ways and return to God. Yes, this message does not come to us in the comfortable places of our homes and families but in the wilderness of uncertain, difficult times in which we live. We have members who have lost their jobs; many of us have seen our incomes shrink. We are in the midst of economic downturn and all of that brings fear and uncertainty as well. We aren't sure whether anyone is willing to confront the problems we face as a society. It might seem that like John we are in a wilderness, with little to hope for. Here there is a promise of a new beginning. But we need to remember that Jesus came, not in clouds of glory to transform the universe, but as a baby to a couple who were homeless. The love he brought came into a world that rejected him. We hear John crying in the wilderness, we experience the wilderness of our own lives and the wilderness of our culture. To hope in God's coming in that wilderness does not mean that everything will change. The message is clear what is most important is changing one's own ways; we need to make straight our paths. May this Advent be for us a word of comfort in the midst of the desert.

Fr. Manu Kumbidiyamackal

Readings for 14th December 2014
 1st Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11
 2nd Reading: Thessalonians 5:16-24
 Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

KIDS CORNER

John the Baptist at the River Jordan



John the Baptist was a great prophet who called for people to prepare their hearts for the coming of the Messiah (Jesus Christ the son of God). John the Baptist lived a simple life, dressed in homespun camel hair tied with a leather thong around the waist. He prepared and baptised people in the river Jordan. Fr Manu will be baptising a baby girl named, Renee Hope Berry at the Saturday night mass. If you are at the 6 p.m. Mass, listen to what Fr Manu asks the parents and God parents and keep watch for the symbols of Baptism. You may ask your parents what the symbols are and why they are used in Baptism.



Prayer:



Second week of Advent

O, God, as light comes from this second candle, may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us, warming our hearts and brightening our way.
 May Christ our Savior bring life into the darkness of this world, and to us, as we wait for his coming.
 Amen.

PLEASE NOTE

MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER
MASS will be celebrated 11.30am
at Holy Trinity Church for the feast of
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed
Virgin Mary.

There will NOT be Liturgy of the Word with
Holy Communion at Holy Trinity
due to the Mass.

The Rosary and other prayers will be said
after Mass until 1pm.

Happy Birthday December Babies



10th Rosalind Lucy Bell
 11th Katrina Lineage
 12th Ann-Marie Lineage, Rohent Giebel
 13th Vera Slater, Margaret Giebel
 14th Frank Gavini, Alice Craig

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:

Gaetana Grima, 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 8th **MASS**, 11.30am, 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 9th **MASS**, 9.15am, J23
LWHC, 9.15am, HT
 Legion of Mary, 12.30pm-2pm, HT

Wed 10th **MASS**, 7pm, HT
 Over 50's, 12.30pm-3.30pm, HT

Thur 11th **MASS**, Modbury Hospital, 11am
 Christian Meditation, 2pm, J23

Fri 12th **MASS**, 9.15 am, HT
LWHC, 9.15am, J23
 Holy Hour, 3pm, HT

Sat 13th **MASS**, 6pm, J23
 Legion of Mary, 10-11.30am, HT
ANOINTING OF THE SICK, J23
 Youth Group Bowling night

Sun 14th **MASS**, 8am, J23
ANOINTING OF THE SICK, J23
MASS, 10am, HT
ANOINTING OF THE SICK. HT

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS **& CHOIR PRACTICE**



Children are invited to join the Children's Choir for Christmas Eve Mass at 6.30pm, Holy Trinity Church.
 Practice will be at John XXIII starting from 6pm—7.30pm, on the 12th of December please come along.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, let us see your kindness and grant us your salvation.

Our Community News . . .



ST VINCENT DE PAUL
HQ: 1300 729 202 from 9.00 — 1.00pm
or www.vinnies.org.au

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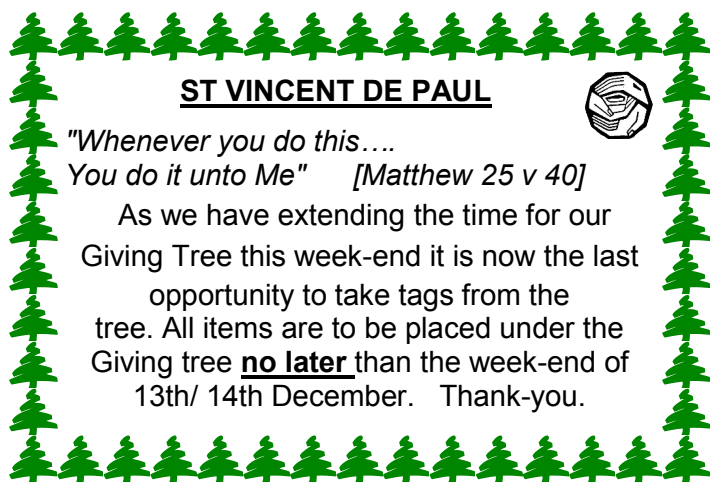
*"Whenever you do this....
You do it unto Me" [Matthew 25 v 40]*

Last weekend we began our "Advent Season" a time for us all to focus on the birth of baby Jesus and our own families. This weekend we commence our annual Christmas Appeal, you will find envelopes on the seats within our church, could you please assist in helping us to brighten Christmas for those families within our area who are for various reasons doing it tough and facing a bleak Christmas.

To be able to bring joy and a smile on the faces is a true "Gift" from us all.

Could you please place your envelopes in the second collection basket either this week or next week.

Grateful thanks and God Bless.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL



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You do it unto Me" [Matthew 25 v 40]*

As we have extending the time for our Giving Tree this week-end it is now the last opportunity to take tags from the tree. All items are to be placed under the Giving tree **no later** than the week-end of 13th/ 14th December. Thank-you.

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 on 8264 7590 to arrange a visit from Fr Manu.

TREASURE MARKET

Second Saturday of each month

8am to 12noon

Next: 13th December

John XXIII Centre

Sellers \$6—Buyers free!

PLEASE SEND SMALLER GOODS OUR WAY,

THEY CAN BE LEFT ON THE SHELVES IN THE

MARKET WALKWAY

OR IN THE BOX AT THE BACK OF JOHN XXIII CHURCH, ALSO IN A BOX IN THE CRY ROOM AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.

All monies raised from the Market are donated to the Parish.

WE CAN NO LONGER ACCEPT LARGE ITEMS SUCH AS TV's, MATTRESSES, SOFAS, LOUNGE CHAIRS & WARDROBES AS WE ARE NOT ABLE TO SELL THEM.

Youth Group Evening

13th December 2014

Bowling night is on the 13th December, starting with Mass at John XXIII at 6 p.m. then after at the Ingle Farm Bowling Club.

I have had two responses to the Youth Bowling night at Ingle Farm please contact Grace on: 8264 7590, if you want to go because booking needs to be finalised by the 8th of December.

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP

Lighting up the Church's surroundings at John XXIII and Holy Trinity for Christmas with Christmas Lights.

We would like a donation of Solar Coloured Lights from parishioners who wish to be able to donate to make a Festive atmosphere at Christmas.

Please contact the Parish Office on: 8264 7590 if you can help



DEVELOPMENT FUND

Congratulations Doreen Mills
Ticket No. 49

Drawn by Anne-Michelle Howell

Contact: Marg Dolman 8264 1317
to be included in the draw.



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.**

Christmas Tree Festival at the Uniting Church
Milne Road Banksia Park
"Christ for All Nations"

Thanks to all your support, three things were achieved.

1. Celebrating the real meaning of Christmas with the community, with an estimated attendance of **over 2,000** attending.
2. Show many local community groups and churches all working together with at least **11 churches & 13 schools** taking part.
3. Supporting our local Christian Pastoral Workers with approx **\$21,500 raised** in the 3 days. A great encouragement for all those involved.

Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way, and to all those who promoted and attended this great event.

Mostyn Krollig
SMTTG secretary

Community Garden

The rainwater tank went in at the right time we have had some rain, thank goodness and we could do with some more. I want to thank the Reach Out group for donating funds for a hose reel.

The garden is doing well lots of silverbeet, still in the garden to share. Tomatoes are looking good.

They will be ripening soon and ready for picking. If you want to join the community garden group, come a long on Saturday the 20th December at 9.30 a.m. If you have any ideas for the garden please email me

paramodcatholic@adam.com.au
attention Grace.



CHRISTMAS STALL

To raise much needed funds for the parish, a stall will be held on Sat. 13th December

after the 6pm Mass and on Sun. 14th 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.



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 8th December. Both at John XXIII and Holy Trinity Churches. Starting at 7.30 for a 9 pm finish. A gold coin donation to cover the cost of stationery would be appreciated. Contact Grace Healey for more information on 82647590

COLUMBAN CALENDAR

Parishioners from Holy Trinity who have missed out on purchasing the Columban Calendar for 2015 you can purchase them from the Parish Office. The calendars are on sale at weekend Masses at John XXIII for only \$9.00.

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.

THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The December edition of the Southern Cross is now available. Only \$2

Please Support Your Local Catholic Newspaper.

CHUCKLE CORNER



Pontius Who?

At Sunday school, the younger children were drawing pictures illustrating Biblical stories. The teacher walked by and noticed one little boy was drawing an airplane!

"Oh, what Bible story are you drawing?" she asked.

"This is the Flight into Egypt," the little boy answered.

"See, here is Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus. And this," he said, pointing to the front of the plane, **"is Pontius. He's the Pilot."**