



PARA HILLS MODBURY CATHOLIC PARISH

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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.**



MASS TIMES

JOHN XXIII, Hope Valley
Tuesday 9.15am, Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8am

HOLY TRINITY, Para Hills
Wednesday 7pm, Friday 9.15am, Sunday 10am
First Saturday of the Month 9.15am

MODBURY HOSPITAL
(Recommences Thursday February 12th, 2015)

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



CHRISTMAS MASSES

**Christmas Eve - Wednesday
24th December**

6.30pm - Family Mass at Holy Trinity

8.30pm - Mass at John XXIII

MIDNIGHT MASS at John XXIII

**Christmas Day - Thursday
25th December**

9am Mass at Holy Trinity

9am Mass at John XXIII

OFFICE HOURS CHRISTMAS WEEK

MONDAY 22nd DECEMBER—CLOSED

TUESDAY 23rd DECEMBER—9am-12noon

WEDNESDAY 24th DECEMBER—CLOSED UNTIL MONDAY 5TH JANUARY 2015



PARISH OFFICE HOURS FOR JANUARY 2015

**THE PARISH OFFICE HOURS FROM
MONDAY 5TH JANUARY UNTIL FRIDAY
23RD JANUARY, 2015 WILL ONLY BE
9.00AM—12.00PM.**

Readings for 28th December 2014
1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14
2nd Reading: Colossians 3:12-21
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

23rd St John of Kanty
25th The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day) Holy Day
26th St Stephen, The First Martyr
27th St John, Apostle & Evangelist
28th The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE

**On the 21st December at 6.30pm
At Holy Trinity Church.
Please as many children as possible
come along and sing.
Grace Healey: 8264 7590.**



**LITURGY ASSISTANTS FOR
CHRISTMAS MASSES**

Helpers are needed for the Christmas Masses. If you are able to help in any of the ministries please add your name to the Rosters that are at the back of the church.

PLEASE NOTE

**THERE WILL BE NO MASS CELEBRATED
AT THE MODBURY HOSPITAL
UNTIL 12TH FEBRUARY 2015**

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

Shirley Walker (Sally Ryan's Mother)

What's happening during DECEMBER 2014



[LWHC = Liturgy of the Word with Communion]

Mon 22nd LWHC, 9.15am, Holy Trinity
Children's Christmas Choir Practice, 2pm, Holy Trinity
Tues 23rd LWHC, 9.15am, Holy Trinity
Legion of Mary, 12.30pm-2pm, Holy Trinity
Wed 24th FAMILY MASS, 6.30pm, Holy Trinity
MASS, 8.30pm, John XXIII
MIDNIGHT MASS, John XXIII
Thur 25th MASS, 9am, John XXIII
MASS, 9am, Holy Trinity
Fri 26th Holy Hour, 3pm, Holy Trinity
Sat 27th Legion of Mary, 10 -11.30am, Holy Trinity

PLEASE NOTE

**THERE WILL BE NO LITURGY OF THE WORD
WITH COMMUNION AT HOLY TRINITY
ON THE 29TH DECEMBER AND
THE 26TH JANUARY 2015**

CHRISTMAS PRACTICE

Christmas is only three more sleeps.

Don't forget!!

Practice 2pm Monday the 22nd December,
Holy Trinity Church

Cnr 3 James and Kesters Rd. Para Hills.

Children's Mass at 6.30 pm at Holy Trinity
Church, Christmas Eve.

Children can wear Shepherds or Angel
costumes to mass.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Our Community News . . .



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

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS

Three collections are taken up at each Mass over Christmas. The monies are divided up between the Presbytery Fund (Priests), the Parish, Parish Building Maintenance.

Christmas Offering (envelopes): go into the Presbytery Fund to support priests. Envelopes are available if you are not part of our regular Thanksgiving Program.

We appreciate your generosity.

Fr Manu



TO ALL LITURGY ASSISTANTS

The New Roster is now available, please pick up the one with **YOUR NAME** on it.

The Roster runs from the weekend of 3rd/4th January 2015 through to the weekend of 28th/29th March 2015.

Please arrange your own swap if unable to fulfill your Ministry when rostered, and for all other Roster information please contact Greg and Leonie Dew, whose telephone number is on your Roster.

PLEASE NOTE

THERE WILL BE NO BULLETINS PRINTED DURING JANUARY. THE FIRST BULLETIN FOR 2015 WILL BE ISSUED ON THE WEEK-END, SUNDAY 25th JANUARY.

Please send in any notices that need to be placed in this first bulletin to be received by Tuesday 20th January.

PLEASE NOTE

THERE WILL BE NO LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH COMMUNION AT JOHN XXIII FROM THE 19TH DECEMBER RESUMING 9TH JANUARY 2015

Father Manu's Christmas Message

As the Holy Christmas Season comes round each year, the message of Jesus, who is light in the midst of darkness, echoes once more from the manger of Bethlehem in the ears of all of us and re-echoes in our hearts with an ever new freshness of joy and piety. It is a message which lights up with heavenly truth a world that is plunged in darkness by fatal errors. The church bells, which announce this message in every continent recall the gift which God made to mankind. I spend one more Christmas far from my country, far from my family, yet I cannot truthfully say that I feel far from home. The friendships I have here over the past two years of ministry and the sentiment of unity in the common cause of all of you who kneel at the same altar, I feel a sense of unity and fraternal association which, added to the kindness of your welcome, convinces me that I am a part of your celebration and share your Christmas joys. At this moment I wish to say a big thanks to all who have contributed their time and energy in the parish.

I appreciate the presence of Fr. Peter who was the parish priest till July 2014 and Fr. Jack who assists in all what we do in the parish. Fr. Peter celebrates his 50th anniversary of the ordination on the 3rd of July 2015. We thank God for the gift of Fr. Peter as a priest for the last 50 years. We need to really make this a milestone in the life of Fr. Peter into a memorable one. Thanks to all who assist with the liturgy, those who take Holy Communion to the sick, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Legion of Mary, those who take RE and children's liturgy and all who are rostered to assist with the liturgy. Thanks to church cleaners, maintenance and grounds people, money counters and bankers, those who work so hard for the treasure market, craft group and craft fair, indeed anyone who assisted in any way. This year we had two great events: The canonisation of John XXIII and the retirement celebration of Fr. Peter. By God's grace through your great efforts everything went on well. Thanks to all involved who worked hard to make the celebrations so successful.

My thanks to our office staff – Grace Healey, Sindi Kinloch, Pauline Lai and Jill Brokensha, they contribute greatly to the life of the parish.

Thanks also to all who do a lot of voluntary work at the parish office and for the success of everything that happens in the life of the parish. Many of our dear parishioners have left for their eternal reward in the heavenly abode during the past year and we commend them all to the care of the lord once again. Once again I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a bright prosperous New Year.

God bless Fr. Manu Kumbidiyamackal

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.**



WHY JESUS IS BETTER THAN SANTA CLAUS

Santa lives at the North Pole ...**JESUS is everywhere.**
Santa rides on a sleigh ...**JESUS rides on the wind and walks on the water.**
Santa comes but once a year...**JESUS is an ever present help.**
Santa fills your stockings with goodies...**JESUS supplies all your needs.**
Santa comes down the chimney uninvited...**JESUS stands at your door and knocks and then enters your heart.**
You have to wait in line to see Santa...**JESUS lets you rest in His arms.**
Santa doesn't know your name, all he can say is: "Hi little boy or girl, what's your name?"

JESUS knew our name before we did. Not only does he know our name, He knows our address too. He knows our history and future and He even knows how many hairs are on our heads.

Santa has a belly like a bowl full of jelly**JESUS has a heart full of love.**
All Santa can offer is HO HO HO**JESUS offers health, help and hope.**
All Santa says is "You better not cry".....**JESUS says "Cast all your cares on me for I care for you".**
Santa's little helpers make toys**JESUS makes new life, mends wounded hearts, repairs broken homes and builds mansions.**
Santa may make you chuckle but**JESUS gives you joy that is your strength.**
While Santa puts gifts under the tree**JESUS became our gift and died on the tree.**

**It is obvious there is really no comparison. We need to remember WHO Christmas is about.
We need to put Christ back in Christmas, Jesus is still the reason for the season.
Yes, Jesus is better, he is even better than Santa Claus.
Merry Christmas.**

*May all families have a holy blessed Christmas
and may the year of 2015
bring joy and happiness to you all.*



Happy Birthday December Babies

24th Noel O'Reilly, Gail Martin
25th Ursula Moore
26th Natalie Green, David Truman



DEVELOPMENT FUND

Congratulations John Jarrad
Ticket No. 23
Drawn by Pauline Lai for Kathryn Hudson
Contact: Marg Dolman 8264 1317
to be included in the draw.



COME AND HAVE A CUPPA AFTER MASS

We will resume at the end of January.
If people would like to donate biscuits or cake it would be most appreciated. Please inform the office if you are donating an item.
We would also like helpers to make this possible, at John XXIII and Holy Trinity.
Please contact the Parish Office on: 8264 7590.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Trevor Thompson who has worked on the Men's toilet ceiling this year. Trevor worked on between his own work commitments.

PILGRIMAGE REFLECTION

Fr Jack will do a little Pilgrim reflection with slides and stories of the Holy Land visit. Pilgrims have been invited and those who celebrated the Spiritual Pilgrimage at home may like to come and join us as we reflect on our pilgrimage.
It will be held **TODAY**, Sunday 21st December at John XXIII 50 Reservoir Road, Hope Valley at 2pm, please bring some afternoon tea.

CHRISTMAS STALL

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated items and money. Thank you also to parishioners who helped on the stall Saturday night and Sunday morning.
\$253.00 was raised for the parish and \$111.00 for Maliana diocese, East Timor.
"God lives and works in our Community"