



# PARA HILLS MODBURY CATHOLIC PARISH

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## St 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, OR ON OUR  
WEBSITE

## 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.**

## ST JOHN XXIII

Hope Valley

Monday 9.15am

Tuesday 9.15am

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 8am

## MASS TIMES



**MODBURY HOSPITAL  
THURSDAY MASS 11am**

## HOLY TRINITY

Para Hills

Wednesday 7pm

Friday 9.15am

(Adoration Before Friday  
Mass commencing 8.30am)

Saturday 9.15am

Sunday 10am

## Prayer Meetings and Devotions

Reconciliation (Confession) Saturdays

after 9.15am Mass at Holy Trinity and at 5.30pm at St John XXIII

Wed	2nd Sept	Holy Cloak of St Joseph	7.30pm	Holy Trinity
Thu	3rd Sept	Christian Meditation	2pm	St John XXIII
Fri	4th Sept	Holy Hour	3 - 4pm,	Holy Trinity
		Two Hearts	8pm- 4am, with Mass at 9pm & 3am	Holy Trinity
Sat	5th Sept	First Saturday Mass	9.15am	Holy Trinity

## OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

Mon	31st Aug	Indoor Bowls, 1pm - 3.30pm, St John XXIII
Tue	1st Sept	Reach Out, 9.45am, St John XXIII
Wed	2nd Sept	Seniors Social Club, 1pm - 3.30pm, Holy Trinity
Fri	4th Sept	Craft, 9.30am - 12pm, St John XXIII

## THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Please collect your Thanksgiving Envelopes from the back of the church  
today. **Please check your number on the envelope with your letter.**

This saves the Parish having to mail them out to you.

If you wish to join the Thanksgiving Program  
please contact the Parish Office.

**If you wish to change the way you give:**

To Direct Debit or Credit Card it is not too late,  
please contact Pauline at the Parish Office on: 8264 7590.



## INQUIRY NIGHTS FOR SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2016

For any children in Grade Three onwards who are ready to receive  
Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist, Sacraments

Information night will be held at:

St John XXIII on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 7 p.m.

Holy Trinity on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 7 p.m.

Please contact: Grace Healey 08 82647590

or email: [paramodcath@adam.com.au](mailto:paramodcath@adam.com.au)

## Letter or the Spirit Behind?

Today's readings explain that true religion is not simply the scrupulous external observance of rules, laws, traditions and rituals. It is a loving, obedient relationship with God expressed in recognising His presence in other human beings and rendering them loving and humble service. Prayers, rituals, Sacraments and religious practices only help us to practice this true religion in our daily lives. In the Gospel, Jesus warns the Pharisees against their tendency to equate traditional "human precepts" with God's will. He blames the scribes and the Pharisees for giving undue importance to external observances in the name of "tradition," while ignoring the Law's real spirit. The scribes and Pharisees were scandalised by the revolutionary teaching of Jesus, by the unique Divine and Messianic claims made by him and by his violations of the "Traditions of the Elders"! Hence, the supreme governing body of Judaism, the Sanhedrin, sent from Jerusalem as observers a team of scribes (experts in the Jewish Law), to assess Jesus' claims, miracles, violations of traditions and controversial teachings. A few of the local Pharisees accompanied the experts and started questioning Jesus when they noticed that Jesus' disciples had omitted the ritual cleansing of hands before a party meal.

Ritual washing was required of the priest, but there was nothing in the Mosaic Law that required the same behaviour from lay people. Pious Jews began to adopt that habit on the principle of Exodus 19:6, "You are a priestly kingdom and a holy nation," and gradually it became the "the tradition of the elders." But in Jesus' day, the Jews ignored the spirit of these traditions and practiced them simply as an essential judicial and ritual requisite. The Pharisees were using them to boost their own egos. Hence, Jesus flatly denied that external things or circumstances could separate a person from God.

Jesus was not criticising rituals given in the Mosaic Law, but the giving of disproportionate importance to these things while neglecting what was far more important, the love of God and the care for one's fellow-human beings. It created tensions in the early Church, where some of the new Christians were Jews and some were Gentiles. The Gentiles did not follow the Jewish customs, and, consequently, some of the Jewish Christians were upset. These sorts of tensions continue to exist in the community even today. Therefore, let us avoid the tendency to become cafeteria Christians: As the Pharisees did, we too show the tendency to add to or subtract from God's laws given in the Bible and taught by the Church. Some of us pick and choose certain Commandments to follow, ignoring the others as we do food orders in a cafeteria. For example some actively do corporal and spiritual works of Charity, but avoid Sunday Mass. Others are interested in fulfilling only the "minimal obligations" of the Faith. They come to Mass late and leave early. They make an effort to avoid serious sins, but don't go to confession. Let us accept the challenge to become hearers and doers of God's word.

Fr. Manu Kumbidiyamackal

Readings for 6th September, 2015

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7

2nd Reading: James 2:1-5

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

### Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

3rd St Gregory the Great

4th Ember day

### Our Community's Prayer Petitions

**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:

Phyllis Anthony, John Martin, Marie Boulton, Sr. Marleen Dewar OLSH, Kevin Harriot, Kay Kennedy, Gaetana Grima, Ursula Spencer, Fiona Power, Elizabeth Meikle, Rita Robinson, Cathy Sharkey, Pauline Fuller, Eileen Ryan, Gary Lockyer, Yvonne Summers, Darcy Ridley, Marie Bakaj, Jennifer Francou, Regan Barry, John Cherry, Dudley Dolman, Fr. Michael Walsh, Pat Feutrill, Paul Holmes, Michael Lochhead, Margaret Scott, Christopher Malone.

##### THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED

Anastazia Proc.

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)

Anyone interested in joining the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Team please contact Grace.

The role and training will be explained.

A meeting will be held in September, preferably during the day.

Phone number 08 82647590

Date and time will be advertised soon.

### NOVENA OF THE HOLY CLOAK OF ST JOSEPH



To pray for all Families, the Priesthood and for the Protection of the Unborn  
Wednesday 2nd September,  
The Novena and Rosary beginning at 6.30pm followed by Mass at 7pm, concluding with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction.

*"I put all my desires, cares and wishes for you in the Sacred Heart. I know it protects and guards you."*

(St Mary of the Cross MacKillop)

### Two Hearts Prayer Group

Meeting Friday 4th September.

Rosary at 8pm followed by Mass at 9pm and finishes with Mass at 3am on Saturday morning.



**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

# 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



You must show them affection, serving them from the Heart, inquiring of them what they might need, speaking to them gently and compassionately.

*Sister Rosalie Rendu*

Only 2 calls last week with 4 Adults and 3 Children wanting help with Food and Warm Clothing.

We know we thank you for generosity but we do appreciate all the support we receive in assisting the needy within our Parish.

Our Pantry needs this week for St John XXIII are:  
Breakfast Cereal, Pasta and Toilet Paper

Thank you again for your generosity and God Bless

## REACH OUT GROUP

Tuesday 1st September, 2015,  
Mass 9.15am at St John XXIII

Reader: Andrea  
Offertory: Margaret Emery & Leo  
Communion: Maureen F & Pat H  
Altar Server: Ian

## Fathers Day Raffle

This is your last chance to win one of the 6 great prizes and support St Vincent de Paul Society. Only \$1 per ticket on sale at all Masses this weekend. The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday at the Reach Out Meeting and results will be published in the Bulletin next weekend.



## DEVELOPMENT FUND 2015

Congratulations Jill Brokensha  
No 88

Drawn by Margaret Penny  
Contact: Marg Dolman 8264 1317  
to be included in the draw.



## VIGIL MASS for OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Vigil Mass will be celebrated at:  
**Holy Trinity Church**

On: **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm**,  
for the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows,  
preceded by EXPOSITION OF THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT with  
BENEDICTION at 6.30pm.

CONFESSION will be available  
during ADORATION.

The nine (9) day Novena to the  
MOTHER OF SORROWS starts on  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Leaflets will be available on the table at the  
back of the Church.

*"Holy Mother, pierce me through, in my heart each  
Wound renew, of my Saviour crucified."*

## FIRST SATURDAY MASS



September 5<sup>th</sup> 2015, 9.15am

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Holy Rosary for PEACE in the world.  
Commencing at 8.45am with Acts of  
Consecration, to 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 )*

## CRAFT MARKET

Our major fundraiser will be held on the  
21st November from

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

at St John XXIII Church for the  
**ST JOHN XXIII ROOF FUND**

The church run stalls will be:

**Devonshire Tea, International Food, BBQ,  
Organic Produce, Plants, Cakes, Sweets,  
Ice Creams, Drinks,**

**Pre-loved Treasures & Bric-a-Brac,  
Second-hand books and magazines,  
Wine Tastings & Shoe Box Raffles.**

Over the next few months I will ask for  
help and donations of goods to support our  
stalls. This week I would like to ask for

donations of pots,

**CONCRETE & TERRACOTTA POTS**

which we can use to plant herbs  
and succulents in.

I would also like people to start potting any  
cuttings of plants you may have  
in your garden, could you please name  
these cuttings on the pots.

Please feel free to contact me on:

**8264 7798 or 0422 862 229**, if you have  
any queries or feel you can offer  
advice and help. Thank you.



*Helen Podgorski*  
Craft Fair coordinator



## DIVINE MERCY

The next Divine Mercy  
Eucharistic Adoration  
will be on Sunday, 30th August  
at 3pm at Holy Trinity Church.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: The Father gave us birth by his message of truth  
that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.**



### PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?

We are planning to plant 25 rose bushes along either side of the front of the main entrance to the St John XXIII church.

If you would like to contribute a donation towards the purchasing of these rose bushes it would be very much appreciated.

When the roses are planted at the entrance to the church, it will look lovely.

Please see the girls in the Parish Office, between 9am—2pm, Tuesday to Friday.

**Thank you to the Parishioners who have already given us a donation towards this special request.**



### Sacramental Children

The program in this parish starts in October and runs for almost a year. We have seven workshops in which all the parents and children need to attend. We encourage the families to stay after the workshop and attend mass. Many of these families have not been involved in the parish community. A positive experience and welcoming community can help encourage these families to become further involved in the parish. Many have found out about our program by word of mouth. They need your support and prayers and well wishes. They are all our family and are part of the body of Christ. If you know of children between the ages of 8 to 12 who have not yet made their sacraments and would like to join the program at Para Hills Modbury Parish please contact: Grace 8264 7590 or come to the inquiry nights, as advertised on the front page.



Gospel: Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

What rules and regulations do you have at home or at school? Have some of the rules changed or do they still exist? You can discuss these questions with your parents. Rules do change from time to time when they no longer help anyone. In this Gospel of Mark you will find that the Jewish leaders had a rule that they thought was important but Jesus thought there is a more important rule. Do you know what that is after maybe rereading the Gospel with your parents?

#### **Prayer:**

The leaves of grass are growing,  
The leaves of flowers are showing,  
The leaves of trees are blowing,  
Thank you God springtime love is showing.

The Pharisees were angry with Jesus and his disciples for not washing

Trace the missing letters to find the words of Jesus

Join the dots to see the picture

A Wicked heart makes a person unclean

Mark 7:5

Mark 7:20-23

### Happy Birthday August/September Babies

- 31st Annette Buxton
- 1st Terence Gallagher, Weronika Zebal
- 2nd Ellen Giebel
- 5th Kevin Harriott, Joyce Simmonds



### CHUCKLE CORNER

A guy went to an interview at a big IT company for the position of "Computer Hacking Investigator." The HR asked him, "So, what makes you suitable for this job?" "Well", he replied, "I hacked into your computer and invited myself to this interview"....