



PARA HILLS MODBURY CATHOLIC PARISH

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3rd Sunday of Advent—Year C 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, 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 Kaurna 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

Tue	15th Dec	Prayer Circle	9.45am	St John XXIII
		Legion of Mary	12.30pm	Holy Trinity
Thu	17th Dec	Christian Meditation	2pm	St John XXIII
Fri	18th Dec	Holy Hour	3pm - 4pm	Holy Trinity

OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

Mon	14th Dec	Bowls, 1pm - 3.30pm	St John XXIII
Wed	16th Dec	Beer, Wine & Port Group, 7.30p	St John XXIII



CHRISTMAS MASSES

**Christmas Eve - Thursday
24th December**

**6.30pm - Family Mass
at Holy Trinity**

**8.30pm - Mass at John XXIII
MIDNIGHT MASS at John XXIII**

**Christmas Day - Friday
25th December**

**9am Mass at Holy Trinity
9am Mass at John XXIII**

OFFICE HOURS CHRISTMAS WEEK

MONDAY 21st DECEMBER—CLOSED

TUESDAY 22nd DECEMBER—9am-12noon

WEDNESDAY 23rd DECEMBER—CLOSED UNTIL TUESDAY 19TH JANUARY 2016



Rejoice in the Lord I say....

There is joy in retrospect, as we look at the past; there is joy of aspect, as we look at the present; there is the joy of prospect, as we look forward to the future. There is the joy of memory, the joy of love, the joy of hope. There is the joy of the peaceful conscience, the joy of the grateful heart, the joy of the teachable mind, the joy of the trustful soul, the joy of the adoring spirit, the joy of the obedient life, and the joy of the glowing hope. 'In Thy Name do they rejoice.' That is where we get our joy: in Thy name, in the revelation of God. We are in to the third Sunday of the Holy Season of Advent. While the first two Sundays of the Advent Season drew our attention to the second coming of the Lord, the third Sunday focuses our attention much more on the Lord already present among us. In the old Latin Liturgy, today was known as 'Gaudete (Rejoice!) Sunday'. The Mass formularies today still retain the call to 'rejoice', and the source and cause of that rejoicing is clearly the presence of God in our midst. Having reached the midpoint of Advent, our joy should be more and more intense as we advance in our journey of faith. And so, we kind of take a slight break from the purple of Advent, and we light the rose coloured candle, the 3rd in the series in the Advent wreath, symbolising our hope and our joy as we await the coming of our Saviour at Christmas. We rejoice because the day of salvation is near. The whole of the liturgy of the word concentrates on the message of joy. The traditional antiphon or entrance hymn sets the theme: "Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice! The Lord is near.

My dear brothers and sisters, some of you serve in places where everyone is struggling to make ends meet. You may be struggling yourself. In this modern world where the joy of others is not given any importance at all we see people who live in dangerous communities governed by gangs or corrupt local governments or prejudicial law enforcement agencies. We may meet people who live in parts of the country or world where there are no jobs, and for whom obtaining food, water, and safe housing is a daily battle. There may be many of you who visit people for whom the primary source of comfort in a difficult and broken world is drugs and alcohol. Can we become a source of joy in the life of these people through our prayers and simple acts of charity making them know the joy of the presence of the lord in our midst?

Fr Manu Kumbidiyamackal

Joy of the Gospel

Daily Gospel Reflections 2016 by Missionaries of St Francis de Sales (MSFS) \$10.00 each.
Please contact office or Fr Manu on: 8264 7590
if you wish to purchase a copy.

Readings for 20th December, 2015

1st Reading: Micah 5:1-4

2nd Reading: Heb 10:5-10

Gospel: Lk 1:39-44

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

14th St John of the Cross

Our Community's Prayer Petitions

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

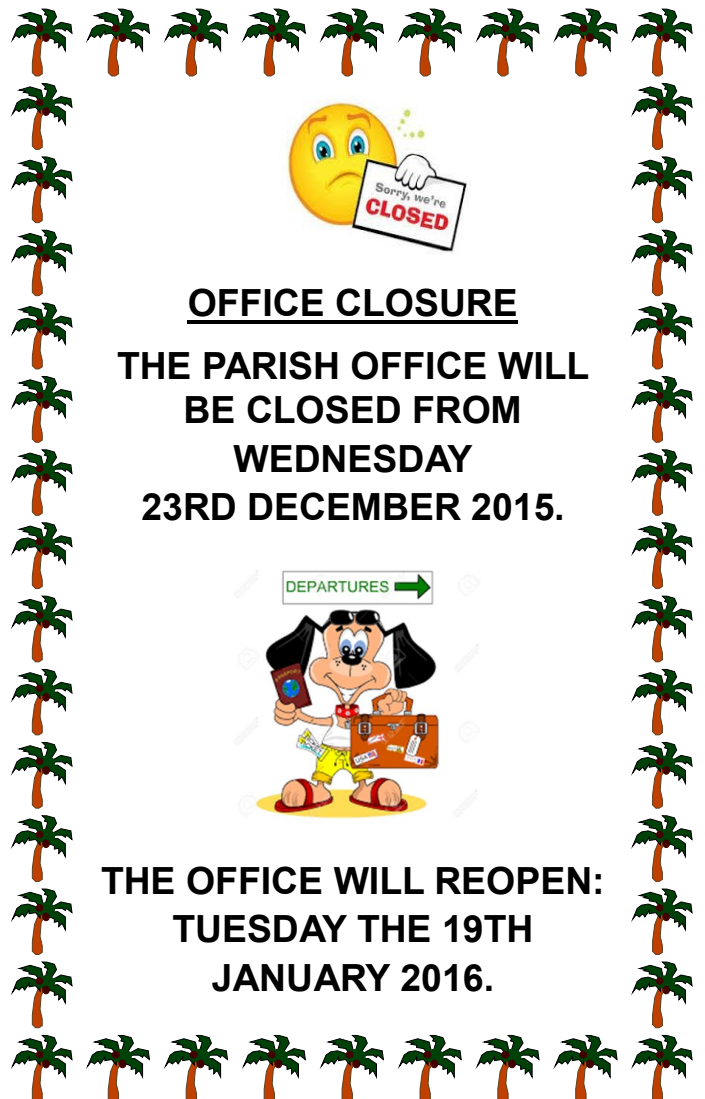
BULLETIN PRAYER LIST: Please note that names can only be added to this list by immediate family, or the ill person themselves (for reasons of privacy).

Please Remember in your Prayers THOSE WHO ARE SICK, especially:

Marie Canavan, Gerry Canavan, Jayden Lee, Jo Phillips, Madeleine Groves, Elizabeth Lorraine, Audrey Athayde, Phyllis Anthony, John Martin, Marie Boulton, Sr. Marleen Dewar OLSH, Kevin Harriot, Kay Kennedy, Gaetana Grima, 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 Feutrell, Paul Holmes, Michael Lochhead, Margaret Scott, Christopher Malone.

Recently Deceased

Ursula Spencer, Matthew Victory, Margaret Mullarkey.



OFFICE CLOSURE

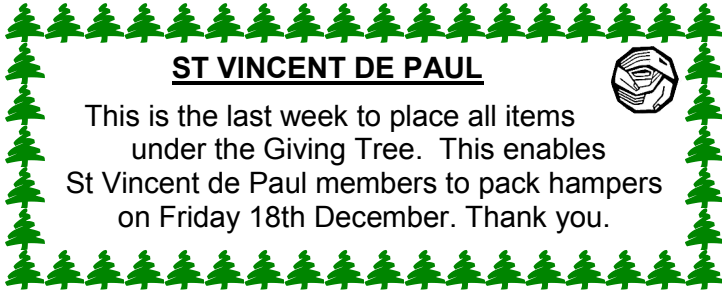
**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL
BE CLOSED FROM
WEDNESDAY
23RD DECEMBER 2015.**

**THE OFFICE WILL REOPEN:
TUESDAY THE 19TH
JANUARY 2016.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Cry out with Joy and gladness:
for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.**



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



ST VINCENT DE PAUL



This is the last week to place all items under the Giving Tree. This enables St Vincent de Paul members to pack hampers on Friday 18th December. Thank you.



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2015

Congratulations Pauline Lai
 No 8

Drawn by Jim Jacka for Kathleen Jacka
 Contact: Marg Dolman 8264 1317
 to be included in the draw.

Happy Birthday December Babies

- 14th Frank Gavini, Alice Craig
- 15th Michael Moss, Sue Air
- 16th Carmel Lineage
- 18th Michael Reilly



RAINWATER TANK PROJECT

This is the Last Appeal for can, bottles etc., for 2015. So let all Parishioners get behind our Project and make a lot of effort this festive season. Thank you to everybody who has answered our call.

Thank you to the person who made a donation of \$100.00 to our Appeal.
 A Safe and Holy Christmas to you all.

FAREWELL TO THE HAYTERS

Please join us on Sunday 10th January 2016 after the 8:00am Mass for Morning Tea/Brunch to acknowledge our appreciation and thanks for the work Neil and Beulah have offered to our Parish over the many years and to wish them well in their move to Queensland.

Christmas Eve Children's Mass

**6.30pm at the Holy Trinity Church
 3 James Street Para Hills.**

Practice on the 14th December at 2pm, followed by a Christmas Party until 5pm.

#Please bring a plate to share#

Last practice is on the:

21st December at 2pm – Dress rehearsal



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL
 PARA HILLS CONFERENCE**



A big thank you to those who donated baskets.

Also a very big Thank You to:

- "The joyfully noisy Ladies Group"
- The Para Hills Community Club
- Our Local Politicians for their generous Donations. Thanks and God Bless.



I, Graeme as President of Vinnies, Para Hills wish to thank all of our Members for all of their hard work during 2015. Also I would like to wish the Members and their Families a Happy and Holy Christmas.
 God Bless to All.
 Graeme.

PLEASE NOTE

**THERE WILL BE NO BULLETINS
 PRINTED UNTIL THE WEEK-END
 OF 23RD/24TH JANUARY 2016.**

**Please send in any
 notices that need to be placed in this
 first bulletin to be received by
 Tuesday 19th January.**

Thank You

Jill Brokensha, Parish Secretary

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 2nd/3rd January 2016 through to the weekend of 19th/20th March 2016. 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.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me:
 he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.**

ST JOHN XXIII PRAYER CIRCLE

Our Final Prayer Circle Meeting for 2015 will be in the Chapel on Tuesday 15th December, after the 9.15am Mass, at St John XXIII.

After the Prayer Meeting we will have a cuppa, biscuits and a final chat in the Kitchen area.

For prayers requests please contact:
Pat Collins 8289 1522 or Ann 8264 9191.

Little Blue Book

Little Blue Books are available and are on sale at the Parish Office for only \$ 4-00. Enquiries to Pauline Lai at the Parish Office 8264 7590

COLUMBAN CALENDAR

The 2016 Columban Calendar is now available from the Parish Office & at weekend Masses for only \$9.00.

THIS WILL BE A LOVELY CHRISTMAS PRESENT TO GIVE TO FAMILY OR FRIENDS.

When you purchase the calendar, you are participating in God's Mission and assisting Columbans in meeting the needs of the poor.

CHRISTMAS MASS AT GLENEAGLES

Fr Manu will be celebrating Christmas Mass at Gleneagles, 1099 Grand Junction Road, Hope Valley, on the 15th December at 2pm.

All welcome to share this experience of Christmas Joy with the residents and families.

Jos Hensing Pastoral Care Visitor.

ARE YOU ALONE THIS CHRISTMAS DAY?

You are welcome to spend Christmas Day Lunch with Betty at Betty's Place this Christmas.

Ring Betty on: 0411 556 219 for details, places are limited, so please let me know as soon as possible
God Bless

ST JOHN XXIII ROOF FUND TOTAL



We have so far reached the total of
\$25,429.92

Balance needed \$4,572.08

Diocesan Easter Triduum Workshop

This workshop covers celebration of the Easter Triduum liturgies.

SATURDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2016 9.30-3.30 at Fennessey House, Wakefield Street. BYO Lunch.

Enrolment essential. Please contact Lyn at the Office for Worship on 8152 7806 or email worship@ow.adelaide.catholic.org.au.

Cost: \$25 or \$20 Concession. Maximum per Parish \$75.

BEER WINE PORT GROUP

Beer Wine Port Group's next meeting/tasting (Wine Night) is this coming Wednesday, 16th December at 7.30pm in the St John XXIII Mass Centre Meeting Room at Hope Valley.

Everybody welcome, including fellow Parishioners in the Para Hills area, to join us in tasting wonderful wines from the beautiful Coonawarra. Peter Lynn from Majella Wines in Coonawarra will be our special guest. For all information on BWP activities, including Bus Trips, Dinners, Cruises etc. please contact Greg Dew on 8265 1566 or 0411 774 510.

KIDS CORNER

This Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent and is traditionally known as Gaudete Sunday, a day of joy. The third candle (rose-coloured) is lit on the Advent Wreath. In today's Gospel the people asked John the Baptist "What must we do"? What do you think we must do?. John tells us to share what we have, always be just and fair in what we do. One most of all was not to be greedy. Something to think about when you ask your parents for Christmas gifts. John the Baptist's words are just as important for us today as they were for the crowds long ago, so that we, too, will be ready for the Lord. Remember Advent is a time to prepare for Jesus coming and to be with our family and friends.



Prayer:

As Christmas draws closer, Help us to remember anyone who is sick or lonely at this time of year; the homeless and sad; those who are hungry or at war.

May the peace and joy of Christmas Reach out and touch their lives.

Amen



CHUCKLE CORNER

What did Mrs Clause say to Mr Clause on Christmas Eve?

I think its going to RAIN-DEER!!!!

