



# PARA HILLS MODBURY CATHOLIC PARISH

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4th Sunday of Advent—Year C Violet

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## Holy Trinity Church

3 James Street, Para Hills 5096

## 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 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*



## 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	22nd Dec	Legion of Mary	12.30pm	Holy Trinity
Thu	24th Dec	Christian Meditation	2pm	St John XXIII
Sun	27th Dec	Divine Mercy	3pm	Holy Trinity

## *OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK*

Mon	21st Dec	Bowls, 1pm - 3.30pm	St John XXIII
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## CHRISTMAS MASSES



### Christmas Eve - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December

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

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

### Christmas Day - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> 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**



## Year of Mercy 2016



Pope Francis announced in March his intention to proclaim a holy year as a way for the Church to "make more evident its mission to be a witness of mercy."

Announcing the Jubilee of Mercy, which began on December 8, 2015 the Pontiff said: "Do not forget that God forgives all, and God forgives always."

The motto, "Merciful Like the Father," he said, "serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure."

***Blessed are the merciful,  
for they shall obtain mercy.***

Please find a prayer card at the back of the church for you all.

Readings for 25th December, 2015

1st Reading: Is 9:1-7

2nd Reading: Titus 2:11-14

Gospel: Lk 2:1-14

### **Saints/Feast Days Of the Week**

21st	St Peter Canisius
23rd	St John of Kanty
25th	The Nativity of the Lord
26th	St Stephen, The First Martyr
27th	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

### **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:**

Ann Stanton, Jim Marlow, 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 Feutrill, Paul Holmes, Michael Lochhead, Margaret Scott, Christopher Malone.

### **Recently Deceased**

Ursula Spencer, Matthew Victory, Margaret Mullarkey.

### **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**



### **PLEASE NOTE**

**THERE WILL BE NO MASS CELEBRATED  
AT THE MODBURY HOSPITAL  
UNTIL 11TH FEBRUARY 2016**

### **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.



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

DEPARTURES →



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

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



**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**



A big thank-you to everyone who has given so generously to this years Giving Tree. The gifts have come, not only from our Parishioners but also from the Craft Group, St Francis Xavier and Golden Grove Schools.

As always we are overwhelmed and humbled by your generosity. In last weeks bulletin Fr. Manu writes of joy and generosity. Your generosity will certainly bring joy to those in need this Christmas.

We wish you Blessings for a Holy & Happy Christmas.

*Modbury Conference of St Vincent de Paul.*



**DEVELOPMENT FUND 2015**

Congratulations Mary Mattner  
 No 109

Drawn by Pauline Lai.

Thank you very much to Mary Mattner who donated her winnings towards the Roof Fund.

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

**Happy Birthday December Babies**

- 24th Gail Martin
- 25th Ursula Moore
- 26th Natalie Green, David Truman



**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.**

Last practice is on the:  
 21<sup>st</sup> December at 2pm – Dress rehearsal



**ST JOHN XXIII ROOF FUND TOTAL**



We have so far reached the total of  
 \$25,957.92  
**Balance needed** \$4,042.08

**BULLETIN NOTICES**

The very last Bulletin for 2015 will be printed on Wednesday 23rd December. **If you have any notices to be included in this final Bulletin for the year please send them in by Monday 21st December.**

*Thank You.*

*Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year*

*Jill Brokensha, Parish Secretary*

**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.

**PILGRIMAGE PRESENTATION FOR THOSE WHO STAYED AT HOME**

Fr Jack and some of the pilgrims will do a presentation of the pilgrimage this year on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January in the Dernancourt Catholic Church. The presentation will take place immediately after a cuppa after Sunday 9.30am Mass.

**Dernancourt Church is on:**

**1 Avoca Street**

**Dernancourt 5075**

**(Just off Lyons Road near Tarton Road)**

The pilgrims have been asked to bring some item that they got in the Holy Land and share some wonderful memories.

All parishioners are welcome.

Fr Jack

**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.

**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.

RELIGIOUS ITEMS, CARDS, STATUES ARE ON SALE AFTER 10AM MASS EACH SUNDAY AT HOLY TRINITY MASS CENTRE, PARA HILLS.

**NEW STOCKS HAVE NOW ARRIVED: CONFIRMATION/COMMUNION MEDALS, ROSARY BEADS, CARDS AND MANY MORE.**

VISIT OUR DISPLAY CABINET WHICH CAN BE FOUND IN THE ROOM AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH

**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](mailto:worship@ow.adelaide.catholic.org.au).

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

**KIDS CORNER**

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> week of Advent!



Can you remember what had to be done before your sister, brother or a family member, like a cousin, was born. There is a lot to do when preparing for a child to come into the world. Ask your parents. Mary and Joseph were waiting and preparing for their baby and Mary received news her cousin Elizabeth was also having a baby soon. Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth who was a lot older than her and was so pleased to see her. Elizabeth told Mary that she was blessed because she believed in God's promises, and her faith and trust in God as well as her 'yes' to God made her very special. We too can be like Mary and say yes to God by bringing good news to everyone we meet.

We do this by living as Jesus did.

**Prayer:**

Mary visiting her cousin Elizabeth.  
**Let us thank Mary for becoming the mother of Jesus and for sharing her son with the world as we say together:**



Hail Mary,  
full of grace,  
the Lord is with you,  
Blessed are you among women,  
And blessed is the fruit of your womb,  
Jesus.

**Like the angel, we also greet Mary:**

Holy Mary,  
Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now,  
and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.

**CHUCKLE CORNER**

**How did Mary and Joseph know that Jesus was 7lb 6oz when he was born?**

They had a weigh in a manger!

Why did no one bid for Rudolph and Blitzen on eBay?

Because they were two deer!