



PARA HILLS MODBURY CATHOLIC PARISH

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The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) -Year A White

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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 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



HOLY TRINITY
Para Hills

Wednesday 7pm
Friday 9.15am
(Adoration Before Friday
Mass commencing 8.30am)
Saturday 9.15am
Sunday 10am



*At this Christmas
Season may God's
love fill your heart
with the kind of
perfect peace only
He can bestow.*

**FR MANU, FR PETER, FR JACK,
AND THE OFFICE STAFF WISH YOU AND
YOUR FAMILIES
ALL THE BLESSINGS FOR CHRISTMAS**

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS

Mass will be celebrated at Holy Trinity Church
at 9.15am on the 31st December, 2016.
Mass will be celebrated at St John XXIII
at 6pm on the 31st December, 2016.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Mass will be celebrated at
St John XXIII at 8am
10am at Holy Trinity Church
on the 1st January, 2017

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR!
2017**

Emmanuel (God with us): and so we Rejoice

First of all, let me wish you all a blessed Christmas and Grace Filled New Year 2017. As we gather to celebrate Christmas, another year has passed with many events, public and private, touching our lives and those of the people in our parish in different ways. No doubt this year has brought Joys and sadness in different measures to each person all colouring our memories of 2016. Pope Francis called us to celebrate a Jubilee Year of Mercy, giving all of us an opportunity to reflect on the outpouring of God's mercy in Jesus Christ, the Son of God and son of Mary whose birth we have gathered to celebrate.

Jesus had a basic and very simple teaching, he explained that first of all we should love God and then we should love our neighbour as ourselves. Christmas is an opportunity to thank so many Parishioners who give generously of their time and talents in making this Parish such an energetic, faith-filled community that it is at present. I have thanked all our volunteers in the bulletin that we had at the volunteers' weekend. The work of St. Vincent de Paul Conferences in the Parish deserves special mention, particularly at this time of year. As we gather for the Christmas Masses my thanks to Fr. Peter, Fr. Jack, our Staff and Volunteers in the office, Sacristans, our choirs and musicians and all involved in ministry in this parish. Thanks a lot, to all those who have contributed financially and with voluntary work all through the year. Thanks a lot to all who have worked hard to make this celebration meaningful.

Traditionally, we see Christmas as a time of peace and joy, a time to celebrate with family, with friends and loved ones. I do hope that your Christmas will have something of that peace, joy and celebration. Such joyful celebrations may not be possible for some of you, you may have lost a loved one since last Christmas, or you may be overburdened by money worries, family problems or for many other reasons. If you are such a parishioner, I want to assure you that, as a parish community, we do care and offer you our support. Maybe the Christmas message this year is a challenge for all of us to become more involved. It is not so much a question of giving more; it is a question of giving more of ourselves. But then, that's what God was doing when he got involved with us and our world at Christmas. Christmas belongs to believers, to those who believe that Jesus Christ, Son of God, was born of the Virgin Mary to reconcile us to one another and to God. This is why he came. God will fill us with his peace if there is room in our lives for him. Thank you for helping us along the journey. Be assured of my daily prayers and Masses for all of you. May you be blessed with peace and joy at this Christmas and in the New Year.

Fr Manu Kumbidiyamackal MSFS



PLEASE NOTE
THERE WILL BE NO MASS
CELEBRATED
AT THE MODBURY HOSPITAL
UNTIL 9TH FEBRUARY 2017

Readings for 1st January 2017, Year A

1st Reading :Numbers 6:22-27

2nd Reading :Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel :Luke 2:16-21

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

26th St Stephen, The First Martyr

27th St John, Apostle & Evangelist

28th The Holy Innocents

29th St Thomas Becket

30th The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

31st St Sylvester I

1st Mary, the Holy Mother of God

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:

Sean Molloy, Ros Glastonbury, Beulah Hayter, Myles Mahony, Betty Roper, Les Ost, Imperia De ionno, Julie Reimann, Wayne Collins, Imelda Schulz, Maddison Calleja, Janice Forrester, Ray Zielonka, Ann Stanton, Jim Marlow, Marie Canavan, Gerry Canavan, Jayden Lee, Audrey Athayde, Phyllis Anthony, John Martin, Marie Boulton, Sr. Marleen Dewar OLSH, Kay Kennedy, Gaetana Grima, Fiona Power, Rita Robinson, 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.

Recently Deceased

Emanuel Camilleri



CONGRATULATIONS
FATHER MANU
ON YOUR 15 YEAR
ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR
ORDINATION.

PLEASE NOTE

Please send in any notices that need to be placed in the First Bulletin for next year by Tuesday 17th January.

Thank You
Jill Brokensha, Parish Secretary

PILGRIMAGE PRESENTATION

Fr Jack will be presenting a talk on Sunday the 29th January 2017 at 3pm at St John XXIII for those who are interested and have been Spiritually following the Journey of the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in October/November 2016.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.



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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Once again we are overwhelmed by the generosity of everyone. We are so grateful for the many gifts donated to our cause, which is to assist the needy in our Parish. We are always mindful that you also have difficulties, which makes your Giving even more meaningful. The hampers that have now been distributed will certainly make for a happier Christmas to the recipients. Also, knowing others care, will bring hope to many people. Thank-you also to all the children & staff at St. Francis School, Wynn Vale for their big contribution of food. Thank-you from St Vincent de Paul Conferences at Para Hills & Modbury. We wish you all special Blessings for Christmas & 2017.



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2016

Congratulations Jo Treadwell
 No. 82
 Drawn by Sindi Kinloch

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS DRAW

Congratulations Sheila Clark
 No. 62
 Drawn by Dudley Dolman

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DECEMBER/JANUARY BABIES

- 29th Michael Marafioti, Jamie Watkinson
- 30th Kelly Longshaw
- 31st Manuel Cruz
- 1st Christine Rogers, Susanne Orschulok, Andrew Finch
- 2nd David Truman (Jr.), Rachel Kenny
- 4th Julie Spencer
- 5th Anthony Knowles
- 6th Rebecca Lee, Mateusz Ball
- 7th Denise Palmer, Jo Dempsey
- 8th Joshua Bock
- 9th Joy Knowles
- 12th Lawrence Grima
- 13th Benjamin Rogers, Jane McConnell, Nicholas Viceban
- 16th Maureen Frost
- 17th Theresa Norris
- 21st Kevin Burke, Christine Andrew
- 22nd Heather Hage



FIRST SATURDAY MASS



January 7th 2017, 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)

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 7th/8th January 2017 through to the weekend of 8th/9th April 2017.

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.

TREASURE MARKET

Second Saturday of each month
 8am to 12noon

Next: 14th January 2017

St John XXIII Centre

Sellers \$10—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 ST 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.

CONGRATULATIONS

RITA & KEN ROBINSON ON YOUR 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Christian Meditation will return on the 5th January, 2017.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL-THANK YOU

The Produce Stall was a great success raising \$3,500. Overall the Christmas Tree Festival raised approximately \$19,000.

Renata Jarrad Coordinator, CTF Produce Stall 2016.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Good news and great joy to all the world: today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

WE CELEBRATED 2016

