



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 St 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

Parish Child Protection Officer

Therese Meyers 0421 533 761

30th July 2017

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year A Green

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**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

Mon	31st July	Legion of Mary (Jnr) & R.E.	4pm - 5pm	Holy Trinity
Tue	1st August	Legion of Mary	12.30pm - 1.30pm	Holy Trinity
Wed	2nd August	Legion of Mary	7.30pm	Holy Trinity
Wed	2nd August	St Joseph Devotion	6.30pm	Holy Trinity
Thurs	3rd August	Christian Meditation	2pm - 3pm	St John XXIII
Fri	4th August	Holy Hour	3pm	Holy Trinity
Fri	4th August	Two Hearts Group With 9pm & 3am Mass	8pm - 4am	Holy Trinity

OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

Mon	31st July	Bowls	1pm - 3.30pm	St John XXIII
Wed	2nd August	Seniors Social Club	1pm - 3.30pm	Holy Trinity
Fri	4th August	Craft Group	9.30am - 12 pm	St John XXIII
Sat	5th August	Quiz Night	7.30pm	Holy Trinity

The Kingdom of Heaven is Like...

What is the "Kingdom of Heaven" like? In today's Gospel, Jesus compares the "Kingdom of Heaven" to a treasure hidden in a field and to a pearl of great value. Jesus continues his teaching on the "Kingdom of Heaven" using little stories based on the experiences of rural Galileans. Like Jesus' mini-stories of the mustard seed and the leaven, those of the treasure and the pearl form a pair of His "Kingdom parables." Jesus tells us that true wisdom involves recognising a pearl of great price and being willing to sacrifice all to purchase it. The parable of the pearl (45-46) makes the point that the sacrifice of everything must be made for this one thing of immense value. Those who have not sacrificed everything for it, will not have this treasure and will come to know how much they have lost. Frequent battles and foreign invasions encouraged the people of Palestine to bury their treasures like money and jewellery in their fields. For example, the great religious treasure; the "Dead Sea Scrolls," discovered in the caves at Qumran in 1947 was hidden there over 2,000 years ago. Sometimes unclaimed and forgotten, the hidden treasures awaited some lucky finder. Jesus tells the story of one such lucky treasure-finder who sold everything he had in order to get ownership of the field.

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According to the Palestinian laws of that time, the mere finding of buried treasure did not entitle the finder to possession unless he also owned the property in which it was found. In the parable of the treasure in the field and in the parable of the merchant who sought fine pearls, we see the image of one who recognises the value of the kingdom of God and gives everything to possess it. Matthew, a tax-collector, might have experienced something like this when he discovered the eternal value of the Kingdom preached by Jesus of Nazareth. When he discovered Jesus and his vision of life, everything else became secondary. Having a personal relationship with Christ, that is, making Christ's view of life one's own, is the most beautiful, the most precious thing in the world.

Most of the time, we are chasing false treasures like money, social status and pleasure. Often, we are locked into regrets over the past, or focused too much on the future. As a result, the enriching present passes us by, and the treasure is never discovered. Let us always remember that Heaven is within the reach of all of us who try to do the will of God, following the ordinary vocations of life and enjoying this world's joys and pleasures within the framework of God's Commandments. We are challenged to search and discern where the Lord is calling us so that we may know what path to take. Let us remember that whenever we fight against discrimination, whenever we trust completely in God, whenever our selflessness conquers selfishness, whenever our love overcomes sin and our Faith overcomes suffering, whenever we render humble service to others, we are doing the will of God as it is done in Heaven, Hence, we are already living in the Kingdom of Heaven while we are still here on earth. The pearl or treasure of great price in this life is to be found in our human relationships: by creating a happy family, having good friends and being good friends; we must give all we have to possess this great pearl. Let us always be makers of the kingdom and rejoice at the call that we have received as children of the kingdom of heaven here on earth.

FR. MANU KUMBIDIYAMACKAL

**PARENTS PLEASE NOTE THE INQUIRY NIGHTS
FOR SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2018**

For any children in Grade Three onwards who are ready to receive Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist, Sacraments Information night will be held at:

**Holy Trinity on Wednesday
13th September at 6 p.m.**

**St John XXIII on Wednesday
20th September at 7 p.m.**

Please contact Jen O'Neill at the Parish Office:
08 82647590 or email: paramodcath@adam.com.au

Happy Birthday July/August Babies

31st Anna Oliver
4th Gerry Giebel



Readings for 6th August 2017
1st Reading : Dan 7:9-10, 13-14
2nd Reading : Pet 1:16-19
Gospel : Matthew 17:1-9

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

31st St Ignatius of Loyola
1st St Alphonsus Liguori
2nd St Peter Faber
3rd St Dominic
4th St John Mary Vianney
6th The Transfiguration of the Lord

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:**

Von Lyons, Graham Armstrong, Mary Redmond, Graham Speed, Marlen Piineda, David Truman, Bruce Mc Andie, Rosa Maria Santos, Sean Molloy, Ros Glastonbury, Myles Mahony, Betty Roper, 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, Marie Boulton, Sr. Marleen Dewar OLSH, Kay Kennedy, Gaetana Grima, Fiona Power, Rita Robinson, Eileen Ryan, Gary Lockyer, Yvonne Summers, Darcy Ridley, Marie Bakaj, Regan Barry, John Cherry, Dudley Dolman, Fr. Michael Walsh, Pat Feutрил, Paul Holmes, Michael Lochhead.

Recently Deceased

Rudolph Reisinger, Sr Aileen Vear, Jennifer Franco, Gerald Bradbury, Ann Jones

**Novena Prayer
for the Feast of St Mary
Mackillop**



Bountiful God you filled the heart of Mary Mackillop with hospitable love, especially for those at the margins of our society. Deepen that love within us that we may be: welcoming of the stranger, willing to share our resources, prepared to forgive offences and hurts, ready to listen with open

hearts and eager to work for justice and unity. Companion us, generous God, wherever there is an edge of need. God of life we pray through the intercession of St Mary Mackillop for renewed faith, hope and zest for life. In the spirit of the Mary of the Cross we pray for all suffering the effects of natural disasters, recession and war either in our own land or elsewhere. We pray for the sick, the imprisoned, asylum seekers and those in need or difficulty of any kind. We pray that we never see an evil without trying to do something about it. May we grow in trust in Your providence, hope in the saving grace of Jesus Christ and courage in the transforming work of the Holy Spirit and thus imitate the example of St Mary Mackillop in our lives. Amen

Our Father.... Hail Mary.... Glory be...

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, I love your commands.

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



St Vincent De Paul Modbury Conference

The first step for us is to serve as companions to people who need help, allowing us to listen to their stories with reverence and gratitude.

Mario Trinidad

We had 3 calls last week, 5 Adults and 6 Children all needing some support with Food and 2 of these families also needing Warm Clothes. We are grateful for all of the support that we receive from you all enabling us to be able to help these families to cope with difficult times in their lives.

Our pantry needs this week at St. John XXIII are:

Margarine Tea Bags (50's) & Coffee
God Bless

REACH OUT GROUP

Tuesday, 1st August, 2017
9.15am Mass at St John XXIII

Reader: Barbara Sorrell
Offertory: Anne Hughes & Pat Harvey
Communion: Mary Mattner & Maureen K
Altar Server: Leo

Soup Lunch and Trading Table
All Welcome



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2017

Congratulations Sheila Clarke
No. 62

Drawn by Jill Brokensha for Pat Collins
Contact: Marg Dolman 8264 1317
to be included in the draw.

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
5th/6th August 2017 through to the
weekend of 23rd/24th September 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.

**SPECIAL MASS FOR THE FEAST OF
ST MARY OF THE CROSS**

Holy Trinity Church
8TH AUGUST with Adoration at
6.30pm and Mass at 7pm

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL
PARA HILLS CONFERENCE**



Members needed to help us serve clients in our area.
Anyone interested, please phone Graeme or Anne on:
0426 040 047.

We need Volunteers to keep "Vinnies"
going in the Para Hills Area.

God Bless

Committee Para Hills Conference

FIRST SATURDAY MASS



August 5th 2017, 9.15am

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Holy Rosary for PEACE in the world.

Commencing at 8.45am

with Acts of Consecration,
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)

**NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK
Special Collection**

Next weekend 5th/6th August, throughout the whole
Church in Australia National Vocations Awareness
Week begins and continues until the weekend of
12th/13th August. This is an opportunity for us to
celebrate the unique Vocations or call of God to each of
us that begins in Baptism and to especially pray or an
increase in the vocations of Priesthood, Diaconate and
Religious Life.



**NOVENA OF THE HOLY CLOAK
OF ST JOSEPH
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**

To pray for all Families,
the Priesthood and for the
Protection of the Unborn
Wednesday 2nd August

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)

LITURGY ASSISTANTS—NEW AND EXISTING

Lists have been placed on the Notice Board
for you to volunteer for your Ministry/ies
for the next 12 months. Please add your name etc. to the
list/s appropriate to your Ministries. and only the people
whose names are on the lists will be considered for
Liturgy Assistants' Rosters over the next 12 months.

For further information please contact Greg and
Leonie Dew on 8265 1566 or 0411 774 510.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.**

**Quiz Night August 5th at 7.30pm
at Holy Trinity Church Hall**

The Parish East Timor Committee Members invite you to make up a table (8-10 people) at our annual Quiz Night to help raise funds for urgent clean water and electricity projects in Maliana Diocese, East Timor.

Donations of new items for the Raffle or Auction are appreciated. A donation box will be left in the Parish Office.

There are booking sheets in the foyer at both Mass Centres for you to add your names.

The cost is \$10 per ticket.

Enquiries: Lea Crosby 8263 8377

Thank you
East Timor Committee

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

If you have a member of the family or a friend that would like to know more about the Catholic Faith and wishes to receive the Sacraments of Initiation.

Please contact Jen O'Neill at the Parish Office on: 8264 7590 or email: paramodcath@adam.com.au



Vocations Cross

*Thank you to the Selvan Family
for hosting the Vocations Cross
and praying for vocations to the
priesthood and religious life during
the month of June.*

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

We are looking for Members of our Community to help others on their journey of faith.

If you are able to help could you please call Jen O'Neill at the Parish Office: 8264 7590 or email: paramodcath@adam.com.au



**COME AND JOIN US FOR A CUPPA &
BISCUIT AFTER ALL MASSES THIS
WEEKEND**



Sr. Aileen Vear

Sr Aileen Vear [a Brigidine Nun] was our Parish Sister 1974 – 1977. It is with sadness we learn of her passing on Sunday 16th July, aged 79 yrs. Her time with us was in the formative years of St. John XXIII. In Sister's own words, [quote from "Threads of Silver" book.] "The early days were a time of dreaming and planning for the future, particularly about building our own Community." Many of the original members of our Community will remember Aileen with affection.

Thank-you Sister for your contribution while in our midst. We remember you in our Prayers .

REST IN PEACE

DIVINE MERCY



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

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH PIETY STALL

Handcrafted Rosary beads now in stock, beautifully made. Real crystal beads.

Only \$30.00

RELIGIOUS ITEMS, CARDS, STATUES ARE ON SALE AFTER 10AM MASS EACH SUNDAY VISIT OUR DISPLAY CABINET WHICH CAN BE FOUND IN THE ROOM AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH

Two Hearts Prayer Group

Meeting Friday 4th August.

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

STAMPS AND DRINK CAN RING PULLS

The parish are only collecting Stamps and Ring Pulls from drink cans. Thank you.

Anne-Michelle & Olive.

**HELP NEEDED
CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**

We are in need of volunteers to help clean both Churches. The same group of volunteers have been cleaning the churches for a long time. Please come and join our team - single, couples, friends, families.

Please contact: Margaret Emery (8264 0780) for cleaning at St John XXIII



Please see Vince Manuel at Holy Trinity Church on Sundays after 10am Mass or contact the Parish Office on: 8264 7590