



# PARA HILLS MODBURY CATHOLIC PARISH

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## Holy Trinity Church

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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 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

24th September 2017

25th 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	25th Sept	Legion of Mary (Jnr) & R.E.	4pm - 5pm	Holy Trinity
Tue	26th Sept	Legion of Mary	12.30pm - 1.30pm	Holy Trinity
Wed	27th Sept	Legion of Mary	7.30pm	Holy Trinity
Thurs	28th Sept	Christian Meditation	2pm - 3pm	St John XXIII
Fri	29th Sept	Holy Hour	3pm	Holy Trinity

## OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

Mon	25th Sept	Bowls	1pm - 3.30pm	St John XXIII
Mon	25th Sept	Parish Finance Council	7pm	St John XXIII
Tue	26th Sept	Reach Out Group	9.45am	St John XXIII
Wed	27th Sept	Seniors Social Club	1pm - 3.30pm	Holy Trinity
Wed	27th Sept	Beer, Wine & Port Group	7.30pm	St John XXIII
Fri	29th Sept	Craft Group	9.30am - 12pm	St John XXIII

## God's Fairness: Amazing Grace

Today's readings are all about the human sense of justice contrasted with the extravagant grace of a merciful God. God rewards us, not in the measure of what we do, but according to His good will. In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah reminds the exiles in Babylon that their God is more merciful and forgiving than they are. He is ready to pardon the infidelity which has resulted in their exile. Today's Responsorial Psalm reminds us that, although "the Lord is just in all his ways," He is at the same time "gracious and merciful." In the second reading, Paul offers himself as an example of total submission to God's grace. He is ready to live continuing his mission if that is God's will. At the same time, he is ready to die and join the Lord if that is God's will. Today's Gospel tells us that it's never too late for God. A full wage is offered to each of us, whether one has served him for a whole lifetime, or has turned to Him only at the eleventh hour. The story of the landlord's love and generosity represents God's love and generosity to us. The story shows us how God looks at us, sees our needs and meets those needs. The question in God's mind is not, "How much do these people deserve?" but, "How can I help them?" It is all about grace and blessings.

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Jesus, through this parable drives home a few great teachings. First of all, He teaches His disciples not to claim any special honour or any special place because they are closely associated with him or because they are the first members of his Church. All the people, no matter when they come, are equally precious to God. Similarly, long-time Church members should expect no special preference over recent members. Secondly, the parable acts as a definite warning to the Jews. As the chosen People of God, the Jews looked down upon the Gentiles. Jesus warns them that the Gentiles who put their Faith in God will have the same reward a good Jew may expect. Matthew, by retelling this parable, may well desire to give the same warning to the members of his Judeo-Christian community who considered the Gentile Christians as second-class Christians. Thirdly, the parable intends to give Jesus' own explanation of His love for the publicans and sinners. Through this parable, Jesus describes the loving concern, generosity and mercy of God for all His children, which Jesus reflects in his life.

The story illustrates the difference between God's perspective and ours. Perhaps it disturbs our sense of fairness and justice. Our sense of justice seems to favour the laborers who worked all day and expected a wage greater than that given to the latecomers. Perhaps most people would sympathize with the workers who had worked longer and seemingly deserved more. We can understand their complaint since, for most of us, salaries are linked to the number of hours of work. A skilled worker gets more than an unskilled worker. If workers have the same skills, the same hours of work and similar responsibilities, we expect them to get the same wages. But God doesn't see matters in the same way that we do. God thinks of justice in terms of people's dignity and their right to a decent life. God's justice holds that the people who have come late have the same right to a living wage and decent life as those who have worked all day and, hence, He treated all identically. We are actually laborers who have worked less than a full day. If God treated us justly, none of us would be rewarded. We have all been unfaithful to God in many ways. However, because God is generous rather than just, we all receive a full day's pay, even though we have not earned it. Jesus understood the value of all people, regardless of what the community thought of them. Hence, we must remember that there is more to life than the logic of action and reward. our challenge is to recognise and accept with gratitude God's Amazing Grace.

*FR. MANU KUMBIDIYAMACKAL*



### **Catholic Charities** **2017 Appeal**

This weekend we are taking up a special collection for Catholic Charities. Through this appeal you will be contributing to the various Catholic Charities in our Archdiocese. Thank you for your generosity.

Readings for 1st October 2017

1st Reading :Ezek 18:25-28

2nd Reading :Phil 2:1-11

Gospel :Matthew 21:28-32

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

26th St Cosmas, St Damian

27th St Vincent de Paul

28th St Wenceslaus, St Laurence

29th St Michael, St Gabriel, St Raphael, Archangels

30th St Jerome

### **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:**

Ken Robinson, Neil Mc Peake, Pat Collins, Graham Armstrong, Mary Redmond, Graham Speed, Marlen Piineda, David Truman, Bruce Mc Andie, Rosa Maria Santos, Sean Molloy, Betty Roper, Imperia De Ionno, Julie Reimann, Imelda Schulz, Maddison Calleja, Janice Forrester, Ray Zielonka, 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 Feutrill, Paul Holmes, Michael Lochhead.

### **Recently Deceased**

Johanna Van Balen, Von Lyons, Annie McGee



## ***Things happening at Holy Trinity Church***

Project No. 1 completed.

A water tank and pump were supplied costing approximately \$1200.00, it took us around 3 years by collecting cans, bottles and jars that had a deposit on them which were placed in the yellow wheelie bin beside the side of the church door.

Now project No. 2 has started. We would like all parishioners to help in this venture. Please help us in our efforts to raise money for the Beautification of our church and grounds.

### **FUNERAL OF JOHANNA VAN BALEN**



Johanna Van Balen, wife of Peter sadly passed away on Sunday 17th September 2017.

The funeral for Johanna will take place at St John XXIII on Wednesday Morning at 10am.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**  
HQ: 1300 729 202 from 9.00am — 1.00pm  
or [www.vinnies.org.au](http://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*

Our 1 only call last week was the calm before the storm. This week we had 8 calls with 11 adults & 7 children needing food. One family also asked for clothing.

Our pantry needs this week at St. John XXIII are:  
Margarine, Breakfast cereal [small sizes]  
& Toilet soap.

Thank you for your generosity. God Bless.

### REACH OUT GROUP

Tuesday, 26th September, 2017  
9.15am Mass at St John XXIII

Reader: Maureen F.  
Offertory: Pat R & Pat C  
Communion: Raphael & Pat H  
Altar Server: Leo



### DEVELOPMENT FUND 2017

Congratulations Louisa Ellames  
No 4

Drawn by Irena Tilley

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

### Happy Birthday September/October Babies

**25th** Jean McGowan, Renee Dini,  
Ken Robinson  
**26th** Marg Robinson  
**27th** Michael Burke, Andrea Randell,  
Cathy Hargreaves  
**28th** Helen Zmarek, Christopher Wilks,  
Rita Robinson, Maud Brown  
**29th** Chris O'Reilly  
**1st** Greg Potticary, Scott Palmer,  
Peter Van Der Arend



### Legion of Mary

On Saturday 7th October from 10am till 2pm at Holy Trinity Church we are having a Rosary making day. All parishioners and children are invited to come and help us in our effort to make rosaries for the parish and the missions. B.Y.O. lunch, coffee and tea provided.



**PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL**  
The next meeting for the Parish Pastoral Council is on the 25th September at St John XXIII Meeting Room 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.

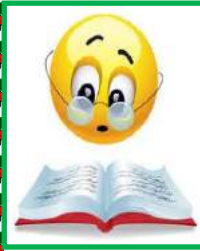
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*Committee Para Hills Conference*

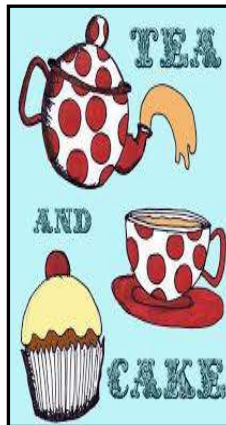


### Memorial Mass

On Friday the 27th October 2017 at St John XXIII we will be holding our Annual Memorial Mass Starting at 7.30pm, followed by a shared supper  
All Parishioners Welcome.



### COME AND HAVE A CUPPA AFTER MASS



The Reach Out Group will be serving up the cuppa after the 6pm Mass on the 23rd September Pat White & Joy Knowles will be serving up the cuppa after the 8am on the 24th September at St John XXIII. Diana McElhone and friends will be serving up a cuppa after the 10am Mass at Holy Trinity on the 24th September.

### Thank you

The family of Von Lyons, mother of Kathryn, Maureen and Jude, wishes to thank the priests and the parish community for all the help and support they gave us on this sad occasion.



### Cake Stall 7th & 8th October

A stall will be held at St John XXIII on the weekend of 7th & 8th October to raise funds for Maliana diocese, East Timor. The money raised will help in another urgent clean water and electricity project in the diocese. Sweet and savoury goods and craft items from the *Many Threads* project will be for sale. Donations of cakes, slices etc. will be very much appreciated. East Timor committee

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son, Alleluia!**



### BEER WINE PORT GROUP

Beer Wine Port Group's next meeting/tasting (Wine Night) is this coming Wednesday, 27th September at 7.30pm in the St John XXIII Mass Centre Meeting Room at Hope Valley.

Everybody is welcome, including fellow Parishioners in the Para Hills area and also new Parishioners to join us in tasting great wines from the beautiful Barossa Valley.

For all information on BWP activities, including Bus Trips, Dinners, Cruises etc. please contact Greg Dew on: 8265 1566 or 0411 774 510.

### THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The September edition of the Southern Cross is now available. Only \$2 Please Support Your Catholic Newspaper



### Melbourne Cup Luncheon

Oblate Melbourne Cup Luncheon to raise money for the Missions—Fr George Thorley hall, Dernancourt Parish. Tues Nov 7<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm – 2 course meal \$25 per ticket, BYO drinks, sweep tickets on sale from 11.30 am. To Book contact Carmel on 0421 270 164

### 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



### CENTENARY of the FATIMA APPARITIONS

#### PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY

Our Lady's Message

PRAYER

PENANCE

CONVERSION

Date: Saturday 14th October 2017

Time: 2.00pm

Venue: Balmoral Reserve,

Balmoral Road, Dernancourt

COME AND JOIN US TO PRAY FOR OUR WORLD

- Australia Needs Fatima-

### 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 30th September/1st October 2017 through to the weekend of 28th/29th October 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.

### STAMPS AND DRINK CAN RING PULLS

The parish are only collecting Stamps and Ring Pulls from drink cans. Thank you. Anne-Michelle & Olive.



### PUT THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY

The Modbury St Vincent de Paul Conference is hosting a musical evening by:

The South Australian Police Band

**On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at St. John XXIII Parish Centre.**

Tickets will be on sale after Mass Next weekend.

**WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MORE DETAILS**



### MARY MACKILLOP MUSEUM ADELAIDE FUNDRAISING APPEAL

2016 was the Sesquicentenary year of the foundation of the Sisters of St Joseph. To honour that special milestone, the Sisters embarked on a project to update and redevelop Mary MacKillop Museum in Kensington.

The purpose of this redevelopment is to create an interactive, reflective and inspirational experience that will inspire and engage visitors of all ages, cultures and beliefs. The Museum is currently closed on account of this redevelopment. It is anticipated that it will be re-opened in late April 2018

The Sisters are seeking community support to help finance this project. They would be most grateful for any financial contribution. All donations are Tax Deductible, and will be formally acknowledge. If you are able to make a donation, please contact the Josephite Regional Centre: Phone 08 81305916 / rebecca.reiner@sosj.org.au. Credit facilities are available