



# PARA HILLS MODBURY CATHOLIC PARISH

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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

12th November 2017

32nd 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

<b>Mon</b>	<b>13th Nov</b>	Legion of Mary (Jnr) & R.E.	4pm - 5pm	<b>Holy Trinity</b>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>14th Nov</b>	Legion of Mary	12.30pm - 1.30pm	<b>Holy Trinity</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>15th Nov</b>	Legion of Mary	7.30pm	<b>Holy Trinity</b>
<b>Thur</b>	<b>16th Nov</b>	Christian Meditation	2pm	<b>St John XXIII</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>18th Nov</b>	Sacramental Program	4pm	<b>St John XXIII</b>

## OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

<b>Mon</b>	<b>13th Nov</b>	Bowls	1pm - 3.30pm	<b>St John XXIII</b>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>14th Nov</b>	Reach Out Group	9.45am	<b>St John XXIII</b>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>14th Nov</b>	Parish Pastoral Council	7pm	<b>St John XXIII</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>15th Nov</b>	Seniors Social Club	1pm - 3.30pm	<b>Holy Trinity</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>17th Nov</b>	Craft Group	9.30am - 12pm	<b>St John XXIII</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>19th Nov</b>	DVD Library	11am	<b>Holy Trinity</b>



## Stay Ready; Don't Get Ready

Today's Gospel text is the first of three eschatological parables of the Kingdom of Heaven, which we will hear on these final three Sundays of this Liturgical Year. They are each famous for their ways of focusing our attention on how to live life in this world while preparing for life in the next world, in God's kingdom. In fact, they are not about giving up earthly life, but rather, about how to engage this life ever more fully,

responsibly, and thoughtfully! The parable of the Ten bridesmaids at a wedding which we hear in the Gospel Reading of today is a homely tale climaxing in the crunch line, "Therefore, stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour." Jesus tells this parable to impress his followers of the supreme need of vigilance and watchfulness. The reference here is primarily to the Second Coming of Christ as he comes in glory to judge all mankind.

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Today's parable is found only in the Gospel of Matthew and it is partially an allegory told in the context of the culture and custom of a Jewish wedding of the time, which is different from ours. In this parable, Matthew is telling the Christian community that the return of the Lord may be delayed beyond their expectation and that they should, therefore, prepare for the long wait by providing enough oil for their lamps. Many details of the parable make good sense when seen against the framework of this principal theme. The bridegroom is Christ, the Lord. The bride is the Church. The Ten bridesmaids represent the totality of the members of the Church, as they await the Lord's coming. On the basis of what happens later on, five are described as wise or sensible and five as foolish. Their wisdom here consists in their taking prudent steps to do what they need to do in order to come face to face with their Lord. The lamps, which all the bridesmaids had, could represent faith which all Christians have. The oil, which some of them had and others did not, would then represent good works. A lamp without oil is like faith without good works, dead and useless.

As we approach the end of the Liturgical Year, the Church, through the gospel, invites us to contemplate the end. The conclusion to be drawn from today's gospel parable is this: the time of the arrival of our Lord as judge of the universe is as uncertain as the arrival of the bridegroom. A follower of Christ cannot afford to be casual and unprepared for that moment. We are asked therefore to be like the wise bridesmaids: to be always vigilant, to be always prepared. "Therefore, stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour." The way to prepare for the end is neither to live in fear and anxiety, or to go after prophets and visionaries that claim to have access to God's secret calendar of how and when the world will end, nor it is a question of taking a gamble on making a last-minute confession on our deathbed. It is a question rather of what I plan to do today and every day.

FR MANU KUMBIDIYAMACKAL

Readings for 19th November 2017  
1st Reading Prov 31:10 - 13, 19 - 20, 30 - 31  
2nd Reading :1 Thess 5:1 -6  
Gospel :Matthew 25:14 - 30

**Saints/Feast Days Of the Week**

- 15th St Albert the Great
- 16th St Margaret of Scotland, St Gertrude
- 17th St Elizabeth of Hungary
- 18th The Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter, St Paul, Apostles

**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:**

- Annamarie Thile, Pam Ridley, Rita Lockyer, Michael Pritchard, James Le-Roux, Randal Dunn, John MacGrath, 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, 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**

Peter Egert, Gaetana Grima

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**



Our next Sacramental Workshop will be next Saturday 18th November at 4pm at St John XXIII. We ask our Parish Community to pray for the children as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist

**Advanced Notice to all Groups in the Parish**



Please send in your Diary Dates for 2018 as soon as possible. You can either send by email or drop off the information into the Parish Office.

Thank you

Email: [bulletin@paramodcath.com.au](mailto:bulletin@paramodcath.com.au)

Jill Brokensha Parish Secretary



**CONGRATULATIONS**

**ANN & FRED TEE**  
On Your  
**GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

**PARISH OFFICE'S NEW EMAIL ADDRESS**

**Our Parish website: [paramodcath.com.au](http://paramodcath.com.au) has all our new email addresses**

**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*

Another busy week with 8 families needing assistance, 1 adult & 7 children. Mostly, this was request for food

Our pantry needs this week at St. John XXIII are:  
Breakfast cereals, table margarine & coffee.

Thank-you for your generosity. God Bless

**N.B.** As the Giving Tree is now in operation this will be the last week requesting pantry needs until the New Year.



St Vincent de Paul

This week-end, throughout the Diocese, is the St Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal. Envelopes are available on the seats or at the back of the church.  
Thank-you.

### REACH OUT GROUP

Tuesday, 11th November, 2017  
9.15am Mass at St John XXIII

Reader: Barbara Sorrell  
Offertory: Ian & Judy  
Communion: Pat C & Jos  
Altar Server: Leo

All Welcome



### DEVELOPMENT FUND 2017

Congratulations Fr Peter Milburn  
No 7  
Drawn by John Dini  
Contact: Marg Dolman 8264 1317  
to be included in the draw.

### Happy Birthday November Babies

13th Margaret Grima, Anne Van Der Arend  
17th Gavin Ball



### Children's Prayer

Lord Jesus, we know that one day you will return, and we will be with you in heaven. Help us to make each day special so that we will always be ready to greet you when you come.

Amen



November

### The Month of Remembrance

November is the month when we as the church remember those of our family, friends and parishioners who have died.

We especially remember those who have gone to their heavenly reward this past year.

**During November Fr Manu will pray and offer up intentions for the beloved deceased family and friends of:**

*Aida S. Cabel, Weronika Zebol, Anna Mervart, I McDonald*

*"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be freed from their sins." 11 Machabees 12:46*

If you wish to have a Mass said for your deceased relatives and friends during the month of November, please fill in the envelopes in your planned giving pack and place on the collection plate at Mass or drop off to the Parish Office.

**If you do not have a pack of envelopes there are spare envelopes in both foyers to use for November Masses.**



### Thank You - Volunteers Weekend Dinner /BBQ

Advanced Notice

We are holding a BBQ to show our appreciation for all the wonderful work our many volunteers do within the parish on:

**Sunday 26th November 2017 at 5pm in the Holy Trinity Church Hall.**

All Masses on the weekend of the 25/26th November will be dedicated to all our Volunteers.

**FOR CATERING PURPOSES**

**PLEASE ADD YOUR NAME TO THE SIGN UP SHEET AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.**

Thank you



### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The next meeting for the Parish Pastoral Council is on the 14th November at St John XXIII Meeting Room at 7pm.



### THE SOUTHERN CROSS

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!**



**ALL VOLUNTEERS IN THE PARISH  
MUST ATTEND CHILD SAFE  
ENVIRONMENT TRAINING!!!!!!**

**\*If you have not attended previously,  
you will need to attend on either:**

**Tuesday 21st November**

**6.00pm-7.30pm Adelaide Cathedral Hall**

**OR**

**Thursday 23rd November 2.30pm-4pm**

**Dulwich Hall**

*Please note that with respect to child-safe initiatives, as per Archdiocesan Policy, all Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are required to provide:*

**CERTIFICATION of  
ATTENDANCE AT CHILD SAFE  
ENVIRONMENTS TRAINING**

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL MODBURY  
CONFERENCE CHRISTMAS  
GIVING TREE, 2017**

The Giving Tree is now in the foyer (at St John XXIII) and at the Altar at (Holy Trinity Church). Each tag states an item that will be needed to make up a Hamper or Gift.

We ask you **NOT** to wrap any items.  
Cash donations can be placed in the  
2nd collection plate

**COLUMBAN CALENDAR**

The 2018 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.

**ONLY 5 CALENDARS LEFT!**

**STAMPS AND DRINK CAN RING PULLS**

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



**LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH**

- Lives of the Saints
- Papal Encyclicals & Letters
- Teachings of the Magisterium
- Insights in the Gospels of Mark, John etc.
- How to read the Bible
- Does the Church still teach that?
- The persecuted Church
- Pilgrimages
- A Catholic perspective of World News  
DVD Library every 3rd Sunday  
of the month at Holy Trinity.

**The Library will be open on—19th November  
after 10AM MASS.**

**PLEASE NOTE**

*The library will be closed for December  
and will reopen in January 2017.*

*Please take extra DVD'S*

**WE ARE ALL CALLED TO HOLINESS -  
DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE**

**STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN REFLECTIONS**

*"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor  
the hour." - MATTHEW 25:13*

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. Don't delay, how is God calling you to use your gifts today?

**PLEASE NOTE**



**Please make sure if you are the last  
to leave the church/hall at  
St John XXIII or Holy Trinity,  
ALL LIGHTS, AIRCONDITIONERS & DOORS  
are switched off/locked. Thank you.**

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