



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

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
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	20th Feb	Legion of Mary (Jnr) & R.E.	4-5pm	Holy Trinity
Tue	21st Feb	Prayer Group	11pm-12pm	St John XXIII
Tue	21st Feb	Legion of Mary	12.30pm - 2pm	Holy Trinity
Wed	22nd Feb	Legion of Mary	7.30pm	Holy Trinity
Thurs	23rd Feb	Christian Meditation	2pm - 3pm	St John XXIII
Fri	24th Feb	Holy Hour	3pm - 4pm	Holy Trinity
Sun	26th Feb	Divine Mercy	3pm	Holy Trinity

OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

Mon	20th Feb	Bowls	1pm - 3.30pm	St John XXIII
Tue	21st Feb	Reach Out	9.45am	St John XXIII
Wed	22nd Feb	Seniors Social Club	1pm - 3.30pm	Holy Trinity
Wed	22nd Feb	Beer, Wine & Port	7pm	St John XXIII
Fri	24th Feb	Craft Group	9.30am - 12pm	St John XXIII

Christian Perfection: Unconditional Love!

The Liturgy of the Word today explains why Christians are expected to be holy and how we are meant to become holy people. The first and second readings give us reasons why we should be holy and the Gospel describes four methods of becoming holy people prescribed for us by Jesus.

The first reading, taken from the book of Leviticus, teaches us that we should be holy because it is the command given to us by God through Moses: "Be holy, for I the Lord, your God, am holy." It also shows us the way to share in God's holiness: "Love your neighbour as yourself." The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 103) challenges us to be holy as our God is holy by becoming kind and merciful and forgiving. In the second reading, St. Paul gives us an additional reason to be holy. We are to keep our bodies and souls holy because we are the temples of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit lives in us.

In the Gospel passages taken from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches us four methods of becoming holy as God is holy. The first method is to abstain from all forms of retaliation. Jesus discards even the milder form of retaliation developed by Hammurabi in ancient Babylon and passed on to Israel through Moses.

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The policy was one of limited, proportional retaliation (Lex Talionis, "tit-for-tat"): "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth," rather than allowing unlimited vengeance. In place of this limited, proportional retaliation, Jesus gives his new law of love, grace, forgiveness, reconciliation and no retaliation. For Jesus, retaliation, or even limited vengeance, has no place in the Christian life, even though graceful acceptance of an offense requires great strength and discipline of character and strengthening by God's grace. The second method of becoming holy as God is holy is to take the offense gracefully and love the offender. Jesus illustrates this in three images: "turning the other cheek, freely giving the tunic and adding the cloak to it, and walking the extra mile." Jesus tells us that what makes Christians different is the grace with which they treat others, offering them loving kindness and mercy, even if they don't deserve this treatment. We are commanded to love our enemies as Jesus loves us, with agápe love, not because our enemies deserve our love, but because Jesus loves them so much that he died for them as he did for us. The third method of sharing in God's holiness is by unconditionally and whole-heartedly forgiving the offender without planning revenge in any form. This means not only loving one's neighbours, but also forgiving those enemies who hurt us and willfully cause us suffering, hardship and unhappiness. The fourth method of becoming holy as God is holy is to seal our determination to forgive our enemies by sincerely praying for their spiritual and physical welfare and for the grace needed for their conversion and renewal of life. Thus today's Scripture readings challenge us to become holy as our God is holy by loving, forgiving and blessing others as our Holy God does. Let us today resolve to imitate the example of Jesus by loving and forgiving unconditionally even when we feel that we are the losers.

Fr Manu Kumbidiyamackal

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY
UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL
ACCORDING TO MATTHEW.**

**Fr Jack is presenting this study on the
Mondays of Lent this year in the
Modbury Church**

50 Reservoir Road, Hope Valley.

It will start on

Monday the 6th March at 7pm.

All welcome.



Readings for 26th February 2017

1st Reading :Isaiah 49:14-15

2nd Reading :Corinthians 4:1-5

Gospel :Matthew 6:24-34

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

21st St Peter Damian

22nd The Chair of St Peter The Apostle

23rd St Polycarp

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:

Julie Tilley, Bruce Mc Andie, Rosa Maria Santos, 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

Mila Simionato

ATTENTION:

CALLING ALL LITURGY ASSISTANTS

Following all Masses next weekend (25th, 26th February), there will be a brief but important meeting for all Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Commentators and Musicians.

PLEASE NOTE

The Parish Finance Committee and Parish Pastoral Council have devised a Draft Fundraising Policy for the Parish.

We are seeking your feedback prior to the implementation of the Policy. The Draft Policy is available on the Parish Website.

Some paper copies can be obtained from the back of each Mass Centre or from the Parish Office.

Feedback should be sent to the Parish Office by:

Tuesday 7th March.

Thank you



DIVINE MERCY

The next Divine Mercy Eucharistic Adoration will be on Sunday, 26th February at 3pm at Holy Trinity Church.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is kind and merciful.



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

St Vincent De Paul Modbury Conference

I have looked into your eyes with my eyes. I have put my heart near your heart. *Pope St John XXIII*

We had 6 calls last week with 11 Adults and 4 Children all needing assistance with food. The reason for these calls for help to us are diversified, each one just seeking some support. It is through your generosity that we are able to assist these people in their time of need.

Our Pantry needs this week at St John XXIII are:
 Breakfast Cereal, Margarine & Sugar.

Our grateful thanks God Bless.

REACH OUT GROUP

The first meeting for this year will be:

Tuesday, 21st February, 2017
 9.15am Mass at St John XXIII

Reader: Maureen F
 Offertory: Clem & Maureen K.
 Communion: Pat C & Pam R.
 Altar Server: Leo

All Welcome



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2016

Congratulations Maud Brown
 No.24

Drawn by Rod Dolman for Pauline Lai
 Contact: Marg Dolman 8264 1317
 to be included in the draw.

Happy Birthday February Babies

24th Marie Bakaj
26th Gary Lockyer, Odette Dotter, Helen Podgorski



**COME AND HAVE A CUPPA
 AFTER MASS**

There will be a cuppa after the 6pm Mass on the 25th February at St John XXIII.
 Cuppa will be after 8am on the 26th February at St John XXIII
 After the 10am Mass at Holy Trinity on the 26th February.



Vocations Cross

Thank you to Kym Pope and the Jones family for hosting the Vocations Cross and Praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life during the months of December and January.

BEER WINE PORT GROUP

Beer Wine Port Group's next meeting/tasting (Wine Night) is this coming Wednesday, 22nd February 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 and beer from the Barossa Valley and Eden Valley Wines.
 For all information on BWP activities, including Bus Trips, Dinners, Cruises etc. please contact Greg Dew on: 8265 1566 or 0411 774 510.

KIDS CORNER

A Prayer for the Joy of Forgiveness
 Heavenly father, through the obedience of Jesus, who offered His Life in the service of all, help me with Your Kindness. Make me strong through the Eucharist.
 May I put into action the saving Mystery we celebrate in the Mass.
 Protect me with Your Love and prepare me for eternal happiness.



THE SOUTHERN CROSS



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

**St Francis Xavier's Catholic School
 2017 School Tour Dates**

Saturday, 25th February
 9.30am – 10.30am
Wednesday, 22nd March
 4.30pm – 5.30pm



THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK

The Little Black Book will be available from 26th February for \$4.00 at Holy Trinity Church.

THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK

The Little Black Books for the season of Lent are once more available in the foyer before and after Mass at St John XXIII.
 They make a wonderful companion as we journey through the Lenten season.
 A great investment, at only \$4.00.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
 grows perfect in the love of God.**



HELP

We are in need of a Refrigerator for Holy Trinity Church Hall. If anyone is able to donate or contribute towards the purchase of a Refrigerator it would be greatly appreciated.

Jill Brokensha

Secretary Para Hills Modbury Parish

CHICKEN & SALAD NIGHT

Come along, have fun and support Maliana diocese!



Saturday 18th March 2017

@ 7.30 pm

St John XXIII Mass Centre

50 Reservoir Road Hope Valley

\$ 15 per person

\$ 10 students

Bookings and payment:

after Masses 4/5th & 11th/12th March

* Chicken, chips, salad, fruit and ice cream *



Tea and coffee provided

BYO drinks

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER PHILIPPINES

Date: Friday 3RD March 2017

Time: 1.30pm

Place: St John's Lutheran Church

182 Hancock Road, Ridgehaven

Speaker: Rev'd Peter Steicke

Afternoon Tea

Enquiries: Margaret Paech: 8264 2545

Everyone is Welcome

Supporting Maliana Diocese

Maliana diocese is in the highlands of Western Timor Leste (East Timor) close to the border with West Timor.

The East Timorese have a long and proud history including their support of Australian servicemen during WWII with dire consequences for many Timorese. Thousands of East Timorese also died during their struggle for independence. Since then, the East Timorese have relied heavily on support to rebuild their nation after most of their infrastructure was destroyed.

In South Australia, Blackwood and Pt. Noarlunga twin with parishes adjacent to Maliana. Semaphore parish encouraged us to support the East Timorese. In 2001 Modbury Parish Pastoral Council agreed to set up a sub committee. Under the guidance of Fr Dean Marin, parishioners initially donated packets of seeds, a chalice and paten and a couple returning to East Timor took the items to Maliana. A special collection raised funds for building materials for the nuns' residence. Fr John Herd, who has a strong connection with the East Timorese, has been a great support and advisor to us.

Fundraising this year includes a Chicken and Salad Night (18th March), a Curry Puff Drive, a Quiz Night, Soup & Pudding Night as well as selling Entertainment Books. We value your support of these fundraisers. We will also donate 20% of profits to Para Hills Modbury parish.

If anyone is interested in joining the East Timor Committee, please contact

Lea Crosby on: 8263 8377.

Thank you and God bless.

SECURITY

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY VALUABLE ITEMS VISIBLE IN YOUR CAR WHILE ATTENDING MASS AT EITHER CENTRE.

OLSH COLLEGE OPEN

Sunday 19 March, 1 – 3pm

To register, email: olsh@olsh.catholic.edu.au

2018 SCHOLARSHIPS – APPLY NOW

YEAR 7 COMING IN 2019 – ENROL NOW

OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART (OLSH) COLLEGE

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