



PARA HILLS MODBURY CATHOLIC PARISH

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Ascension of the Lord —Year B 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.

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.**

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) Saturday's
after 9.15am Mass at Holy Trinity and at 5.30pm at John XXIII.

Mon 18th May Legion of Mary, (Junior), & R.E., 4pm-5pm, **Holy Trinity**
Tue 19th May Prayer Circle, 10.45am-11.45am **John XXIII**
Legion of Mary, 12.30pm, **Holy Trinity**
FINAL Charismatic Prayer Meeting (Meeting Room),
7.30pm, **John XXIII**
Thur 21st May Christian Meditation, 2pm, **John XXIII**
Fri 22nd May Holy Hour, 3pm - 4pm, **Holy Trinity**
Sat 23rd May R.E. Retreat, 10am - 3pm, **Holy Trinity**
Confirmation Workshop, 4pm, **John XXIII**

OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

Mon 18th May Indoor Bowls, 1pm - 3.30pm, **John XXIII**
Tue 19th May Reach Out, 9.45am, **John XXIII**
Fr Peter's 50th Celebration Meeting, (**Presbytery**),
7.30pm, **John XXIII**
Wed 20th May Seniors Social Club, 1pm - 3.30pm, **Holy Trinity**
Fri 22nd May Craft, 9.30am -12pm, **John XXIII**
Sat 23rd May Community Garden, 9.30am-11.30am, **John XXIII**

Ascension of Jesus Cause of our Joy and Hope

Few things in life are more exhilarating and fulfilling than the crowning celebration of some great achievement. What makes it so, of course, is the struggle to get there; without the agony and the pain the triumph would not be as sweet. And while these moments seem to be the culmination, they are in reality transitions, for they open the way to new beginnings. With the celebration of victory comes the commencement of a new role to play--if the success is to have any lasting value. The greatest crowning triumph of all is the Ascension of Jesus Christ to the right hand of the Father in Heaven. When we consider the doctrine of the Ascension, we must not only think of it as the culmination of his earthly ministry, the crowning victory, but we must also think of it as the beginning of a new phase of his ministry.

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Readings for 24th May, 2015

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

18th St John I

20th St Bernadine of Siena

21st St Christopher of Magallanes & Companions

22nd St Rita of Cascia

24th Pentecost Sunday

(cont...) The Ascension cannot be forgotten. For without the Ascension, the death and resurrection of Jesus would carry far less value, if any, in the plan of redemption. It is this glorious Ascension that is the culmination of the atoning work of Christ, the guarantee of his promises, the proof of his claims, and the beginning of his dominion. This is the basic meaning of the Ascension-he returned to heaven, to the glory he had before the foundation of the world (John 17). He went from the human place on earth to the Father's place in heaven. It was not a journey into outer space; rather, he ascended and was removed from space and time into the immediate sphere of God's holy presence. Jesus also knew that this world was not the place for us either. Jesus taught that in his Father's house were many "rooms", and that he was going to prepare a place for us, that where he was, there we might be also (John 14). What a marvel that is. I think the statement refers more to spiritual preparation for us than simply constructing places: it refers to all that Christ did in completing the process of our atonement so that we could be there. Thus, the main point is that he actually wants us there with him in his heavenly home. His mission here was not merely to rescue us from judgment; it was to bring us home with him, so that we might be with him evermore. This is the meaning of the celebration of Ascension. So it is a cause of great joy for us and of course it is also a source for great hope for us.

Fr. Manu Kumbidiyamackal

RETREAT

On Saturday May 23rd the Legion of Mary will be holding a Retreat at HOLY TRINITY from 10-00am - 3-00pm. Father Manu will lead us through the day. There will be MASS at 12-00 o'clock and in the afternoon there will be EXPOSTION and BENEDICTION.

Everyone is invited to join us.

Please bring your own lunch.

TEA and COFFEE will be provided.

Josie MaGrath

Our Community's Prayer Petitions

During May

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:

John Martin, Cass Lai, Marie Boulton, Sr. Marleen Dewar OLSH, Kevin Harriot, Kay Kennedy, Gaetana Grima, Ursula Spencer, Fiona Power, Elizabeth Meikle, Rita Robinson, Cathy Sharkey, Frances Davies, Pauline Fuller, Eileen Ryan, Gary Lockyer, Yvonne Summers, Darcy Ridley, Joy Almeida, Marie Bakaj, Jennifer Francou, Owen Cannard, Regan Barry, John Cherry, Dudley Dolman, Anastazia Proc, Fr. Michael Walsh, Pat Feutrill, Paul Holmes, Michael Lochhead, Margaret Scott, Christopher Malone, Odette Dotter.

THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED

Catherine Lezuo

KIDS CORNER

Ascension of the Lord
Gospel Mark 16:15-20



Jesus asks us to "Go out to the whole world, proclaim the Good News". Not everyone can go out to the whole world, but your whole world is your environment where you currently live. Take all you know about Jesus, live it, and bring people joy and hope with what you know about Jesus.

We are so fortunate the eleven disciples went out and brought the Good News to the whole world. My parents were born in Malta and St Paul brought the Good News to Malta hundreds of years ago. St Paul converted the whole island and the island of Malta is now approx., 90% Catholic. Jesus disciples have travelled far and wide to spread the "Good News"

Ask your parents where they heard the "Good News".

Grace Healey

Prayer:

May I have joy in my heart.

May I find joy in my life.

May I bring joy to others.

May I spread joy through the world.

Amen



Father Peter's 50th Anniversary
Celebration July 12th

The first Committee Meeting to discuss Fr Peter's Anniversary Celebration is on the 19th May at 7.30pm at John XXIII.

If you would like to be on the committee please come along to the meeting.

Any enquiries please contact the Parish Office on: 8264 7590



THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The May addition of the Sothern Cross is now available. Only \$2.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Our Community News . . .



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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

'Mother Teresa said "touch the poor"
and that's what I try to do' *Fr. Maurice Chase*

We had 6 calls for assistance last week with 10 Adults and 10 Children all wanting help with Food and one with a request for Clothing, Blankets and Furniture.

The high cost of utility Bills and Rents are one of the reasons these families struggle to balance finances.

Our Pantry needs this week at John XXIII are:
Margarine, Tea Bags and Tinned Meat
& Vegetables

Thank you all again for your ongoing support.
God Bless

REACH OUT GROUP

Tuesday 19th May, 2015,
Mass 9.15am at John XXIII

Reader: Doreen
Offertory: Clem & Maureen
Communion: Pat H. Maureen F.
Altar Server: Wayne

All Welcome



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2015
Congratulations Alec Balayance
No 60

Drawn by Doreen Mills for Michael Mills
Contact: Marg Dolman 8264 1317
to be included in the draw.

Happy Birthday May Babies

24th Aida Baratus Chambers



We Welcome into our community,
those families who had their children
baptised during March

**Riley Clifton Zammit, Archer Goldsworthy,
Mason Vermeerren**

JOHN XXIII PRAYER CIRCLE

The next Prayer Circle meeting is on the
19th May. The Prayer Circle usually meets
every Third Tuesday of each month at 10.45am
at John XXIII for prayer.

For prayers requests please contact:
Pat Collins 8289 1522 or Ann 8264 9191.

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. The lists will be available until
Sunday 14th June and only those people whose
names are on the lists will be considered for
Liturgy Assistants' Rosters over the next 12 months.

Training will be provided for all new Liturgy
Assistants prior to the next Roster which will begin
on the weekend of 1st/2nd August 2015.

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

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

Video/DVD Library every 3rd Sunday
of the month at Holy Trinity.

**The Library will be open on—17th May - after
10AM MASS.**

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

What is LAY MINISTRY?

Lay Ministry has often been used as a general
term to designate lay activity in the Church.

Although lay people have been closely linked to the
Church's mission and service from earliest times,
their ministerial role was renewed by Vatican II.

These ministries include volunteer positions such as
Extraordinary Minister, Lector, Catechist, Acolyte,
Cantor and numerous others that laity partake in to
participate fully in the daily life of the Church.

Lay Ministry also includes those who have a more
professional role in the Church, such as Youth
Minister, Director of Religious Education, and RCIA
coordinator.

If you have a calling for one of the Lay Ministry work
in the parish please put your name and contact
number at the back of the church at St John XXIII
or Holy Trinity. You need to put your name down to
be put on the rosters for the next year. If you wish
to know more about any of the Ministries please
contact:

Grace Healey on 82647590.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Go and teach all people my Gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.



PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

How would you like to walk in Jerusalem in the footsteps of Jesus? Fr Jack will lead another pilgrimage this year leaving on 25th October for 17 days. Flyers are available at the back of the Church.

More info email: pilgrimfrjack@hotmail.com
Travel Agent: www.traveltalk.com.au

FINAL CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PRAYER MEETING

Catholic Charismatic Renewal prayer meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 19th May in the Meeting Room at John XXIII Community Centre, 50 Reservoir Road Hope Valley, Centre.

All are welcome.

Enquiries: Neil Hayter ph: 8263 0086

PROJECT COMPASSION

Caritas Receipts are available at the back of the church, if you cannot find your receipt please contact the Parish Office on: 8264 7590. or email: paramodcath@adam.com.au

MODBURY COMMUNITY & CRAFT

The Craft group will again be holding an **Australia biggest Morning Tea on Friday 29th May, between 10 am and 12 noon at John XXIII Community Centre.**

During the Morning Tea there will be an exhibition of works by our member. This exhibition will include Folk Art, Embroidery, Quilting, Knitting, Crochet, Handmade Cards, Scrapbooking & Jewellery making.

Throughout the morning we will be holding fund raising for the Cancer Council, our major raffle prize will be a beautiful handmade quilt, along with our normal shoe box raffles, and many prizes are donated by members of the craft group. We will also have our normal second-hand trading table, second-hand books and new trading tables.

Cancer has touched so many of us, please come along, join in and support this very worthwhile cause.

Admission is \$5 including a magnificent morning tea.

Enquiries, please contact Helen Podgorski on: 8264 7798 or 0422 862 229

Quiz Night 18th July 2015

Holy Trinity Church Hall, 7.30 pm. start. Adults \$10, Concession/students \$8, children under 12: free.

Tables of 8-10 people; BYO drinks and supper. Tea & coffee supplied.

There will be lots of prizes, a few games and a raffle.

Bookings: Place your name and details on a booking sheet at one of the Mass Centres or the Parish Office or phone the office on 82647590.

Donations are gratefully appreciated. Please leave them at the Parish Office marked Quiz Night where they will be collected by a committee member.

We have a new Quizmaster with a few new ideas, so come along and have an entertaining evening while helping to raise funds for Maliana diocese.

Para Hills Modbury parish East Timor committee

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Books are now available for sale at John XXIII after weekend Masses and also from the Parish Office for \$65 each.

Thousands of offers are available including dining, dry cleaning, cinema vouchers, hotel accommodation.

Please ensure you have the correct money.

Please support our fundraising for our brothers & sisters in Maliana Diocese, East Timor. Thank you East Timor Committee

Community Garden

Welcome all to the Community Garden, our next gathering is on the 23rd May 9.30am to 11.30am. John XXIII Mass Centre, Grandparents if you are babysitting grandchildren bring them along. Don't forget raincoat, gloves etc.

CHUCKLE CORNER

A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Religious Instruction Class. As she ran she prayed, 'Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!' While she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress.

She got up, brushed herself off, and started Running again!

As she ran she once again

began to pray,

'Dear Lord, please don't let me be late...But please don't shove me either!'

