



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

10th December 2017
2nd Sunday of Advent - Year B Violet

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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	11th Dec	Legion of Mary (Jnr) & R.E.	4pm - 5pm	Holy Trinity
Tue	12th Dec	Legion of Mary	12.30pm - 1.30pm	Holy Trinity
Tue	12th Dec	Anointing of the Sick	9.15am	St John XXIII
Wed	13th Dec	Legion of Mary	7.30pm	Holy Trinity
Thur	14th Dec	Christian Meditation	2pm	St John XXIII
Fri	15th Dec	Anointing of the Sick	9.15am	Holy Trinity

OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

Mon	11th Dec	Bowls	1pm - 3.30pm	St John XXIII
Tue	12th Dec	Reach Out Group	9.45am	St John XXIII
Tue	12th Dec	Parish Pastoral Council	7pm	St John XXIII
Wed	13th Dec	Seniors Social Club	1pm - 3.30pm	Holy Trinity
Wed	13th Dec	Beer, Wine & Port Group	7pm	St John XXIII
Thur	14th Dec	St Vinnies (Modbury Conference)	4pm - 6pm	St John XXIII
Sat	16th Dec	Garden Group	9am - 12pm	St John XXIII
Sat	16th Dec	Working Bee	9am	St John XXIII



PLEASE NOTE

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
NEXT FRIDAY, 15TH DECEMBER.**



Anointing of the Sick

We will have the Sacrament of the
Anointing of the Sick on the following dates:

**Tuesday 12th December at
St John XXIII at 9.15am**

**Friday 15th December at
Holy Trinity Church**

Adoration at 8.30am Mass at 9.15am

***If there are people at home who require anointing but not able to attend,
please call the office to arrange a visit from Fr Manu.***



**“You must be the Change
You Wish to See in the World”**
(Mahatma Gandhi)

We are already into the second week of Advent. Advent is a time of expectancy along with our waiting in hope. Advent is forward looking. During this Advent season, we have our own sets of expectations, longing for a better world. While it is true that the reign of God has, in Jesus Christ, been established among us, it is likewise true that we humans have not responded to God's offer, as we should. We long for peace. We cry out for justice. Security remains elusive. Dishonesty, corruption and greed still beset us. We lament the fact that the world in which we live is in the condition that it is in. "Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God," Isaiah tells us. The vision is both broad and personal at the same time. God speaks to us as a people, a people dear to His heart, while at the same time He speaks to us personally and individually. Therefore, we have our responsibilities, both communal and individual. The call is a call to change and renewal, at a personal and communal level. Now the question is what sort of a comfort and change do we seek? Are we looking to feather our own nests or are we seeking justice for the oppressed, relief for the burdened, and dignity for outcast? Just how comfortable can we be when all around us we hear the cries of those who have been shunned, ignored, and treated with contempt? Just how comfortable can we be in the midst of the famines, disasters and oppression that beset millions of people in the world around us?

John the Baptist calls us to face change with expectant hope. Change is forcing itself on every area of life in our society. The question we face is not just what changes we need, but also how to face the change. Many feels that attending Mass each and every weekend is not necessary. Countless numbers have abandoned going to confession. Many no longer bother themselves with what the Church teaches. Amidst all these we need to ask: Have we allowed our Imperial Selves to become the sole and supreme arbiters of what we should think and do? Have we become weary of living responsibly in community with others? The words in today's Gospel account are the very first words in St. Mark's Gospel account of Jesus Christ. They come from Mark's first chapter, verses 1-8. We should note that those words and thoughts are all about change, change that is coming upon us, change that we should face not in fear and dread but change that we should accept in faith and expectant hope. Because we all need what God can offer us in changing not only the world around us but in changing our very own lives, which is perhaps the most difficult of all of the challenges we face. For Jesus came to empower us with God's Holy Spirit, an empowerment that should give comfort to us all, a power God gives us to comfort those around us.

FR MANU KUMBIDIYAMACKAL



Readings for 17th December 2017
1st Reading Isaiah 61:1 - 2. 10 - 11
2nd Reading :Thessalonians 5: 16 - 14
Gospel John 1 :6 - 8. 19 - 28

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

11th St Damasus I
12th Our Lady of Guadalupe
13th St Lucy
14th St John of the Cross

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:**

Michael Valentine, Clem Kenny, Phyllis Anthony, Annmarie 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, 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.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve - Sunday 24th December

6.30pm - Family Mass at Holy Trinity

8.30pm - Mass at St John XXIII

MIDNIGHT MASS at St John XXIII

Christmas Day - Monday 25th December

9am Mass at Holy Trinity

9am Mass at St John XXIII



The Blessing of the Crib



Have you got a Nativity Scene?

Bring it along for a special blessing!

The Cribs will be blessed on

Saturday Night, 16th December and

Sunday 17th December.

All families are warmly invited!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

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



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

“Give each of us, O Lord, such a fresh understanding of the Gospel message and our invitation to follow the way of Jesus that we commit ourselves to share gladly with others.”

St Vincent de Paul, Giving Tree
This is the last week to place all items under the Giving Trees, enabling St Vincent de Paul members to pack hampers on Tuesday 19th December.

Thank-you for your generosity.

Thank You

A big thank you to the City of Tea Tree Gully Council Mayor and Elected Members for giving Para Hills Modbury Catholic Parish a Grant of \$2,200.00 towards the Composting Project for the Community Garden.

Happy Birthday December Babies

- 11th Katrina Lineage
- 12th Ann-Marie Lineage, Rohent Giebel
- 13th Margaret Giebel
- 14th Frank Gavini, Alice Craig
- 15th Michael Moss, Sue Air
- 16th Carmel Lineage



REACH OUT GROUP

Tuesday, 12th December, 2017
9.15am Mass at St John XXIII

Reader: Jos
Offertory: Cathy D & Irene M
Communion: Pat H & Pat C
Altar Server: Leo

An Invitation is extended to parishioners who wish to join Reach Out for “Special Christmas Morning Tea after the 9.15am Mass. Reach Out are doing a 45 Kris Kringle if you wish to participate. We hear Santa may call. All Welcome

PLEASE NOTE



**THE LAST MASS TO BE
CELEBRATED AT THE MODBURY
HOSPITAL FOR THIS YEAR WILL BE
ON THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER**

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**THE MASS WILL RECOMMENCE ON
THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2018**

WORKING BEE



There will be a Working Bee on Saturday 16th December from 9 am at St John XXIII Mass Centre. Our aim is to do a general clean-up of the Mass Centre and grounds and to wash all the windows inside and out. Lunch will be supplied. Many hands make light work

DEVELOPMENT FUND 2017

Congratulations Dymphna Riordon
No 49

Drawn by Sindi Kinloch
Contact: Marg Dolman 8264 1317
to be included in the draw.



BULLETIN NOTICES



The very last Bulletin for 2017 will be printed on Wednesday 20th December.

If you have any notices to be included in this final Bulletin for the year please send them in by **Friday 15th December.**

Thank You.

*Wishing you all a
Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year*

Jill Brokensha, Parish Secretary

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LEADERS

We are in need of Religious Education Leaders if you would like to become a Religious Education Leader, training will be given to you. Come and join our Parish RE Team please contact: Jen O’Neill on: 8264 7590

CHRISTMAS MASS MINISTRY

Please place your Name and Christmas Mass Time you wish to attend on the Sign Up Sheet at the back of both churches.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

BEER WINE PORT GROUP

Beer Wine Port Group's next meeting/tasting (Wine Night) is this coming Wednesday, 13th December 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 all over South Australia.

Please bring a plate of nibbles and/or sweets to share.

For all information on BWP activities, including

Bus Trips, Dinners, Cruises etc.

please contact Greg Dew on:

8265 1566 or 0411 774 510.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The next meeting for the Parish Pastoral Council is on the 12th December at St John XXIII Meeting Room at 7pm.

PARISH OFFICE'S NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Our Parish website: paramodcath.com.au has all our new email addresses

Christmas is coming

Come and be a part of The Nativity Play. If there are any children between the ages of 4 to 12 years of age that would like to be in the Nativity of the Lord we are practicing on

Monday 11th Dec 4-5.30pm

Monday 18th Dec 4-5pm

Friday 22nd Dec 4-5pm

At the Holy Trinity Church.

Join in the fun.

Phyllis Truman: 8263 9416 or

Jen O'Neill: 8264 7590



Break Up Party

On the 11th December we are having a Break Up Party at Holy Trinity Church in the Hall commencing at 4pm - 5.30pm

For all Altar servers, RE Children, Youth Readers and Choir Members are all welcome to come along and join in the fun and eat lots of lovely food.

Could you please contact
Phyllis Truman: 8263 9416 or
Jen O'Neill: 8264 7590

Children's Prayer

Dear Lord, help me to prepare for the coming of Christ Jesus in the coming weeks, give us the courage to fill our hearts with joy and make us grow strong in love and faith. Amen.



PLEASE NOTE



There will be no flowers during Advent, all donations will go towards the Christmas arrangements.



PLEASE NOTE

THERE WILL BE NO BULLETINS PRINTED UNTIL THE WEEK-END OF 19th/20th JANUARY 2018.

Please send in any notices that need to be placed in this first bulletin by Tuesday 16th January 2018.

Thank You

Jill Brokensha, Parish Secretary

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH CANS & BOTTLES PROJECT

A big thank you to all the parishioners who answered our call for Help with cans and bottles for the Yellow Bin. We have purchased a new Blower for cleaning up the grounds around the Church. We need more families to help us out, the Yellow Bin has been emptied 3 times in 6 weeks raising nearly \$200.00.

Thank you and God Bless.

Sacristans wanted – St John XXIII

Do you ever wonder how the altar is prepared and ready for us as we arrive to celebrate Mass? As humans we can be very unobservant. We come to and go from our celebration of the Eucharist without realising what goes on behind the scenes. Sadly, our band of 4 volunteers has dwindled to 2 so we are hoping that this request may boost numbers. You would be required to arrive approx. 20 minutes before 6.00pm Saturday Mass to prepare and then allow 10-15 minutes after to re-set for Sunday morning Mass.. Training and support will be given. *Please contact (Jen O'Neill 8264 7590) or (Marg Whennan 8251 1577) for further information*