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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
Carignano St,
Wynn Vale 5127

Gleeson College
(Secondary) 8282 6600
40-60 Surrey Farm Drive,
Golden Grove 5125

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Therese Meyers 0421 533 761

25th February 2018
2nd Sunday Of Lent - 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
Thursday 9.15am
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 5.30pm at St John XXIII**

Mon	26th Feb	Legion of Mary (Jnr) & R.E.	4 - 5pm	Holy Trinity
Tue	27th Feb	Legion of Mary	12.30pm - 1.30pm	Holy Trinity
Wed	28th Feb	Legion of Mary	7.30pm	Holy Trinity
Thur	1st March	Christian Meditation	2pm	St John XXIII
Fri	2nd March	Two Hearts Prayer Group With 9pm & 3am Mass	8pm - 4am	Holy Trinity Holy Trinity

OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

Mon	26th Feb	Bowls	1pm - 3.30pm	St John XXIII
Mon	26th Feb	Parish Finance Committee Meeting	7.30pm	St John XXIII
Tue	27th Feb	Reach Out	9.45pm	St John XXIII
Wed	28th Feb	Senior's Social Club	1pm - 3.30pm	Holy Trinity
Wed	28th Feb	Beer Wine & Port Group	7.30pm	St John XXIII
Fri	2nd March	Craft Group	9.30am - 12pm	St John XXIII
Sat	3rd March	Working Bee	9am - 12pm	St John XXIII

God's Call to Transformation

The liturgy of the word on the Second Sunday of Lent highlights Jesus' identity as God's beloved Son and confronts us with the mystery of his death on the cross. Hence, the main purpose of today's readings is to give us an invitation as well as a challenge to put our Faith in the loving promises of a merciful God Who sent His Son to die for us and to transform our lives by renewing them during Lent. Our transformed lives will enable us to radiate the glory and grace of the transfigured Lord around us by our Spirit-filled lives. The first reading shows us how God saved the life of Abraham's son Isaac as a reward for Abraham's trusting Faith. Because of this Faith, the Lord renewed his promise to Abraham for the blessings of land and progeny. While Abraham's son Isaac was spared, God's beloved Son, Jesus, died a cruel death on the cross. The linking of this story with the Gospel reading emphasises God's infinite love, as seen in the redemptive sacrifice of His own Son for the salvation of the world. If the mystery of the sacrifice of Abraham's beloved son, Isaac, is hard to understand, the mystery of the death of God's beloved Son, Jesus, is far more challenging.

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That is why Paul reminds us, in the second reading, that God the Father did not spare His Own Son's life. What an irony and paradox! God spared Abraham's son, but not His own! Why? Because God loves us with an everlasting love. Paul interprets God's willingness to sacrifice His Own Son as proof of His great love for humankind and as God's pledge that He will always protect and provide for us.

In the transfiguration story in today's Gospel, Jesus is revealed as a glorious figure, superior to Moses and Elijah. He is identified by the Heavenly Voice as the Son of God. Thus, the transfiguration narrative is a Christophany, i.e., a manifestation or revelation of Who Jesus really is. Describing Jesus' transfiguration, the Gospel shows us a glimpse of the Heavenly glory awaiting those who do God's will by putting their trusting Faith in Him.

The primary purpose of Jesus' Transfiguration was to allow him to consult his Heavenly Father and ascertain His plan for His Son's suffering, death and Resurrection. God's secondary aim was to make Jesus' chosen disciples aware of Jesus' Divine glory so that they might discard their worldly ambitions and dreams of a conquering political Messiah and might be strengthened in their time of trial. The Transfiguration also established Jesus' glorious identity as the beloved Son of God and placed his Divine Sonship in the context of Jewish expectations about the kingdom and the resurrection of the dead.

The transfiguration story during this season of Lent extends an invitation for each of us to share the "mountain-top experience of Peter, James and John by spending extra time in prayer. Fasting for one day will help the body to store up spiritual energy. This spiritual energy can help us have thoughts that are far higher and nobler than our usual mundane thinking. The hunger we experience puts us more closely in touch with God and makes us more willing to help the hungry. The crosses of our daily lives also can lead us to the glory of transfiguration and resurrection. Yes it is an invitation, all the more a challenge to transform our own selves.

Fr Manu Kumbidiyamackal

Readings for 4th March 2018

1st Reading Exodus 20: 1 - 17

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 1: 22 - 25

Gospel John 2: 13 - 25

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

2nd March EMBER DAY

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:**

Selena (Rose) Quinn, Ann Stanton, Michael Valentine, Clem Kenny, Phyllis Anthony, Annmarie Thile, Pam Ridley, Rita Lockyer, Michael Pritchard, 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.

Recently Deceased

Terry Trainor, Margaret Hutchinson, Nilo Junn Paras

Father Jack's
Golden Anniversary of
Ordination

Date: September 9th
Place: St John XXIII
Time: Celebration of Mass 12pm

If anyone is interested in being a part of the organising committee, please leave your details at the Parish Office or either phone: 8264 7590 or email: office@paramodcath.com.au

PLEASE NOTE

**MASS AT ST JOHN XXIII ON THE
17TH MARCH WILL BE CELEBRATED
AT 6.30PM AND NOT AT 6PM DUE TO
THE STATE ELECTIONS**



Training for New Altar Servers



There will be training for new altar servers who have made their Sacraments.

**On Saturday mornings at
Holy Trinity Church
Para Hills at 10am.**

Please contact Phyllis Truman on: 8263 9416 or Anne Craig on 0452 216 382 or see them on Sunday after 10am Mass.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

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



St Vincent De Paul Modbury Conference

*Lord, We thank you for food; we remember the hungry.
We thank you for health; we remember the sick.
We thank you for loved ones; we remember the friendless.
May these remembrances prompt our service, that your
gifts to us be of help to others.*

This week we had requests from
5 families needing food.

Our pantry needs this week at St. John XXIII are:
Sugar [1kg size], Table Margarine & Toilet rolls.

Thank you and God Bless.

REACH OUT GROUP

Tuesday 27th February, 2018
9.15am Mass at St John XXIII

Reader: Liz
Offertory: Pam & Pat C
Communion: Jos & Margaret D
Altar Server: Leo

All Welcome



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2018

Congratulations Margaret Giebel
No 15
Drawn by Karin Gibson for
Stephen Sherlock

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MODBURY CONFERENCE CHICKEN & SALAD DINNER

The Modbury Conference of St Vincent de Paul
are planning a Chicken, Salad & Sweets Dinner.
When :- Saturday, 10th March.

Time:- After 6pm Mass at St John XXIII Church.

Cost:- \$12 adults. \$8 children under 12 years old.

BYO Drinks

All proceeds from the dinner and raffles go to
St Vincent de Paul.

To help with catering, bookings & monies will be
taken at 6pm & 8am Mass until the Weekend of
3RD / 4TH March.

We look forward to you joining us for a fun evening.

Two Hearts Prayer Group Holy Trinity Church

Friday 2nd March, at Holy Trinity Church
Rosary at 8pm followed by Mass at 9pm
and finishes with Mass at 3am on
Saturday morning.



FIRST SATURDAY MASS

March 3rd 2018, 9.15am
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
Holy Rosary for PEACE in the world.
Commencing at 8.45am
with Acts of Consecration,
to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and
the Immaculate Heart of Mary
with the Sacrament of Penance.
Please bring a SINGLE flower
for Our Holy Mother
"In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph"
(Our Lady of Fatima 1917)

WORKING BEES



St John XXIII

There will be a Working Bee on
Saturday 3rd March from 9 am - 12pm.

Holy Trinity Church

Saturday 10th March 10am - 12pm

Our aim is to do a general
clean up of both Churches and
grounds and to wash all the windows
inside and out.

Many hands make light work



STATIONS of the CROSS

Stations of the Cross on Friday Nights during
Lent at HOLY TRINITY Church at 7-00pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FEBRUARY/MARCH BABIES

26th Gary Lockyer, Odette Dotter, Helen Podgorski
27th Sean Freeman
28th Letitia Geesing
2nd Kevin Moore
3rd Kerry Ford
4th Molly Holmes



STAY FOR A CUPPA

Thanks to some of our wonderful
volunteers, we will be having a cuppa
after all Masses this Weekend
Please join us.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

The next meeting for the Parish Finance
Council is on the 26th February,
St John XXIII Meeting Room at 7.30pm.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:
"This is my beloved Son, hear him."*



Rattanak in Cambodia contracted polio as a child and also became deaf. The Deaf Development Program, supported by Caritas Australia, helped him become a barber and he is now supporting himself, his wife and baby.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and empower vulnerable young people like Janaki in Nepal to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

To be held on Friday 2nd March 2018 1.30pm at the Hope Valley Uniting Church, 1265 Grand Junction Road, Hope Valley. The speaker is Rev. Dr Dean Brookes Everyone welcome - Bring a Friend

Pastoral Visitor Basic Training Course

Basic Pastoral Visitor course that is mandatory for all spiritual care visitors in the public health system. The course is mandated by Chaplaincy Services South Australia (CSSA) and is part of the service agreement between Health Networks and CSSA.

The course will be conducted over two days on **March 14th and 21st from 9:30am – 3:00pm** Wednesday March 14th at the Lyell McEwin Hospital at Elizabeth Vale.

Wednesday March 21st at The Womens and Childrens Hospital at North Adelaide.

This course is offered free of charge. Attendees will need to bring or buy their own lunch. Attendees are not required to bring anything though ability to take personal notes may be of value.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MASS TIMES DURING LENT AT HOLY TRINITY

There is an extra Mass which will be Celebrated at Holy Trinity Church during Lent at 9.15am from Thursday, 15th February until Thursday 22nd March.

Happy 80th Birthday Marie Bakaj



BEER WINE PORT GROUP

Beer Wine Port Group's next meeting/tasting (Wine Night) is this coming Wednesday, 28th 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 from the wonderful 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.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND OF JESUS

Fr Jack is leading this Pilgrimage on October 21.

This is an opportunity to visit the most sacred place on earth in the footsteps of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Here is where He died and rose again.

For information, a brochure is at the back of the church today.

Contact Fr Jack on:

pilgrimfrjack@hotmail.com

Lenten Stational Masses

Thursday 1st March at 7.30pm - St Peter Claver's, Dulwich, Fr Charles Gauci

Wednesday 7th March - Church of the Annunciation, Hectorville, Fr Anthony Adimai SdM

Thursday 8th March - Sacred Heart Church, Semaphore, Fr Brian Angus

Tuesday 13th March at 7.30pm - ST PIUS X, Dernancourt, Fr Matthew Raj OMI

Thursday 15th March at 7.30pm - St Mary's Morphett Vale, Fr Roman Palma CR

Thursday 22nd March at 7pm - Our Lady of the Valley, Nuriootpa, Fr Mark Sexton

Sunday 22nd April at 6pm - New Catholics Mass, St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Archbishop Philip Wilson

Children's Prayer

Lord deepen our faith and courage like Abraham, so that we will do whatever you might ask of us. Make our trust in you grow stronger each and every day. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

There are no flowers during Lent.

All donations will go towards the Easter arrangements. Thank you.