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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

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29th April 2018
5th Sunday of Easter - Year B White

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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 5.30pm at St John XXIII**

Mon	30th April	Legion of Mary (Jnr) & R.E.	4pm - 5pm	Holy Trinity
Tue	1st May	Legion of Mary	12.30pm - 2pm	Holy Trinity
Wed	2nd May	St Joseph Devotion	7.30pm	Holy Trinity
Thur	3rd May	Christian Meditation	2pm	St John XXIII
Fri	4th May	Two Hearts Prayer Group With 9pm & 3am Mass	8pm - 4am	Holy Trinity Holy Trinity
Sat	5th May	Sacramental Program	4pm	St John XXIII

OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

Mon	30th April	Bowls	1pm - 3.30pm	St John XXIII
Tue	1st May	Reach Out	9.45am	St John XXIII
Tue	1st May	Liturgy Committee Meeting	7pm	St John XXIII
Wed	2nd May	Seniors Social Club	1pm - 3.30pm	Holy Trinity
Fri	4th May	Craft Group	9.30am - 12pm	St John XXIII

Abide in Me

Already the 5th Sunday of Easter! Today's gospel emphasises the need for Christians to abide in Christ as a condition for producing fruits of kindness, mercy, charity and holiness. Jesus uses his favourite image of the vine and branches to help his disciples understand the closeness of their relationship with him and the necessity of their maintaining it. They are not simply rabbi and disciples. Their lives are mutually dependent; as close as a vine and its branches. In fact, in using this image, Jesus is explaining to them and to us what our relationship with him should be like.

There are numerous Old Testament passages which refer to Israel as a vine: Ps 80:8-16, Is 5:1-7, Jer 2:21, Ez 15:1-8, 17:5-10, 19:10-14, and Hos 10:1. "The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel," sings the prophet Isaiah in his song of the Vineyard (Is 5:1-7). "Yet I planted you a choice vine" is God's message to Israel through Jeremiah (Jer 2:21). "Israel is a luxuriant vine," says Hosea (Hos 10:1). The vine is part and parcel of Jewish imagery and the very symbol of Israel, serving as an emblem on the coins of the Maccabees. One of the glories of the Temple was the great golden vine upon the front of the Holy Place. But the symbol of the vine is never used in the Old Testament apart from the idea of degeneration and infidelity deserving of Yahweh's severe punishment. That is why Ezekiel says that it should be burned in the fire (Ez 15).

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Since Israel has become a degenerate vine producing wild and bitter grapes, Jesus makes the unique claim that he is the true and ideal Vine and his disciples are the living and fruit-producing branches. He clarifies his statement, explaining that his Heavenly Father is the Vine-grower (v. 1), he (Christ) is the Vine (v. 5), his disciples are branches (v. 5) and those who do not abide in him are useless branches, suitable only to be cut away and thrown into the fire (v. 6).

Though pruning is an essential part of growing fruit-producing branches, even a well-pruned branch cannot bear grapes unless it abides in the vine, drawing water and minerals from the main trunk and transporting food prepared in the leaves to the main trunk and to the roots. Jesus reminds us that we cannot bear fruit either, unless we abide in him just as he abides in us. This life of intimate union with Christ in the Church is maintained by the spiritual helps available to all the faithful, chiefly by active participation in the Liturgy. As we abide in him we need to prune ourselves and let ourselves be pruned that we may bear fruit. Cutting of everything that is contrary to the spirit of Jesus and renewing our commitment to Christian ideals in our lives every day is the first type of pruning expected of us. A second means of pruning is practicing self-control over our evil inclinations, sinful addictions and aberrations. Cordial mingling with people of different cultures, races, religions and orientations in our neighbourhood and society enables us to prune away our selfish and prejudicial tendencies and to treat others in our society with Christian charity and openness. Jesus prunes, purifies and strengthens us by allowing us to face pain and suffering, contradictions and difficulties with courage of our Christian convictions. Let us today resolve to abide in Christ by means of our personal and liturgical prayers, frequenting of the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation, daily and meditative reading of the Bible and loving acts of kindness, mercy and forgiveness that we are fruit-bearing branches of Jesus the Vine.

Janakumbudramalakol

Readings for 6th May 2018

1st Reading Acts 10:25 - 26. 34 - 35. 44 - 48

2nd Reading John 4: 7 - 10

Gospel John 15:9 - 17

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

30th April St Pius V
1st May St Joseph the Worker
2nd May St Athanasius
3rd May St Philip, St James

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:**

Charlotte Fussell, Selena (Rose) Quinn, Ann Stanton, Michael Valentine, Phyllis Anthony, Annmarie Thile, Pam Ridley, Rita Lockyer, Michael Pritchard, Randal Dunn, John MacGrath, Ken Robinson, Neil Mc Peake, 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.



**NOVENA OF THE HOLY CLOAK
OF ST JOSEPH
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**

To pray for all Families,
the Priesthood and for the
Protection of the Unborn
Wednesday 2nd May

The Novena and Rosary beginning
at 6.30pm followed by Mass at 7pm
concluding with Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament with Benediction.

*"I put all my desires, cares and wishes for you in the Sacred Heart. I know it protects and guards you."
(St Mary of the Cross MacKillop)*

CONGRATULATIONS



***Congratulations
Jen & Stephen
on your Wedding.***

God Bless You



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Planned Giving Envelopes for the next 6 months are available for collection at the back of the church at both mass centres.

It costs \$2 to post them out if not collected.

Thank you



RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

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



St Vincent De Paul Modbury Conference

Father, through our observance of Lent and Easter, help us to understand the meaning of your Son's death and resurrection and teach us to reflect it in our lives.

We had 5 families needing help, 8 adults 5 children each family asking for food, also needing clothing and furniture.

Our pantry needs this week at St. John XXIII are:
Tinned Tomatoes, Coffee (small) & Long Life Milk
As Always Thank-you & God Bless.

REACH OUT GROUP

Tuesday 1st May, 2018
9.15am Mass at St John XXIII

Reader: Bob B
Offertory: Pat C & Pat H
Communion: Gwen B & Pam R
Altar Server: Leo

FILM - THE VATICAN

Please join Reach Out to watch "The Vatican".
To be followed by Lunch at The Oasis Café
All Welcome

DEVELOPMENT FUND 2018



Congratulations Alex Balayance
No 25
Drawn by Jen Sherlock for Anne Hughes
Contact Marg Dolman to be included
in the draw on: 8264 1317

HAPPY BIRTHDAY APRIL/MAY BABIES

29th Father Peter Milburn, David Zagari
30th Amanda North
1st Josie Mac Grath
2nd Hannah Craig
3rd Nikki Woodlands



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM



Our next Sacramental Workshop will be on next Saturday 5th May at 4pm at St John XXIII.
We request our Parish Community to pray for the children as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion



FIRST SATURDAY MASS

May 5th 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)*

Two Hearts Prayer Group Holy Trinity Church

Friday 4th May, at Holy Trinity Church
Rosary at 8pm followed by Mass at 9pm
and finishes with Mass at 3am on
Saturday morning.

Quiz Night May 26th

at Holy Trinity Church Hall

Our parish East Timor Committee invites you to book a table (8-10 people) at our annual Quiz Night to help raise funds for urgent clean water and electricity projects in Maliana Diocese, East Timor. Donations of new items for the raffle and auction are appreciated. We would also appreciate goods or vouchers from businesses you may know. A donation box will be left in the Parish Office.

There are booking sheets in the foyer of both Mass Centres.

Posters are at both Mass Centres for more information.

The Quiz Night is always a fun night with numerous prizes to be won.

Enquiries: Lea Crosby 8263 8377

Legion of Mary - Change of Meeting

Please note the Legion of Mary are no longer on Wednesday nights at Holy Trinity Church, they will now be on Thursday nights from 6.30pm at a Private Residence.

Please contact Anne Craig on: 0452 216 382
for further details

LITURGY MEETING

The next Parish Liturgy Committee Meeting is on:
Tuesday 1st May at 7pm at
St John XXIII in the Meeting Room

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; My branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

Children's Prayer

Lord Jesus, you willingly gave up your life, so that we could share in your everlasting life with all of mankind. Thank you for your courage, your love and for being with us in all that we do and say. Amen



PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Would you like to visit and walk in the footsteps of Jesus Mary and Joseph in the Holy Land? A unique experience of faith and understanding. Fr Jack Boog, is taking another pilgrimage this year, leaving on the 21st October from Adelaide. If you like more info, there is a brochure available at the back of the church today.

Or email to pilgrimfrjack@hotmail.com



RELIGIOUS ITEMS, CARDS AND STATUES ARE ON SALE AFTER 10AM MASS EACH SUNDAY AT HOLY TRINITY MASS CENTRE, PARA HILLS.

**NEW STOCKS HAVE NOW ARRIVED:
CONFIRMATION/COMMUNION MEDALS,
ROSARY BEADS, CARDS AND MANY MORE.**

VISIT OUR DISPLAY CABINET WHICH CAN BE FOUND IN THE ROOM AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH



STAMPS AND DRINK CAN RING PULLS

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



Entertainment Books for sale

Books are available from the Parish Office. The Director of Caritas Maliana is extremely grateful for your support and sends blessings and thanks from the bishop of Maliana and our brothers and sisters in the Maliana Diocese. The books or Digital Membership are \$70 each. Correct money please when purchasing a book after Mass!

Thank you in advance for your support East Timor committee

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.

Retreat for the Ministers of the Sick COME SHARE A MEAL

At: St John XXIII

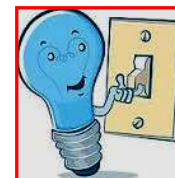
On: Wednesday 23rd May 2018

Time: 11.30am – 4pm

Bring a plate to share

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.



CHUCKLE

A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter.

Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the Block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us Our trespasses."

When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this Note "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."