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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

171 KESTERS ROAD,
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ST JOHN XXIII CHURCH

50 RESERVOIR RD,
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CHILDREN'S LITURGY

CELEBRATED AT
10AM MASS

BAPTISMS

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

PARISH CHILD PROTECTION OFFICERS

THERESE MEYERS: 0421 533 761

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21st August 2022

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C - Green

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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.**

MASS TIMES

**ST JOHN XXIII
Hope Valley**

Monday 9.15am
Tuesday 9.15am
Thursday 9.15am
Saturday 6pm
Sunday 8am



**HOLY TRINITY
Para Hills**

Wednesday 7pm
Friday 9.15am
(Adoration Before Mass
will recommence on 5th August)
Saturday 9.15am
Sunday 10am

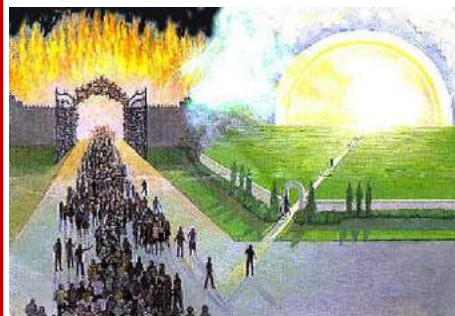
**Reconciliation (Confession)
Saturday after 9.15am Mass at Holy Trinity
and 5.30pm at St John XXIII**

COVID UPDATE

To help protect the most vulnerable within our Parish community we strongly encourage everyone to continue wearing masks during Mass

Please do not attend Mass or other Parish functions if you are unwell.

Feeling Entitled or Ready to Enter by the Narrow Gate



A good starting point for our reflection today is a little discussion of the concept of entitlement. There are certain things that we are entitled to have. The US Declaration of Independence asserts that all people are entitled to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Certainly, all children are entitled to the basic care they need to grow from infants to young adults. In our work many of us earn benefits such as vacation time, social security, and a pension. We are entitled to these. Sadly, many people act entitled even though they have done nothing to earn special privileges. Some people are just plain rude as they make excessive demands on others. Some very well-off people treat all others as their servants. At the other end of the spectrum, some people feel that the world owes them a living even though they refuse to work. They think they are entitled. Many parents are forced to have a serious discussion with their teenage children whether they are entitled to have a car just because he or she has turned 16 or 17. I have met priests who feel that they can make unlimited demands on others just because they are priests. They feel entitled. Many marriages have never become permanent unions of life and love because one or both people felt entitled to take and not responsible to give. I am sure you have all had to deal with people who carry on the air that the world owes them a living, owes them respect, and so forth.

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When a person whose life revolves around his or her own sense of entitlement considers his or her relationship with God, or lack thereof, entitlement becomes the sin of presumption. This is quite common. There are many people who refuse to serve God, refuse to live Godly lives, refuse to worship, and yet, at death, presume that they and those like them are entitled to full union with God.

Jesus speaks about the sin of presumption in today's Gospel. Some people are not willing to make any sacrifices for the Kingdom of God. They have plenty of opportunity throughout their lives, but they ignore the call to follow Christ, the narrow way, and instead choose the wide path, the way of the "everybody is doing it" crowd. When they knock on the Master of the House's door, it is too late. The door has been shut. Their lives on earth are over. They demand entrance into heaven claiming that the Lord lived among them and taught in their community. They feel entitled to enter into His Eternal Presence. But they have presumed His Mercy would be there for them without their ever lifting a finger to do what is right. Instead, they hear the Master saying, "Depart from me you evildoers."

We act entitled, when we make presumptions on the mercy of God, it is because we have not fully recognized what it means to be a Christian. We have not embraced the cost of discipleship. To be a Christian means that we are willing to take up our crosses, deny ourselves, and follow the Lord. To be a Christian means that we are willing to endure whatever the world throws at us rather than walk away from the Lord.

Sacrificing ourselves for others is also difficult. Making time for someone who is hurting, someone who is infirm, someone who is lonely, means denying ourselves the small breaks we have in our busy lives. But these acts of charity are life giving and prove that our lives are centred on the Lord. This is how we choose the narrow gate, the way of giving instead of taking. If a radical worldliness makes us lose interest in anything beyond the bed we have made for ourselves in this life and if we think that we are not worthy of any-thing beyond that poor bed, and our pride makes us glory in it we are sure to say: "My bed is my kingdom. There is nothing better in the universe." Jesus made it plain that God has no sympathy for such bloated spirits. He said words like these to the listening crowds: When the proud come to the gate of heaven so "filled with themselves," God will simply say: "Go away! I do not know you!"

No one can make a claim on God. No one is entitled to union with God. People who presume God will extend mercy to them while they refuse to extend His Love to others are committing a sin that is devastating to their spiritual lives. But people who embrace discipleship, people who accept the cost of following Christ, receive the all-consuming joy of union with Him. We should not presume that we will have a heavenly reward. We should not claim that we are entitled to eternal glory.



Readings for Sunday, 28th August 2022

1st Reading	Sirach	3: 17-20, 28 - 29
2nd Reading	Heb	12: 18-19, 22 - 24
Gospel	Lk	14: 1, 7 - 14

Saints & Feast Days

22nd Aug	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
23rd Aug	St Rose Of Lima
24th Aug	St Bartholomew
25th Aug	St Louis & St Joseph Calasanz
27th Aug	St Monica

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:

John Jarrad, Martha Fernandez, Carmel Adams, Vesna Zagar, Kim Pope, Anne Hughes, David Truman, Bruce Tilley, Anne Valentine, Ken Randell, Mary Rose Probst, Emelia Pudelek, Maria Trotta, Joan Walmsley, Lil Buckley, Pat Collins, Margaret Pitt, Anne Van Der Arend, Patricia Kopf, Darcy Ridley, Jayden Lee, Maria Hand, Molly Holmes, Asher Caudle, Father Peter Milburn, Emma Gammon, David North, Elijah Neri, Wayne Collins, Marg Dolman, Sean Molloy, Antoinette Pascale, Charlotte Fussell, Reta Lockyer, John MacGrath, Mary Redmond, Graham Speed, Marlen Piineda, Rosa Maria Santos, Betty Roper, Imperia De Ionno, Julie Reimann, Gerry Canavan, Kay Kennedy, Gary Lockyer, Rita Robinson, Yvonne Summers, Sr. Marleen Dewar OLSH

Recently Deceased

Ken Robinson, Ursula Moore, Anne Rose Mary Javier, David Kerlake, Valarie Veronica Nas

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM



Our Sacramental Program for 2022/2023 will be starting soon.

If you have children who would like to join the program to prepare to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion and if you have not participated in an enquiry session please contact Tash on 8264 7590 or Email: pa@paramodcath.com.au

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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



St Vincent de Paul Modbury Conference

Again a bit of a quiet week for assistance calls, with only two individuals needing assistance with food and clothing.

There has been very little take-up so far of the furniture provision – there is a flat pack option now to expedite the process.

Our immediate needs in the pantry are Small Vegemite, Tinned Meat and Tinned Carrots – If you can, please put any or all of these in the basket. We appreciate the assistance this provides us in keeping the pantry stocked against the assistance demand.

Significant Wedding Anniversary Celebrations

The celebration of significant Wedding Anniversaries which recognises couples in their life-long commitment will again be held in local parishes this year. The Anniversaries Masses will be celebrated in our Parish on the weekend of 17th/18th September 2022.

Couples who are celebrating an anniversary of 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55 and 60 or more years during 2022 are invited to contact the parish office so that they can be included in the blessing for marriages at Mass on that weekend.

Your details will be forwarded to the Archbishop's Office and a certificate will be prepared for presentation to you marking your anniversary.

If you would like your anniversary to be included in this celebration please contact the Parish Office with your details before Thursday 25th August 2022

PLEASE NOTE

There will be no Holy Mass celebrated at 9.15 am at Holy Trinity Church on Saturday 27-8-2022.

We are all invited to be part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations at St Augustine's Church Salisbury on the day at 10.30 am

Gleeson College School Board

We thank Sue Wright who has served as our parish representative on the Gleeson College School Board over the last two years. The Board meets twice per school term each year. We are now looking for a nominee to replace Sue in that position. If you are interested in taking up this ministry please contact the office for a nomination form.

Liturgy Assistants Roster

The time is approaching to prepare the Liturgy Assistants Roster for October to December 2022. If you are aware of any circumstances that will affect your ongoing involvement on the roster, please let Therese Meyers know by 21 August 2022 at theresemeyers@gmail.com or by calling 0421 533 761. Similarly, if you would like to join the roster please let Therese know with a message indicating which Eucharistic community, what ministries and permission to email the roster or by forwarding a completed green Liturgy Assistant Volunteer sheet that is available at the back of the church. Thanks to those who have already let me know.

Please keep in mind that once the roster is distributed, individual liturgy assistants then take their own steps to arrange fill-ins rather than providing Therese with the information about inability to be available.

The Parishioner of Inspiration Awards Calling for Nominations

Do you know a faith filled person in our parish who gives of himself or herself in outstanding service to our parish and/or our community? It is time for us to call for nominations once again for the Parishioner of Inspiration Awards.

You will recall that our winners for last year were Phyllis Truman and Kimberlyn Selvan. The award allows us to acknowledge and congratulate two parishioners whose service to our parish has been such that their contribution has been inspirational for others.

The annual award recognises 2 people: a young parishioner (up to the age of 21 years) and an adult parishioner.

You are asked to think about those you recognise as inspirational volunteers in the parish and put in a nomination for the award. Those eligible for nomination will be faith-filled individuals who give freely of themselves, serving God by serving our parish and our community.

Nominations should be forwarded to the PPC by the end of September each year. The PPC will consider the nominations at the October meeting. Award winners will be announced and acknowledged at the annual Volunteers celebration.

You are asked to submit nominations for the award to the Parish Pastoral Council by the end of September. Nominations forms are available at the back of the Church and at the parish office.

DIVINE MERCY AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH



The next Divine Mercy Devotion will be on Sunday, 28th August at 2.30pm at Holy Trinity Church, 171 Kesters Rd, Para Hills.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia

PRAYER MEETINGS

Sun 28th Aug Divine Mercy 2.30 pm Holy Trinity

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Mon 22nd Aug Bowls Group 1pm - 3.30pm St John XXIII
Wed 24th Aug Seniors Social Group 1pm Holy Trinity
Thur 25th Aug Multicultural Melodies 10am - 12 noon St John XXIII
Fri 26th Aug Craft Group 9.30am - 12 noon St John XXIII



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2022

Congratulations to our winner
No 49, Dymphna Riordan
Drawn by Olive McGovern

If you would like to be included in the draw
Please contact: Barbara Mathews 8258 8806



STAY FOR A CUPPA!

Our monthly Cuppa's after Mass
have resumed!

Please join us after Mass next weekend and
take the opportunity to introduce
yourself to parishioners you have not yet met and
catch up with your fellow parishioners.
We welcome donations of cake and finger food
which can be left in the kitchen before Mass.

Please Help

If any one has an unused hard waste collection
permission, either from Salisbury Council or TTG
council, the Parish would like to use them as we are in
urgent need of getting rid of a lot of hard waste
gathered near the sheds. If any one of you can donate
your permission coupons it will be of great help.

Safety First



Please remember the carpark are shared zones
and for safety the speed limit is 10kph
(walking pace).



THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The latest edition of The Southern
Cross is available from both Mass
Centres at a cost of just \$2 or online at
www.thesoutherncross.org.au



We welcome to our community,

Lincoln Emmanuel McMahon,
Renley Jay Reichert and Conrad
Robbie Reichert



who were baptised in August.

Please show your support by remembering
him and his family in your prayers.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
AUGUST BABIES**

25th Aug Michael MacGrath
Neil Johnston
Monika Giebel
Lorraine Thalbourne
26th Aug Mitchell Horn
27th Aug Elaine Gallagher
Heather Cardinali



Social Justice Sunday – August 28 2022

Social Justice Sunday is observed every year on the
final Sunday of August; this year it falls on August 28.
Distribution of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Social
Justice Statement for 2022-23 entitled '**Respect:
Confronting Violence and Abuse**' is scheduled to
occur this week.



Chuckle Corner

Saint Peter is sitting at the Pearly Gates
when two guys wearing dark hoodies and
sagging pants arrive.

Surprised, St Peter looks out through the
Gates and says, "Wait here. I'll be right
back." St Peter goes over to God's chambers and tells
him who is awaiting entrance. God, irritated, says to
Peter: "How many times do I have to tell you? You
can't be judgmental here. This is heaven. All are
loved. All are brothers. Go back and let them in!"
So St Peter goes back, looks around and lets out a
heavy sigh. He returns to God's chambers and says,
"Well, they're gone."
"The blokes wearing hoodies?" asks God.
"No. The Pearly Gates."



**St Vincent de Paul
Para Hills Conference**

The Para Hills St Vincent de Paul
Conference thanks those parishioners who gave to us
so generously in memory of Ursula Moore who passed
away recently. Ursula, a generous supporter of the
Conference, requested that cash donations be made
to us in lieu of floral tributes. Your contributions will
provide food and other necessities to those in
desperate need and has honoured Ursula's kindness.

Mrs. Helen Zmarek,
Conference President

Parish Bulletin

If you would like to receive the bulletin via email
please contact us at
bulletin@paramodcath.com.au