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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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28th August 2022

22nd 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.

"Do you Wish to Rise? Begin by Descending."

(St Augustine)



The common theme of today's readings is the need for true humility which leads to a generous blessed sharing with the needy. The readings also warn us against all forms of pride and self-glorification. They present humility not only as a virtue but also as a means of opening our hearts, our minds and our hands to the poor, the needy, the disadvantaged and the marginalized people in our society, a personal responsibility for every authentic Christian. If pride goes before a fall, then it will be apt to say that humility goes before honour and success (See Prov.18:12; 29:23). The first reading instructs that the greater you are the more you must humble yourself so that you can find favour with God. This clearly shows us that humility is not only a virtuous disposition; it is also a platform for more blessings from God. Little wonder then that St. James wrote in his letter that God loves the humble but detests the proud (Jas.4:6). In the gospel, Jesus used the imagery of a marriage banquet to drive home his point about humility. Why did the invited guests compete to choose the places of honour? Probably because they considered themselves important and thought that others might see this and be impressed. To people like that and to us Jesus says today that real importance does not come from external signs.

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God isn't at all impressed by the games people play to try to show others how important they think they are. In fact, it seems the more fragile we are inside; the more we lack real self-esteem, then the more we will want to prove to others and ourselves by external signs that we are important. But according to Jesus the best thing to do is to take the lowly seat first so that from that place you can be upgraded. This is in lieu of taking a front seat even before the ceremony commences as the danger might be that one can be unseated when someone more honourable arrives. He ended the instruction by saying that whoever exalts himself will be humbled but whoever humbles himself will be exalted. Pride is the cause of various losses and failures in life. Due to pride most people have lost both material support and divine sustenance. Many people have failed before God and before others. It takes humility to know God and to love Him and our neighbours. It takes humility to pray. It takes humility to repent of one's sins; it takes humility to say, "I am sorry". The problem with humanity is that there is an abundance of pride but a scarcity of humility. It takes humility to let go and to let God in. Our salvation was an act of humility. That is why St. Paul writes: Though Jesus was God himself, he did not count his equality with God a thing to be grasped but he made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he HUMBLED himself by becoming OBEDIENT even unto death, death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. (Philippians 2:6-10).

When God became man, He chose to occupy the lowest possible seat. " Humility was Jesus' favourite theme. We read it all through the gospels: "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted" (Luke 14:11); "Whoever humbles himself like a little child is the greatest in the kingdom of God" (Matthew 18:4); "Learn of me, for I am meek and humble of heart" (Matthew 11:29). Humility is a strange phenomenon. St. Augustine said: "Humility is so necessary for Christian perfection that among all the ways to reach perfection, humility is first, humility is second, and humility is third." He added, "Humility makes people angels, and pride makes angels devils." St. Bernard declared, "Pride sends man from the highest elevation to the lowest abyss, but humility raises him from the lowest abyss to the highest elevation."

Humility does not consist in what we profess with our lips but in what we do afterwards. That is why we can say that humility shows itself in obedience. If it is genuine it must be able to move us to do something very positive. A close look at the gospel today reveals to us that Jesus is underlining the gratuitous nature of God's kingdom addressed to the insignificant and not so important. The Good News then is that we all are invited to take part in the banquet of the kingdom of heaven. The kingdom is for the humble, the grateful, those who freely accept God's gift. Let us then pray: "Jesus meek and humble of heart, make our hearts like unto Yours. Free us from any kind of pride.

Janakumbudramalika

Readings for Sunday, 4th September 2022

1st Reading	Wis	9: 13 -18
2nd Reading	Phil	9-10, 12-17
Gospel	Lk	14: 25 - 33

Saints & Feast Days

29th Aug	The Passion of St John the Baptist
2nd Sept	Spring Ember Day
3rd Sept	St Gregory the Great

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

Gary Howell, Ken Robinson, Ursula Moore, David Kerslake, 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: God, in your goodness, You have made a home for the poor.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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



**St Vincent de Paul
Modbury Conference**

Another quiet week for assistance calls, with only three needing assistance with food to carry their families through to their next benefit payment.

Our soup stocks were in sufficient over-supply that we moved some down to the Pooraka Hub to supplement shopping vouchers.

Our immediate needs in the pantry are Pasta Sauce, Peanut Butter and Breakfast Cereal—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.

**Our Parish Recommendations for the Diocesan
Assembly**

Many thanks to all of those parishioners who participated in discussion and gave us feedback to include in our response to the recommendations for the Diocesan Assembly.

We were asked to recommend three priorities for the Archdiocese and also three that we as a parish could focus on.

Based on your feedback, the following is what was submitted from our parish:

For the Archdiocese:

1. Develop opportunities for participation in the full life and mission of the church, including areas of leadership and decision making.
2. Improve communication of and accessibility to faith formation resources, policies, and expectations
3. Encourage greater collaboration in parishes, communities and schools between clergy and laity, particularly in liturgical life.

For the Parish:

1. Further develop strategies and practices for our community to become a place of belonging, connection, collaboration and mission.
2. Further develop strategies and practices for greater collaboration and partnership between our parish and our local church schools.
3. Develop ways to mentor and empower young people as leaders.

We were given the opportunity to make a further comment and we chose to mention that in our item 2 for the Archdiocese there needed to be improvement in general communication from the Archdiocese to parishes: in particular, understanding that not all parishes employ full-time office staff.

There were also a number of mentions of item 3.4 (Employ the use of inclusive language, particularly in liturgies - scripture and prayers). On deliberation we decided that as a parish we already have this in mind and have been working towards inclusivity in language and will continue to do so. It seemed more important for the parish at this time to identify the 3 items above as areas for our focus.

The PPC thanks the sub-committee members who took on the task of deliberating on the feedback and determining which items we as a parish should submit to the Assembly.

Carolyn M Ost
PPC Chairperson

**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. The PPC will consider the nominations at the October meeting. Award winners will be announced and acknowledged at the annual Volunteers celebration.

Nominations forms are available at the back of the Church and at the parish office.

FIRST SATURDAY MASS



3rd September 2022, 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)*

**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.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

**The next meeting of the Parish Finance Council
is on Monday, the 29th August at
St John XXIII Meeting Room at 7.30pm.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia

PRAYER MEETINGS

Fri	2nd Sept	Two Hearts Prayer Group	6 pm	Holy Trinity
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OTHER ACTIVITIES

Mon	29th Aug	Bowls Group	1pm - 3.30pm	St John XXIII
Mon	29th Aug	PFC (Parish Finance Council)	7.30pm	St John XXIII
Wed	31st Aug	Seniors Social Group	1pm	Holy Trinity
Thur	1st Sept	Multicultural Melodies	10am - 12 noon	St John XXIII
Fri	2nd Sept	Craft Group	9.30am - 12 noon	St John XXIII



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2022

Congratulations to our winner

No 90, Barbara Sorrel

Drawn by Fr Manu for Dymphna Riordan

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 this weekend and take the opportunity to introduce yourself to parishioners you have not yet met and catch up with your fellow parishioners.

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.

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. The Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2022-23 is entitled '**Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse**'. For more resources please log on to the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website: [Social Justice Statement 2022-23](#)



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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AUGUST BABIES

29th Aug	Ray Thalbourne
30th Aug	Lisa Javier
31st Aug	Annette Buxton
1st Sept	Terence Gallagher
	Weronika Zebal
2nd Sept	Ellen Giebel



TREASURE MARKET

Second Saturday of each month
8am to 12noon

Next: 10th September 2022
St John XXIII Centre
Sellers \$10—Buyers free!

**PLEASE SEND SMALLER GOODS OUR WAY,
THEY CAN BE LEFT ON THE SHELVES IN THE
MARKET WALKWAY
OR IN THE BOX AT THE BACK OF ST JOHN XXIII
CHURCH, ALSO IN A BOX IN THE CRY ROOM
AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.**

**All monies raised from the Market
are donated to the Parish.**

**WE CAN NO LONGER ACCEPT LARGE ITEMS
SUCH AS TVs, MATTRESSES, SOFAS,
LOUNGE CHAIRS & WARDROBES
AS WE ARE NOT ABLE TO SELL THEM.**

COVID SAFE REQUIREMENTS WILL APPLY

THE CATHOLIC OFFICE FOR
YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS &
THE ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL
FOR MINISTRY FOR YOUNG
PEOPLE INVITES YOU TO



Diocesan Youth Assembly

SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2022

10:30 A.M - 4:30 P.M

**ST THOMAS SCHOOL, 10 RUSHTON ST,
GOODWOOD SA 5034**

Are you 16 - 30 years old?

Are you interested in the life and mission of our local Catholic church community and want to make a difference?

Do you have ideas about how we can better respond to the needs of young people and our local Catholic church community?

*We want to hear from you at the
Diocesan Youth Assembly!*



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WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/CBVXC**