



# PARA HILLS MODBURY CATHOLIC PARISH

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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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4th September 2022

23rd 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  
commencing 8.30am)  
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.

## Free Grace and Costly Discipleship



Today's readings challenge us to the true Christian discipleship of total commitment to the will of God, putting God first in our lives living out the values that we profess even when we may have to suffer the loss. The first reading, taken from the Book of Wisdom, instructs us to ask for the gifts of discernment and strength from the Holy Spirit so that we may do the will of God as His true disciples. The second reading, taken from St. Paul's letter to Philemon, teaches us that detachment and renunciation are necessary for a true disciple of Christ. Today's

Gospel reminds us to count the cost of being a disciple and follower of Christ because the cost is high: true Christian discipleship requires one to "renounce" both earthly possessions and possessions of the heart (i.e. one's relationships). Jesus lays out four conditions for true Christian discipleship. i) Renounce too much attachment to family and give priority to God and His commandments. Today's gospel puzzles a lot of people, because in the Middle East, anyone who deliberately cuts ties with their family and social network would lose the ordinary means of making a living. Further, a person's life and family relationships were a necessity for security and identity, regardless of social position. Why was Jesus, who had been recommending that his followers love everybody, including their enemies, suddenly announcing that no one could be his disciple unless he hated his own family?

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Jesus' "hating" one's family may be an exaggeration, spoken for effect. Matthew's Gospel makes it clear. "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me." (Mt 10:37-38). When Jesus said, "hate your family," he was talking about spiritual detachment, the ability to put God first, before other relationships and before self-interest.

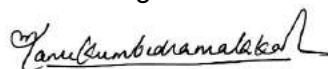
ii) Break off the excessive attachment to possessions by leading a detached life, willingly sharing one's blessings with others.

iii) Accept the hard consequences of discipleship which include daily sacrificial service done for others and even the giving one's life for them.

iv) Calculate the cost involved in following Jesus. Using the two parables of the tower-builder and the king defending his country, Jesus says: think long and hard about Christian discipleship before a decision is made. Jesus commanded us to make disciples of all nations (not "make members"). On the one hand, our text repeats the necessity of putting Jesus first; an extremely demanding condition. On the other hand, even "street people" were generously invited to the banquet. The only "demand" was to come and eat and enjoy the feast that had been prepared. Do we live in this tension between free grace and costly discipleship? Is there a difference between believing in Jesus and being a disciple? Yes! Just being an active Church member is not enough. Jesus doesn't want disciples who just "go along with the crowd." He wants committed Christians, who are aware of the costs of following him, who choose to follow him anyway.

We do not always look for cheap grace. Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, Baptism without discipline, Communion without confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, and grace without Jesus. Costly grace is the treasure hidden in the field and the pearl of great price for which the believer is willing to sell everything he or she has. Costly grace is the Gospel which must be lived and preached; it is the gift which must be asked for, the door at which every disciple must knock. Costly grace means following Jesus, aware of and prepared for the pitfalls of discipleship but still willing to meet them and manage them daily with his help.

Jesus does not want a large number of "half-way" disciples who are willing to do a "little bit" of prayer, a "little bit" of commitment, a "little bit" of dedication, a "little bit" of love. Jesus wants disciples who are truly committed to prayer and to discipleship. We need to accept the challenge with heroic commitment. Real discipleship demands true commitment to the duties entrusted to us by life, circumstances, the community or directly by God Himself, and by loving acts of selfless, humble and sacrificial love offered to all God's children around us. Let us remember that all this is possible only if we rely on the power of prayer and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.



## Readings for Sunday, 11th September 2022

1st Reading	Ex	32: 7 - 11, 13 - 14
2nd Reading	1Tim	1 - 12 - 17
Gospel	Lk	15: 1 - 32

## Saints & Feast Days

8th Sept	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9th Sept	St Peter Claver

## 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

Joseph Tomy, Myra Dias, Gary Howell, Ken Robinson

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

### Our Sacramental Program for 2022/2023

We will be starting our sacramental program sessions for 2022/2023 on

**Sat 10th September**

**from 3.30 — 5pm at**

**St John XXIII Mass Centre**

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](mailto:pa@paramodcath.com.au)

or you can come along for the first session on

Saturday 10th September and meet Tash in person

## LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING

**The next Liturgy Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday 7th September at 7pm**

**Contact Therese Meyers on 0421 533 761**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**



ST VINCENT DE PAUL

HQ: 1300 729 202 from 9.00am — 1.00pm  
or [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au)



### St Vincent de Paul Modbury Conference

A quiet week for assistance with only one call from a family with two school age children, needing food and clothing.

Next conference meeting is coming up on Thursday, Sept 8th – 4pm at St John XXIII meeting room. All are welcome.

Our immediate needs in the pantry are Tinned Tomatoes, Peanut Butter and Coffee. 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.

# HAPPY FATHERS' DAY

*Gracious God,  
bless fathers  
and all father figures  
with such love and  
faithfulness that  
children flourish  
and grow in  
uprightness and joy.  
Bless those who long  
to be fathers and  
those for whom this  
day is difficult. Amen.*



### 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.

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!*



**NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN AT**  
[WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/CBVXC](http://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/CBVXC)



### 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 7th September

The Novena and Rosary beginning  
at 6.30pm followed by Mass at 7pm  
finishing 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)*



### Catholic Charities 2022 Appeal

September is Catholic Charities Month.  
Information brochures including a tear off envelope are  
available at each Mass Centre,  
for those who wish to donate in this way.  
These envelopes can be placed on the collection plate  
at any weekend Mass during September.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant,  
and teach me your laws. Alleluia**

## PRAYER MEETINGS

Wed	7th Sep	St Joseph's Devotion	6.30pm	Holy Trinity
Sat	10th Sep	Sacramental Program	3.30pm - 5pm	St John XXIII

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

Mon	5th Sep	Bowls Group	1pm - 3.30pm	St John XXIII
Wed	7th Sep	Seniors Social Group	1pm	Holy Trinity
Wed	7th Sep	Liturgy Committee	7pm	Private Residence
Thur	8th Sep	Multicultural Melodies	10am - 12 Noon	St John XXIII
Thur	8th Sep	St Vincent de Paul	4pm	St John XXIII
Fri	9th Sep	Craft Group	9.30am - 12 Noon	St John XXIII
Sat	10th Sep	Treasure Market	8am - 12 Noon	St John XXIII



### DEVELOPMENT FUND 2022

Congratulations to our winner

No 65, Phyllis Truman  
Drawn by Barbara Sorrell

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

### 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.

### REACH OUT

For Reach Out members and friends,  
A reminder that you are all welcome  
as we meet again for Morning Tea  
at the Salvation Army Oasis Cafe,  
(Corner of Montague Rd & Reservoir Rd, Modbury)

This coming TUESDAY, 6th September, after the  
9.15am Mass at St John XXIII.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Maureen Kenny  
Reach Out President  
PH: 0418 821 859



### We welcome to our community,



Harrison Viant,  
Renley Jay Reichert, Conrad Robbie Reichert  
and Lincoln Emmanuel McMahon  
who were baptised in August.

We also welcome those families who are preparing  
for their children's baptism during September

Please show your support by remembering  
them and their families in your prayers.

### Our Parish is a Child Safe Organisation

We are a Child Safe Organisation which is committed  
to the care, wellbeing and protection of children and  
young people. We believe that all God's children and  
young people have the right to be healthy and safe,  
and to have their voice heard, respected and valued;  
A Safe Environment for All.

To find out more about our child safe policies and  
procedures please contact the Parish Office or the  
Archdiocesan Child Protection Unit on 8210 8159.

### Quiz Night



The quiz night fundraiser for  
Maliana, Timor Leste will be held  
at Holy Trinity hall  
On Saturday October 22nd at 7.30pm.

Bookings will be taken from early  
October so watch the bulletin for details  
closer to the time.



### Children's Prayer

O, Lord Jesus. We pray for a heart that  
loves you. Give us the strength to love  
others more than we love ourselves. We  
pray that you would direct our mind to know,  
investigate and seek the truth and to understand the  
difference between wise and foolish choices. Amen.



### 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](http://www.thesoutherncross.org.au)