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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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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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0401 205 636

18th September 2022

25th 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.

“Don't let making a living prevent you from making a life.”

John Wooden

There is a lot of talk in modern times about devaluation. People complain all the time about the shrinking purchasing power of the money in their pockets, about what their ten-dollar note could have bought, even as little as five years ago. But in a real sense money is only devalued by the use we make of it. "Use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends," Christ told his disciples, "and so make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity." We may well be depressed at how little it can buy on High Street and the huge shopping malls, but in the poor back streets of this world, its value never fluctuates.

Oscar Wilde once described a cynic as "one who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing." A Christian should be the reverse. One who has no interest in the price of anything but knows the value of everything. Writing to Timothy, his disciple, St Paul quotes the proverb which says, "The love of money is the root of all evil." Note, it does not say that money is the root of all evil, but rather the "love of money" is. Of course, money is necessary, and always was, as a means of exchanging goods in every complex organised society. But through excessive love of money a person can become its slave. Money can become a substitute for God in one's life, to the extent that in one's efforts to acquire more of it one can become, in Christ's own words, "choked by the riches and pleasures of life and fail to reach spiritual maturity" (Lk 8:13). Life is something far more precious than the food we take, the clothes we wear, or the riches we acquire. Earthly possessions are things which are on loan to us. After a brief life span, we have to relinquish our hold on them and leave them behind. "Naked I came from

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my mother's womb," Job said (1:21), "and naked shall I return; the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away." You have heard of the story of Alexander the great: Physicians should carry my coffin to the grave, streets should be decorated with the spoils that I have gained through war, both my hands should be kept outside the coffin with palms open. He wanted to let the world know that he couldn't carry any of his possessions. He became wise only on his death bed and that was of no use.

Wisdom, in the sense of being smart or shrewd as we see in today's parable of the dishonest servant, is not an end in itself. One can be smart and use one's smartness to do mean things. Many con artists and terrorists are smart people who use their smartness to create unhappiness in the world. Today's parable challenges us to be smart in the pursuit of the kingdom of God just as godless people are smart in their pursuit of selfish goals and ambitions. Jesus uses the example of a smart manager in his master's business to teach us the need to be smart in the Lord's service. We are challenged to imitate the manager's shrewdness, not his dishonesty. "The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly" (Luke 16:8).

Events in our world show that we live in difficult and precarious times, like the manager in the parable. The manager faced squarely the truth of his helplessness and vulnerability and did something about it. Why do we keep on telling ourselves the lie that we are safe and secure and that nothing can ever happen to us? We do not have to wait, like the dishonest servant, for a last minute display of smartness to fix our eternal concerns. The time to be smart is now. The smart manager used what he could not keep to get what he needed so badly, friendship with his business associates. We should likewise invest our temporal and spiritual resources to gain the only thing that matters in the end: the kingdom of God. Remember the saying you cannot serve both God and money at the same time. We are all stewards of what God has entrusted to us, so some day we will have to give Him an account of our stewardship. We prepare ourselves for all kinds of things, most of which never happen. But do we care enough for our souls to insure ourselves against the one thing that most certainly will happen? We must meet God and give an account. "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil" (II Corinthians 5:10). Jesus wants us to be as prudent in the spiritual realm as greedy businessmen are in the material realm. Thus, the only thing that will count in our favour is the testimony of those who will say, "Lord, when I was really in need, he or she gave to me, at cost to himself or herself. He or she helped me along. He or she showed love to me and proved it by giving himself or herself to me."

Janet Bumbudramakel

Readings for Sunday, 25th September 2022

1st Reading	Am	6:1, 4 - 7
2nd Reading	1Tim	6:11 - 16
Gospel	Lk	16:19 - 31

Saints & Feast Days

19th Sep	St Januarius
20th Sep	Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang & Companions
21st Sep	St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
23rd Sep	St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

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:

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

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for your thoughts, prayers, well wishes, get well cards, phone calls and visits during my recent illness and extended stay in hospital.

Your messages passed on by Renata were heartwarming and appreciated.

I am now on the road to recovery but it will take some time.

Thank you again. John Jarrad

2023 Daily Mass Book

We will be placing an order for the 2023 Daily Mass Book this year.

The estimated cost for the books is \$27 - \$30 each, depending on postage costs, and will be available to collect from the Parish office mid November.

If you would like to purchase a copy please contact the Parish office before Thursday 20th October 2022 to place your order.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Praise the Lord, who lifts up 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**

Only two calls for home visits this week with both of them being in the “regular” category. Usually in these cases there is a debt problem of some significance.

Both were grateful for food and clothing.

With the previous CEO being elected to Parliament, a new appointment has been made - Evelyn O’Loughlin.

She is a respected leader with over 25 years' executive experience across corporate, not-for-profit and government sectors. Her previous role was Executive Manager, Community Services Orana Australia Limited.

Our immediate needs in the pantry are Tinned Meat, Margarine, and Tinned Fruit

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 expected assistance demand.



**Catholic
Charities**

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. Catholic Charities is also featured on the Archdiocese’s Find a Mass app.

Through the ‘Giving’ page on the app, you can make a donation using a debit or credit card.

**A Special Collection for Catholic Charities
will take place next weekend
24th/25th September.**



STAY FOR A CUPPA!

Our next monthly Cuppa after Mass will be held next weekend 24th/25th September and coincides with Migrant and Refugee Sunday.

Please join us and take the opportunity to introduce yourself to parishioners you have not yet met and catch up with your fellow parishioners.

Given that it will be Migrant and Refugee Sunday, we encourage you to bring along food that is unique to your cultural tradition to share.

All donations of food would be gratefully received and can be left in the kitchen before Mass.

We congratulate our parishioners who are celebrating a significant Wedding Anniversary this year.

30th

Teresa & James McBride
Kathryn & John Proctor

40th

Marie & Paul Haydon

45th

Anne & Zenyk Maliniak

50th

Moira & Michael Bone

52nd

Patricia & Wayne Collins

60th

Sheila & Peter Cooper
Brenda & Denis Whitehead

We thank you,
God of all that is good,
for the many blessings received through our parishioners who celebrate their significant Wedding Anniversaries this year. May they continue to walk together in spirit and truth, growing in love and unity so that they may always be an example of the love that you have for each one of us. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Nursing Home Visitors

We are in urgent need of volunteers to assist with taking Holy Communion to parishioners in nursing homes.

If you would be willing to assist with this important ministry please call Tash our Pastoral Associate at the Parish Office on 8264 7590 Tuesday or Wednesday, 9am - 2pm

Children’s Liturgy

We are preparing to restart Children's Liturgy at the Sunday 10am Mass at Holy Trinity in mid to late October.

For this to happen we need volunteers!

If you are able to offer your time to help with this rewarding Ministry please contact Tash at the Parish Office on 8264 7590 Tuesday or Wednesday, 9am - 2pm.

All volunteers will require a DHS Working With Children Check which will be organised through the Parish Office.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia

PRAYER MEETINGS

Fri	23rd Sep	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion	7pm	St John XXIII
Sun	25th Sep	Divine Mercy	2.30pm	Holy Trinity

ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

Mon	19th Sep	Bowls Group	1pm - 3.30pm	St John XXIII
Wed	21st Sep	Seniors Social Group	1pm	Holy Trinity
Thur	22nd Sep	Multicultural Melodies	10am - 12 Noon	St John XXIII
Fri	23rd Sep	Craft Group	9.30am - 12 Noon	St John XXIII



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2022

Congratulations to our winner

No 63, Phyllis Truman
Drawn by Sindi Kinloch for
Jill Brokensha

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

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.

Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region

The Cagliari Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2023 to work with young people in our Salesian communities with disadvantaged young people in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Australia.

Applications close October 31st, 2022.

Send us an inquiry:

www.cagliari.org.au or
lhichaaba@salesians.org.au



Palms Australia

Embrace the call to Global Mission

American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Zambia are requesting Australian Catholics to live in and share their skills with parish communities.

Embrace one of these **Mission opportunities abroad** and mentor those with little other opportunity.

You will be well prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961.

Enquire online at palms.org.au

or **Ph: 0422 742 567** and **Register** for a Webinar on **Saturday September 24th at 11:30am**

where you can talk directly with Veronica Lawson who is mentoring teachers in Pago Pago, American Samoa. Or visit others already engaged in Mission with Palms on our **13-day Encounter Tour to Timor-Leste from October 16th to 28th.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SEPTEMBER BABIES

18th Sep	Danielle Ellis
19th Sep	Joan Norris
20th Sep	Meredith Knowles, Michelle Javier Eric Cruz
24th Sep	Sean Conlon Gary Staker



DIVINE MERCY AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

The next Divine Mercy Devotion will be on Sunday, 25th September at 2.30pm at Holy Trinity Church, 171 Kesters Rd, Para Hills.



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