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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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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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9th October 2022

28th 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.

"No Duty is More Urgent than Giving Thanks." James Allen

The central theme of today's readings is gratitude. Naaman, the Syrian Military General in the first reading, was an outcast not only because of his illness; he was also a non-Israelite. But he returned to thank the Prophet Elisha for the cure of his leprosy, and as a sign of his gratitude, transferred his allegiance to the God of Israel. St. Paul, in the second reading, advises Timothy to be grateful to God even in his physical sufferings and amid the dangers associated with spreading the Word of God, because God will always be faithful to His people. Today's Gospel story tells us of a single non-Jewish leper (a "Samaritan heretic"), who returned to thank Jesus for healing him, while the nine Jewish lepers went their way, perhaps under the false impression that healing was their right as God's Chosen People. Today's Gospel story of "the forgetful lepers" emphasises the need to be grateful to God for the many blessings we receive. Jesus is on his final journey towards Jerusalem, a journey that began in the ninth chapter of the Gospel of Luke. In his journey from Galilee towards the south he had to pass through the Samaritan territory.

Jesus was on the border between Galilee and Samaria where He was met by a group of ten lepers, including one Samaritan among the Jews. They had been drawn together by their common misery and, in their shared illness, ignored their traditional enmity. The suffering of lepers in Biblical times was chiefly due to the way they were treated by the religious society of the day (Interpreter's Bible). They were deemed unclean, unfit to be counted among a people who considered themselves "a kingdom of priests, a holy nation" (Ex 19:6). "Leprosy" was a terrible disease because its victims were separated from their families and society. Lepers were treated as sinners who were being punished by God with a

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contagious disease.

The Fathers of the Church note three parallels between the Gospel story and the story of Naaman, the Gentile who was also healed of leprosy. First, both Naaman and the Samaritan leper were foreigners who sought healing from a Godly Jew. Second, both were ordered to perform a small, seemingly irrelevant action. Elisha told Naaman to bathe in the river Jordan seven times. Jesus told the ten lepers to show themselves to the priest who could certify a healing. In both stories, healing took place only after they left His presence to obey. Third, both Naaman and the Samaritan returned to praise God.

This incident recounting the thankfulness of the cleansed Samaritan leper is narrated only in Luke's Gospel and provides an instance of Jesus holding up a non-Jew (Luke 17:18) as an example to his Jewish contemporaries. Moreover, it is the faith in Jesus manifested by the foreigner that has brought him salvation (Luke 17:19. (New American Bible notes). Here a Samaritan is presented as the model of Faith and gratitude. Luke was himself a Gentile, a foreigner, and so he delights in recounting stories of foreigners whom God has blessed. A Samaritan is the hero of this episode. The thanks and praise of the Samaritan was a natural response to the free and undeserved mercy of God. The Samaritan knew that he was in the right place at the right time, and such an opportunity might never occur again for him. The Samaritan had not earned the kindness of God. He simply asked for it, and it was freely given. He knew he couldn't earn it; he was an outcast, a Samaritan. Having accepted God's grace, thanks and praise was his natural response. Both the author of 2 Kings and the Evangelist Luke wanted to make an important theological point about outsiders. No story in all the Gospels so poignantly shows man's ingratitude. The lepers came to Jesus with desperate longing, and the merciful Lord cured them. But nine of them never came back to give thanks.

We need to learn to be thankful to God and to others. We can express our gratitude to our loving and providing God by offering grace before meals and by allotting a few minutes of the day for family prayer. Let us show our gratitude to our forgiving God by forgiving others and by loving God in them, radiating God's love, mercy, and compassion to all we encounter, including our families and friends. It is by taking good care of our old and sick parents that we express our gratitude to them for the loving sacrifices they have made in raising us. Similarly, we owe a great debt of gratitude to our friends, teachers, doctors, pastors; but we often fail to thank them. Hence, in the future, let us be filled with daily thanksgiving to God and to others for the countless gifts we have received. Let us show our gratitude to our forgiving God by forgiving others, and to a loving God by radiating His love, mercy and compassion to others.



Readings for Sunday, 16th October 2022

1st Reading	Ex	17:8 - 13
2nd Reading	2Tim	3:14 - 4:2
Gospel	Lk	18:1 - 8

Saints & Feast Days

11th Oct	St John XXIII
14th Oct	St Callistus I
15th Oct	St Teresa of Jesus

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:

Corrie Bowman, 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

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Advent Reflection Book

We will be placing an order for "Heart of the Disciple" reflection book for Advent 2022 published by Evangelisation Brisbane

Books will cost \$6 each and will be available to collect from the Parish office in late November.

If you would like to purchase a copy please contact the Parish office to place your order before

Tuesday 25th October 2022

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council is on Tuesday, the 11th October St John XXIII at 7pm.

Parish Bulletin

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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



**St Vincent de Paul
Modbury Conference**

Calls to two families last week to assist with requests for food and clothing. As well as a “hamper” from the pantry, Drake’s cards are provided so perishables can be shopped.

Our immediate needs in the pantry are Two Minute Noodles, Small Vegemite, and Tinned Fish

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.



**JOY OF THE GOSPEL:
DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR 2023**

We will be placing an order for Joy of the Gospel Daily Reflection Books 2023

Due to the rising costs of postage books will need to be pre-ordered and are expected to cost \$15 - \$17.

If you would like to purchase a copy please contact the Parish office to place your order before

Tuesday 1st November 2022

Quiz Night for Maliana, Timor Leste

The Quiz night is to be held at Holy Trinity hall on Saturday October 22nd at 7.30p.m.

BYO supper & drinks. Tea and Coffee available. Cost Adults 15.00, Cons 12.00, Student 10.00 with payment taken on the night.

Bookings can be made after Masses on the weekends of Oct 8/9, 15/16 or by phoning Marg and Rob Whennan on 8251 1577.

**Three Day Silent Retreat
Becoming
Ignatian Heart Spirituality**

This silent directed retreat offers the opportunity to Rest, Reflect, Restore and Re-imagine the way ahead. To be held from 3pm Monday October 24 to 2pm Thursday October 27 at Sevenhill Retreat Centre, College Road, Sevenhill.

For enquiries and bookings contact Stephanie Brabin on M: 0413 083 976, stephanie.brabin@internode.on.net or Chris McCabe on M: 0439 901 019, chris.mccabe08@gmail.com



**2022 Diocesan Assembly
21st - 22nd October 2022**

The 2022 Diocesan Assembly continues the work started at the 2021 Assembly where participants developed recommendations for local Parishes, Schools, Communities, Agencies and for the Archdiocese as a whole.

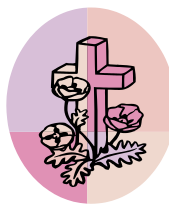
These recommendations need to be further discerned by the local communities and diocesan leadership. The 2022 Diocesan Assembly will build on the 2021 recommendations and provide opportunities for formation, skill-building, and strategic planning. It will also be an opportunity to look at the results of the Plenary Council and to discern how they will be incorporated into local and Diocesan life. Representatives from parishes, schools, communities and church agencies will participate in the Diocesan Assembly.

The 2022 Diocesan Assembly agenda will be informed by:

- The 2021 Diocesan Assembly recommendations and subsequent feedback
- The discernment of the Diocesan Pastoral Council
- Plenary Council outcomes

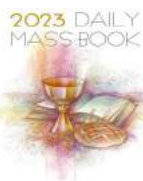
As we prepare for the 2022 Diocesan Assembly we encourage everyone to pray the Diocesan Assembly Prayer. Copies can be found at the back of the Church.

Parish Memorial Book



If you have a deceased relative or friend who you would like to have added to our Parish Memorial Book please contact the Parish office with their full name and date they passed away.

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 they will be available to collect from the Parish office mid November.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. Alleluia

ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

Mon	10th Oct	Bowls Group	1pm - 3.30pm	St John XXIII
Tue	11th Oct	Parish Pastoral Council	7pm	St John XXIII
Wed	12th Oct	Seniors Social Group	1pm	Holy Trinity
Thur	13th Oct	Multicultural Melodies	10am - 12 Noon	St John XXIII



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2022

Congratulations to our winner

No 49, Dymphna Riordan
Drawn by Marie Haydon
for Jo Treadwell

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

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.

Stewardship Reflections

*"Has none but this foreigner returned
to give thanks to God?" LUKE 17:18*

Jesus seems so sad and disappointed in the nine
lepers who did not return to thank Him.
Do we regularly return to thank God?
Or do we run off to our busy lives,
taking for granted all the wonderful blessings that
God gives to us every day?

Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region

The Cagliero 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.cagliero.org.au or
lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

HAPPY BIRTHDAY OCTOBER BABIES

9th Oct	Michael Micallef
10th Oct	Anne Hughes Lucinda Palmer
12th Oct	Alexander Frost
13th Oct	Heidi Mallaghan Michael Canavan
14th Oct	Pauline Norris

SAFETY FIRST



Please remember the carparks 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

BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY

Malnutrition is a challenge many families face in Ethiopia, especially those with babies and young children. In two weeks' time, you will learn about Neela* and her son Ajani*, and how families like theirs can be supported through a new Church-run community program.

This is an opportunity to partner with a life-giving mission program – your prayers and generosity are crucial in ensuring this program can even begin.

This is also a great way to commit to being witnesses of Jesus Christ, as He has called us to be in Acts 1:8.

*Name altered to protect identity



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia

