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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

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(SECONDARY) 8282 6600
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GOLDEN GROVE 5125

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16th October 2022
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C - Green

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.

“Pray Without Ceasing, ... for this is the Will of God in Christ Jesus for You.” (1 Thess 5:16-18)

Today's readings are mainly about prayer. They speak about perseverance in prayer, constancy in prayer and trust in God as we pray. In the first reading, Moses, after sending Joshua to fight against Amalek, is presented as making tireless intercession with constancy for the victory of Israel's army. Both Moses and the widow in today's Gospel story teach us how we should pray. In the second reading, St. Paul instructs Timothy to persevere in his ministry, to proclaim the word of God with persistence in all circumstances and to use it to “correct, reprove and appeal with patience.” By introducing the parable of the unjust judge and the persistent widow in today's Gospel, Jesus emphasizes the “necessity of praying always and not losing heart.” Constancy in prayer is Faith in action. Jesus presents the widow in today's Gospel as a model of the trust and tenacity with which his disciples are to pray. The widow was asking for justice, something which God would certainly want for her.

The early Christians found themselves in such an apparently hopeless predicament. Soon after Jesus left them they found themselves persecuted and oppressed by the Jewish religious hierarchy. What encouraged them to endure the persecution was their belief that the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus was soon to take place. They believed it would coincide with the fall of Jerusalem and the destruction of the Temple. But when in AD 70 Jerusalem fell and the Temple was destroyed yet Jesus was nowhere to be seen, the Christians found themselves in a big crisis of faith. Have they hoped in vain? Will the Lord ever come back to re-establish justice, to vindicate the innocent and put their enemies to shame? Should they continue hoping and resisting the injustice of their

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oppressors or should they just join them since they can't beat them? In other words, the early Christians found themselves in the situation of this widow who, without her husband, her lord, had to wage a campaign of passive resistance against injustice and oppression without knowing when it might come to an end. That is why the parable ends with the words of reassurance and a probing question: And will not God vindicate his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you; he will vindicate them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?

There are two strong points to be noted about prayer from today's scripture readings. First of all, prayer has enormous power. And second to experience this enormous power of prayer one must persevere in prayer. Prayer has enormous power and it influences the outcome of events and it can change the lives of people. Commenting on the enormous power of prayer Nobel prize winner Dr. Alexis Carrel says: "Prayer is the most powerful form of energy one can generate. The influence of prayer on the human mind and body is as evident to us as secreting glands. Prayer is a force as real as gravity." The second point is that to experience the power of prayer we need to persevere in prayer. For example, today's first reading depicts the perseverance of Moses while he prayed to God. It is interesting to note that when he was tired, he persevered in prayer because he got help from others. We need to persevere in prayer as a believing community. That is why we gather together in the church as a believing community to celebrate Holy Eucharist. Besides this we need to persevere in prayer day to day, week to week month to month, just like the widow in the gospel did. For this we need to find a regular time for prayer in our daily living. We live in a much fast-moving world where we are busy with many things and so if we do not find a regular time for prayer we may not pray at all.

So often we hear people complaining I have prayed and prayed but nothing happened. What could be the reason behind this? When we pray, most often, we desire and look for miraculous interventions and immediate results. We should rather realise the fact that God hears us and answers us in his own time and in his own way. The subject matter of our prayer most often is our selfish interests and desires and so often our prayers are addressed to us rather than to God. If so, we need to question our attitude in prayer life. We should never consider prayer as a shortcut to achieve things that we may not have achieved otherwise. Rather we need to look at prayer as a loving surrender to the will of God wherein with right disposition we present ourselves to God, in all faith that what God wills in our lives will always lead to something good. Then we will know that it is easy to persevere in prayer when there is sunlight and thunder storms in life, when the path is straight and when the path ahead seems not very clear. Let us always remember the saying that the bend of the road is not the end of the road because we believe in a God who takes care of the little ones.

Janakumbudramalakal

Readings for Sunday, 23rd October 2022

1st Reading	Sir	35:12 - 14, 16 - 19
2nd Reading	2Tim	4:6 - 8, 16 - 18
Gospel	Lk	18:9 - 14

Saints & Feast Days

17th Oct	St Ignatius of Antioch
18th Oct	St Luke, Evangelist
19th Oct	Sts John Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues & Companions
	St Paul of the Cross
22nd	St John Paul II

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, 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

Wayne Collins, Hans Nas

Planned Giving Envelopes

Thank you very much for your continuous support of the parish through the Planned Giving Program. The next round of envelopes have been prepared and can be found at the back of the Church. Please collect the bundle with your name on it as this will help the parish save on postage costs.

If you do not receive envelopes but give to our Parish via electronic methods there is also an envelope for you with your receipt and a letter from Fr Manu.

If you are not already supporting the Parish through the Planned Giving Program but would like to join or if you wish to change your method of giving please contact Pauline at the Parish Office on Fridays on 8264 7590 or via email at finance@paramodcath.com.au

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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



**St Vincent de Paul
Modbury Conference**

Back to a four call week with two families being “new starters” – a total of eight adults and three children.

Furniture is again in supply – new, not re-cycled, beds, mattresses, tables, chairs and wardrobe.

There has been a supply arrangement with a furniture retailer. Unfortunately, the cost reflects in our Conference budget.

Our immediate needs are

Rice, Coffee, and Tinned Tomatoes.

If you can, please put any or all of these in the basket. We really appreciate your assistance.

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 Mass this weekend 15/16 October or by phoning Marg and Rob Whennan on 8251 1577.



**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



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Our next workshop for the 2022/2023 Sacramental Program will be held on Saturday 22nd of October 3.30pm at St John XXIII.

Please pray for the children and their families as they continue their preparation to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

Change to Mass Time

Due to the Diocesan Assembly Mass will not be celebrated on Saturday 22nd October at 9.15am at Holy Trinity

Together on the Way

**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.

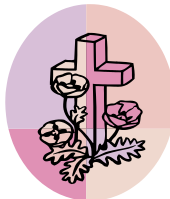
Representatives from parishes, schools, communities and church agencies will participate in the Diocesan Assembly.

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.

Stewardship Reflections

“...be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient...” 2 Timothy 4:2

It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way.

Yet, we must be persistent even when it is inconvenient.

This persistence marks the true follower of Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia

PRAYER MEETINGS

Sat 22nd Oct Sacramental Group 3.30pm St John XXIII

ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

Mon	17th Oct	Bowls Group	1pm - 3.30pm	St John XXIII
Wed	19th Oct	Seniors Social Group	1pm	Holy Trinity
Thur	20th Oct	Multicultural Melodies	10am - 12 Noon	St John XXIII
Fri	21st Oct	Craft Group	9.30am - 12noon	St John XXIII
Sat	22nd Oct	Quiz Night for Maliana, Timor Leste	7.30pm	Holy Trinity



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2022

Congratulations to our winner

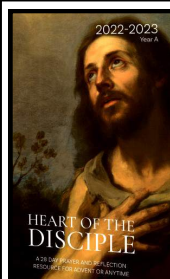
No 36, Sindi Kinloch
Drawn by Dymphna Riordan

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

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



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

2023 DAILY
MASS BOOK



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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY OCTOBER BABIES

16th Oct Dian Thalbourne
21st Oct John MacGrath
Heidi Giebel
Tarlee Pennill



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

Many families in Emdibir are subsistence farmers, and distressingly, many are unable to put enough food on the table each day.

Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Church and community in Emdibir, Ethiopia, where your gift can help build a life-changing program from the ground up to help address this urgent need.

We hope you will take this opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.



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