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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

171 KESTERS ROAD,
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ST JOHN XXIII CHURCH

50 RESERVOIR RD,
HOPE VALLEY 5090

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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30th October 2022

31st 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.

Repentance = It Happened, It was a Mistake & It will Never Happen Again

The common theme of today's readings is the benevolent, forgiving mercy of God for sinners and the response of repentance and conversion expected from us. The first reading reminds us that God's Almighty Power includes His strength to be merciful. That is why God, who created the universe mercifully, waits for sinners to repent. He "rebukes the offenders little by little," "warns them of their sins," and reminds them to "abandon their wickedness." God continues to love us even when we do not love Him in return. The reading focuses on the love God has for all He has created, the love that overlooks sin to give us time for repentance. In the Responsorial Psalm, the Psalmist also tells us, "The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness". In the second reading, St. Paul encourages the Thessalonians to persevere in their Christian Faith, giving glory to God without idly waiting for the "second coming" of Christ in their lifetime. He advises them to continue living good Christian lives every day, allowing God to work in their lives so that they may be worthy of their vocation as Christians. St. Paul advises his Christian community to place its trust in the Lord and rely on His love and mercy. He wants them to endure their daily circumstances patiently and to stop worrying about the next day's possible troubles, especially those rumours about the end-time. Today's Gospel presents the beautiful story of the instantaneous conversion of the tax-collector, Zacchaeus, whom God's grace led to a moment of conversion. The account describes how Jesus recognized Zacchaeus for exactly what he was, a lost sinner in need of a Saviour, and shows us how God's grace worked in Zacchaeus to lead him from idle curiosity to repentance, conversion and restitution.

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The Context of this gospel is very important. A rich ruler came to Jesus asking how he might be saved (Luke 18). But he went away sad after learning that he would have to sacrifice his riches. When the Apostles wondered if any man with possessions could be saved, Jesus assured them, "What is impossible for mortals is possible for God" (18:18-27). This account leads naturally to our Gospel lesson, the story of Zacchaeus, a rich man who found salvation when he surrendered himself to the grace of God. The rich ruler was too attached to his possessions to give them to the poor. The repentant Zacchaeus, on the other hand, voluntarily pledged to give half his possessions to the poor and to make fourfold restitution to any one he might have cheated. The story of Zacchaeus reinforces the lessons of the fifteenth chapter of Luke in which a lost sheep and a lost coin are found, and a lost son is embraced. It also demonstrates the fact that nobody is beyond the possibility of conversion.

In Jesus' time, tax collectors were as popular as they are today, and Zacchaeus was no exception. Tax collectors were required to collect the amount of tax assessed by the Romans, but they often tried to collect as much tax revenue as they could from the people. The difference between what they paid to the government and what they collected was their salary. It's no wonder that tax collectors such as Zacchaeus and Matthew were hated so much. To make matters worse, Zacchaeus was the chief tax collector. So he was hated by all of his countrymen.

But Zacchaeus was anxious to see Jesus, and Jesus rewards him by offering to visit his house, and spend some time with him. Notice that he was a "big shot" in the town, being a rich man, and certainly not popular with the Jews, as he was at the top of the tax collecting business for a foreign oppressor. He accepted his limitations, and, although he was a grown adult, he reverted to his boyhood days, and climbed the nearest tree to get a good look. He certainly caught the attention of Jesus, much more than he ever dreamed of. Not only did he see Jesus, but he was even invited to meet him, and to have Jesus as a guest in his house.

Immediately upon entering Zacchaeus' house, we can see the results of Jesus' action. Without saying a word, Zacchaeus is deeply moved, being in the presence of Jesus, and he makes some radical decisions about his life-style, and his manner of treating others. Salvation had come to his house, he was in the presence of the Lord, and his heart was touched in a profound way. He determined to set right the wrongs in his behaviour. A personal contact with Jesus always evokes conversion. (Zacchaeus, the word means clean, pure or righteous; he had lost it but now again made clean)

Jesus is inviting each one of us to total conversion today by means of this Gospel lesson. Let us remember that Jesus loves us in spite of our ugly thoughts, broken promises, sullied ideals, lack of prayer and Faith, resentments and all our failures.

Janet Kumbidramakal

Readings for Sunday, 6th November 2022

1st Reading	2 Mc	7:1 - 2, 9 - 14
2nd Reading	2 Thess	2:16 - 3:5
Gospel	Lk	20:27 - 38

Saints & Feast Days

1st Nov	All Saints
2nd Nov	All Souls Day
3rd Nov	St Martin de Porres
4th Nov	St Charles Borromeo

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:**

Theresa Camilleri, 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

George Benzier Pereira. Wayne Collins, Hans Nas

November 1st & 2nd All Saints and All Souls' Day

Holy Mass will be celebrated on All Saints Day
Tuesday the 1st of November
at 9.15 am at St John XXIII.

Holy Mass will be celebrated on All Souls Day
Wednesday the 2nd of November
at 9.15 am at St John XXIII
and at 7pm at Holy Trinity .



STAY FOR A CUPPA!

This weekend we have our
monthly Cuppa after Mass.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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



**St Vincent de Paul
Modbury Conference**

Three requests for assistance this week;
Two long term companions, and one new starter.

Annual Memorial Mass and AGM
were held this week at the OtherWay Centre.

Our needs in the pantry are
Tinned Fruit, Tinned Meat, and Tinned Vegies

If you can, please put any or all of these in the basket.
Your generosity is much appreciated.

Help Needed!

Line Marking at St John XXIII

For many years Doug Tilley has generously
given his time to do the line marking
in the carpark at St John XXIII.

We are looking for someone to assist him
and to learn how to do this task.

Work Health Safety

As with all organisations our Parish is
required to comply with WHS regulations.

This requires us to maintain records of
safety inspections and to report incidents.

We are seeking a volunteer to assist us
with our WHS documentation and reporting.

As reporting is done online
some computer skills are essential.

If you are able to assist us with either task please
contact the Parish Office

P: 8264 7590

E: office@paramodcath.com.au

All volunteers are required to hold a current
DHS Working With Children Check

Which can be arranged through the Parish Office.

Whatever time you are able to provide
would be most gratefully received.

Quiz Night Thank You

A huge thank you to all who attended the
Maliana, Timor Leste Quiz night last Saturday.

Your support along with so many extra financial
donators helped to raise \$1320.15.

Our gratitude is also directed to our
first time Quiz Masters, Therese & Kathleen,
who brought the night together.

May God bless you all.

Regards Maliana Timor Leste Committee.



**November - The Month
of Remembrance**

November is the month when we as the church
remember those of our family, friends and
parishioners who have died.

We especially remember those who have gone
to their heavenly reward this past year.

If you wish to have a Mass said for your deceased
relatives and friends during the month of November,
please fill in the envelope in your planned giving pack
and place it in the second collection basket at Mass
or drop off to the Parish Office.

November Mass envelopes are available
at the back of the church for those
who do not have a planned giving pack.

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.

Annual Memorial Mass

Our annual Memorial Mass will be held on
Friday 25th November 2022
7pm at St John XXIII
All Welcome



**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

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Liturgy Committee Meeting
Wednesday 2nd November at 7pm
Contact Therese Meyers on 0421 533 761



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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! God loved the world so much, he have his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Alleluia**

PRAYER MEETINGS

Sun	30th Oct	Divine Mercy	2.30pm	Holy Trinity
Fri	4th Nov	Two Hearts Prayer Group 8pm Rosary, 9pm and 3am Mass		Holy Trinity

ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

Mon	31st Oct	Bowls Group	1pm - 3.30pm	St John XXIII
Wed	2nd Nov	Seniors Social Group	1pm	Holy Trinity
Wed	2nd Nov	Liturgy Committee	7pm	Private Residence
Thur	3rd Nov	Multicultural Melodies	10am - 12 Noon	St John XXIII
Fri	4th Nov	Craft Group	9.30am - 12noon	St John XXIII



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2022

Congratulations to our winner

No 13, Ursula Wythe
Drawn by Alex Balayance

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: 12th November 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.**



FIRST SATURDAY MASS

5th November 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, 30th October at 2.30pm
at Holy Trinity Church,
171 Kesters Rd, Para Hills.

Mary MacKillop Precinct Garden party

To coincide with the 150 years of the
St Joseph’s Convent, Kensington,
Mary MacKillop Precinct is holding a fundraising
Spring Garden Party,
on Sunday, November 6, 2022.

This is an initiative of the
Mary MacKillop Museum’s volunteers.
Cost \$30 (glass of Champagne included)
Tickets available from the Mary MacKillop Museum or
by phoning Bridgette Barrett – M: 0438 805 579

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER BABIES**

30th Oct	Kylie Tye Sheila Clark
2nd Nov	Kate McLoughlin Monica Augustyn
4th Nov	Lynlee & Susan Thalbourne
5th Nov	Linda Molloghan Brendan Truman Carmen Fenech Michael Callery

Weekend Retreat at The Monastery

Our next weekend retreat at The Monastery
is our 2022 Men’s Retreat.

‘To be my best self’

led by Fr Denis Travers CP and Fr Tony Egar CP.
The retreat will commence on November 18 with
a dinner and conclude on Saturday November 19
with our 6pm Mass.

Cost \$160 GST inc. covers
your accommodation and all meals.
Contact the Office for any enquires or reservations on
P: 8338 8700 or

E: conference@themonastery.net.au.