



# 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  
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WYNN VALE 5127

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20th November 2022

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year C - White

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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.

## Christ the King: Beyond the Patterns of this World

We celebrate the Kingship of Christ but what sort of Kingship is it that we're celebrating? Our Gospel reading gives us a vivid picture to reflect on. The picture is certainly not what we would expect to see illustrating kingship, power and authority. There are no fine robes but a naked and scarred body. His crown has no jewels, only vicious thorns. On his hands there are no rings of power, just the nails which fix him to a wooden cross. There is no golden throne either. There are no courtiers or servants around him but just two criminals sharing his fate and an assorted crowd of soldiers and spectators who taunt and mock him.

But before we turn away from this grim picture of cruelty and humiliation, we see the words "This is the King of the Jews" and we hear the voice of an unlikely believer "remember me when you come into your kingdom". Someone here has caught a glimpse of the glory that is hidden by the awfulness of this torture. And we hear another voice, the voice of authority coming from the defeat of the cross, "Today you will be with me in Paradise". We heard the voices of mockery and hate. Now we hear the voices of faith and compassion, and it makes us stop and wonder.

Here is a King who is prepared to suffer alongside us. This is not a King who holds himself aloof from ordinary folk. This is a King who experiences betrayal, savage injustice, brutal cruelty, and utter humiliation and yet maintains his dignity and integrity. This is a King who has lived life as we live it, who has died as we must die but who now lives a new resurrection life. He reassures us and welcomes us into that same resurrection life in his Kingdom where we will know the peace and healing for which we have longed. The picture of Kingship in our

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Gospel story turns traditional kingship upside down. It reaches out to us calling us to offer ourselves to Christ the King and we can perhaps sense what a difference this would make to our lives.

When it comes to any famous leader from history, for those interested in that leader, the natural question that seems to be foremost in everyone's mind is: what sort of person was that person? When it comes to Jesus, there are two further questions that have to be asked. The first of these questions is what do we mean when we think of Jesus being the king? The second question is rather more important. Assuming that Jesus is entitled to be thought of as king, how should that affect those who claim he is their king? In other words, how should it affect those calling themselves Christian?

Even if we only had that one incident to go by, the crucifixion with the ironic crown of thorns is a vivid reminder that Jesus' kingship was very different from what we usually mean when we talk of someone being a king. The gospel stories portray one who placed great store on humility, a Jesus who focused on offering service to others and on seeking justice and fair dealing for those often rejected by society. He didn't seem to care who he ate with or in whose company he was found. He ate with tax collectors and known sinners and talked with prostitutes. He appears to have had women in his inner circle despite the social conventions of a male-dominated society; and where no one was allowed within about five feet of lepers he apparently would touch such outcasts in his acts of healing. A king, Jesus may have been, but as John Dominic Crossan pointed out, Jesus was a king of nuisances and nobodies.

It was the need of cities or peoples for self-defence that gave rise to kings, and kings were for putting enemies under our feet. Kings were for war. Kings were for victory over evil. Is Christ a "king" then? Yes, we say, but not in the sense in which other kings are kings. Yes, we say, but in a different, higher, transcendental sense. Jesus, on the Cross, does the kingly thing par excellence. He doesn't have anyone crouching, licking dust at his feet. He forgives, he acquits, and he shows mercy. He is the universal King, as today's feast proclaims him. But what does this mean?

As soldiers of Christ, we should learn to fight with the same weapons used by our Master, the weapons of Truth, forgiveness and Love. As we leave this liturgical year, reflecting on the kingship of Jesus, let us imitate the example of Christ the King by being truthful, forgiving and loving. Being truthful even when we may incur loss, forgiving the very people we'd love to have crushed under our feet, loving the unlovely. For there, par excellence, Christ is King proclaimed through our lives.



## Readings for Sunday, 27th November 2022

1st Reading	Is	2:1 - 5
2nd Reading	Rom	13:11 - 14
Gospel	Mt	24:37 - 44

## Saints & Feast Days

21st Nov	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
22nd Nov	St Cecilia
23rd Nov	St Columban St Clement I
24th Nov	Andrew Dũng-Lạc & Companions
25th Nov	St Catherine of Alexandria

## 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:

Margaret Penny, Peter Ryan, 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

Vic Robinson, George Benzier Pereira

## The Blessing of the Crib

### **Do you have a Nativity Scene?**

If you would like to have your crib blessed please bring it along to Mass Saturday Night, 26th November and Sunday Morning 27th November. All families are warmly invited!



## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council is on Tuesday, the 22nd November St John XXIII at 7pm.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

**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 busy week with ten calls for assistance just as our focus starts to swing to Christmas.

The Christmas Appeal envelopes will be available this week – please support our work financially if you can. The envelopes can be returned through the second collection or the Office or a Vinnies member. Receipts will be available.

The packs of Christmas cards are on sale, and in addition, we're raffling a set of knitted Nativity scene figures, kindly donated, and some other Christmassy prizes.

Only a dollar a ticket, and drawn Dec 16 when we're packing hampers.

Remember the Giving Tree has tags for you to take and return with the item mentioned.

Tinned vegies and tinned fruit are always handy to the pantry if you still have the capacity to support, thanks.

**St Vincent de Paul  
Para Hills Conference**

Para Hills Conference has installed its Christmas Giving Tree at Holy Trinity Church.

Donations of food suitable for inclusion in our Christmas hampers can be left under the tree. The hampers provide food for families who would otherwise be unable to enjoy a celebratory meal on this special day.

Christmas cards in packs of 10 for \$7.50 are now available at the front of the church and also from Vinnies shop at Valley View.

Para Hills Conference thanks you for your generous support and wishes you all a very happy Christmas.

**Liturgy Assistants Roster**

The time is approaching to prepare the Liturgy Assistants Roster for January to March 2023.

If you are aware of any circumstances that will affect your ongoing involvement on the roster, please let Therese Meyers know by 21 November 2022 at [theresemeyers@gmail.com](mailto:theresemeyers@gmail.com) or on 0421 533 761.

Similarly, if you would like to join the roster please let Therese know with a message or by forwarding a completed green Liturgy Assistant Volunteer sheet that is available at the back of the church.

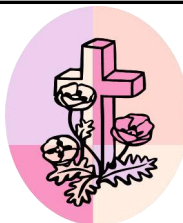
**STAY FOR A CUPPA!**



Next weekend we will 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.

**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.

During November Fr Manu will pray and offer up intentions for the beloved deceased family and friends of:

Doug Tilley, Irena Tilley, Isabel Manuel, Angela Zakarias, Sheila Clark, Ros Glastonbury.

*"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be freed from their sins." 11 Machabees 12:46*

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.

**Annual Memorial Mass 2022**

As preparations are underway for the annual parish Memorial Mass, we invite all those who have experienced a death in their family or among their friends in the last twelve months to join us.

This Mass is being celebrated on the last Friday in the Church's month of remembrance, 25 November 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at St John XXIII. All welcome.

You are invited to email Therese Meyers on [theresemeyers@gmail.com](mailto:theresemeyers@gmail.com) or contact the parish office by 20 November 2022 to let us know who you would particularly like to have honoured during this Mass.

Parishioners will have the opportunity to volunteer for ministries; please place your name on the volunteer sheet displayed at the back of each of the Mass centres or email Therese by 20 November 2022.

Memorial Crosses are available in both Mass centres. You are welcome to add the names of the people you would like to remember to vine leaves and then stick them to either side of the cross.

The inspiration for the Mass is Jesus who tells us, "I am the vine and you are the branches".

Jesus is the true vine, the source of the only real life which is the life that comes from God. Jesus invites us to create lives that make our permanent home with Him.

People are invited to bring a plate of supper to share after the Mass.

**Parish Bulletin**

If you would like to receive the bulletin via email please contact us at [bulletin@paramodcath.com.au](mailto:bulletin@paramodcath.com.au)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia**

## PRAYER MEETINGS

Fri	25th Nov	Memorial Mass	7pm	St John XXIII
Sun	27th Nov	Divine Mercy	2.30pm	Holy Trinity

## ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

Mon	21st Nov	Bowls Group	1pm - 3.30pm	St John XXIII
Tue	22nd Nov	Parish Pastoral Council	7pm	St John XXIII
Wed	23rd Nov	Seniors Social Group	1pm	Holy Trinity
Thur	24th Nov	Multicultural Melodies	10am - 12noon	St John XXIII
Fri	25th Nov	Craft Group	9.30am - 12noon	St John XXIII



### DEVELOPMENT FUND 2022

Congratulations to our winner

No 77, Margaret Dunn  
Drawn by Sheila Cooper  
For Peter Cooper

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

### REACH OUT

Christmas is fast approaching and Reach Out will have its final gathering for 2022 on Tuesday 6th December

You are all invited to St John XXIII for the celebration of Holy Mass at 9.15 am. This Mass will be offered in thanksgiving and remembrance of the many past members of Reach Out and also for the intentions of all our present members.

At 12.00 Noon we will meet for Christmas Lunch at the Highbury Hotel  
1017 Lower North East Road, Highbury.

To book for the Lunch, please call Margaret Emery Ph: 8264 0780, by Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> November

Maureen Kenny  
Reach Out President  
Mobile: 0418 821 859



### DIVINE MERCY AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

The next Divine Mercy Devotion will be on Sunday, 27th November at 2.30pm at Holy Trinity Church, 171 Kesters Rd, Para Hills.

### Diary Date

The FILIPINO SIMBANG GABI tradition is coming back to Holy Trinity Church Para Hills!!!

Please make yourself available and join us on Tuesday 20th December 2022 from 7:00 pm.

For further details please contact:  
Divina Callado - 0403 465 871 or  
Fely Cruz - 0402 466 416

♥ EVERYONE IS WELCOME ♥



You are invited to our Christmas Celebration  
Wednesday 30 November 2022, 7.30pm

**Saint Ignatius' College, Junior School  
Mary Glowrey Centre  
(Tappeiner Gymnasium)**

Following Mass, light refreshments, champagne and wine will be provided. Members of St Ignatius Norwood Parish will have gifts and raffle tickets available to purchase (EFTPOS available).

Money raised will support Jesuit Missions.

A donation of non-perishable food items for our St Vincent de Paul Society gift box is most welcome. These will be distributed to needy families at Christmas.

**RSVP: Friday, 25 November 2022**

Monica Klingberg - 0403 508 904 or  
fidelis@ignatius.sa.edu.au



### Advent Reflection Book

Advent commences next weekend and the Office for Worship has produced a free Advent Reflection Booklet. The booklets are available at the back of the Church and we encourage everyone to take a copy

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY NOVEMBER BABIES

22nd Nov Amanda Lumsden  
23rd Nov Helen Lineage  
Bruce Uern  
25th Nov Rocco Marafioti  
David Marafioti



### 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)