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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

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(SECONDARY) 8282 6600
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27th November 2022
1st Sunday of Advent, Year A - violet

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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.

Advent: The Time has Come, Our Salvation is Near

Today we begin a new season in the liturgical year, the season of Advent. The Advent season gives us ample opportunity to think about the first coming of Jesus Christ to earth, as well as his second coming, the day and time of which we are unaware. Watchfulness is the catch word for this season. A Christian must be always watchful, never be taken unawares and off guard. Fortunately, we have this nice, long season of Advent to get ready for Christmas, for the coming of the Lord, to prepare ourselves for Christ to come into our own lives. But what if God doesn't like our timetable and shows up today? Are you ready to meet your Maker?

The word "Advent," means "coming." So, in Advent we celebrate the various comings of Jesus. We are invited to meditate on Jesus' first coming in history as a baby in Bethlehem, his daily coming into our lives in mystery through the Sacraments, through the Bible and through the worshipping community and finally his Second Coming at the end of the world to reward the just and to punish the wicked. The Church urges us to open our hearts to receive him with faith, hope and love. We see the traditional signs of Advent in our Church: violet vestments and hangings and the Advent wreath. These signs remind us that we must prepare for the rebirth of Jesus in our hearts and lives, enabling him to radiate his love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness around us.

Our reading today from Isaiah also reminds us that there is a need for a penitential reckoning during the season of Advent. Advent is not Lent, but there must be a time of reflection on the sinfulness of humanity during this season. This penitential aspect is illustrated well, I think, by the Roman Catholic custom, that

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purple or violet is the liturgical colour of Advent. Advent must help us to bring to mind the sinfulness of humankind and our need for the Saviour of the world. Prophet Isaiah reminds us that Advent is the season when we are to commit ourselves anew to God, to lay ourselves before him in humble availability for service. Just as Jesus Christ came to serve humankind by making himself a ransom for many, we are invited to serve God as his agents of love and service here on earth.

In the second reading (Rom13:11-14), Paul exhorts the Roman Christian community to get ready to meet Jesus in his Second Coming by discharging their duties properly and by freeing themselves from their former pagan tendencies toward excessive drinking, sexual promiscuity, jealousy and rivalry. We, too, are challenged to make spiritual preparations for Christ's birth in our lives by self-renewal and avoiding all that is unchristian.

In today's Gospel (Mt 24:37-44), Jesus warns us of the urgency of vigilant preparation on our part that we may meet him as our Judge both at the end of our lives on earth and on the day of the Last Judgment when he comes in his glory. Jesus reminds us of how the unrepentant and ill-prepared evil people were destroyed by the flood in the time of Noah and of how a thief would break in and plunder the precious belongings of an ill-prepared house owner. Using the additional examples later, Jesus repeats his warning for us to be vigilant and well-prepared all the time, doing the will of God by loving others.

We are so future-oriented that we frequently forget the present entirely. We spend too much time trying to protect ourselves against future misfortunes. We save for a rainy day, to get married, to buy a home, to send the children to college, to retire in comfort and to protect ourselves against future misfortunes with varieties of insurance. But we need to be more spiritually awake to prepare for our eternal life. Let us make this Advent season the time of such preparation.

May this Advent season cause us to remember that God came down from heaven for us. May we remember that God is still present to us, not only in hindsight by looking back to the babe in Bethlehem, but right here and right now in the Eucharist and in the body of Christ gathered together as his church. May we use this advent season to remind ourselves that there are areas in our lives that require renewal and change, but, more importantly, that we are people saved by the grace of God. Trust in him, for he came to earth for us. Finally, may we allow Jesus the Saviour to mould us into a precious vessel for his use. Give ourselves to him who gave himself for us. So that our hope, peace, love and joy will be in full during this season of advent and we will carry it along in all our celebrations and especially in our daily lives. May this Advent season be blessed, and may it bless us.

Lanubudramalakal

Readings for Sunday, 4th December 2022

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| 1st Reading | Is | 11:1 - 10 |
| 2nd Reading | Rom | 15:4 - 9 |
| Gospel | Mt | 3:1 - 12 |

Saints & Feast Days

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| 30th Nov | St Andrew, Apostle |
| 3rd Dec | St Francis Xavier |

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



Volunteers Weekend

Next weekend 3rd/4th December we will be celebrating Volunteers Weekend

We will also be announcing the recipients of the Parishioner Of Inspiration Awards.

Please join us for a cuppa after all Masses. as we celebrate all the wonderful work our volunteers do.

Parish Bulletin

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

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



**St Vincent de Paul
Modbury Conference**

The Christmas Appeal envelopes are available at the back of the Church. 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 \$1 a ticket, and drawn on Dec 16 when we're packing hampers.

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

**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.

CLUSTER RECONCILIATION



2nd Rite of Reconciliation
Tuesday 6th December
St Pius X Church 7pm
17 Avoca St Dernancourt SA 5075

The Blessing of the Cribs

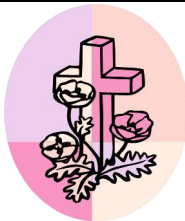
Do you have a Nativity Scene?

If you would like to have your crib blessed please bring it along to Mass
**Saturday Night, 10th December and
Sunday Morning 11th December.**
All families are warmly invited!



NB: Last week the wrong date was published, we apologise for any inconvenience caused

**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:

Mrs M Brady, Leonie Dew, Margaret Dolman, Morrison & Moses Families, Wei Xia.

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



The "O Antiphons" of Advent

The Roman Catholic Church has been singing "O" antiphons since at least the eighth century. The antiphons are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Hebrew Scriptures [Old Testament] to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment, not only of Old Testament hopes, but of present ones as well. The antiphons' repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.

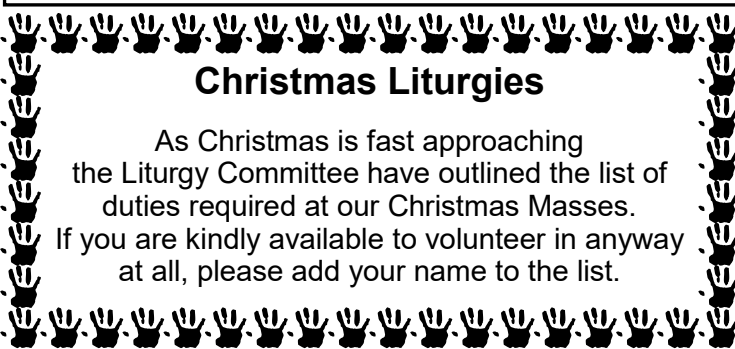
We are borrowing them from the Evening Prayer of December 17 – 23.



STAY FOR A CUPPA!

This weekend we will have our last monthly Cuppa after Mass for this year.

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



Christmas Liturgies

As Christmas is fast approaching the Liturgy Committee have outlined the list of duties required at our Christmas Masses. If you are kindly available to volunteer in anyway at all, please add your name to the list.



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! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia

PRAYER MEETINGS

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| Sun | 27th Nov | Divine Mercy | 2.30pm | Holy Trinity |
| Fri | 2nd Dec | Two Hearts Prayer Group | | |
| | | 8pm Rosary, 9pm and 3am Mass | | Holy Trinity |
| Sat | 3rd Dec | Sacramental Program | 3.30pm - 5pm | St John XXIII |

ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

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| Mon | 28th Nov | Bowls Group | 1pm - 3.30pm | St John XXIII |
| Mon | 28th Nov | Parish Finance Council | 7.30pm | St John XXIII |
| Wed | 30th Nov | Seniors Social Group | 1pm | Holy Trinity |
| Fri | 2nd Dec | Craft Group | 9.30am - 12noon | St John XXIII |



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2022

Congratulations to our winner

No 16, Shirley Twedde
Drawn by Margaret Dunn

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



FIRST SATURDAY MASS

3rd December 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)*

REACH OUT

We are looking forward to seeing you all at our
Reach Out final gathering for 2022 on
Tuesday 6th December

After the celebration of Holy Mass at 9.15 am at
St John XXIII, which 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, we will meet at
12.00 Noon for Christmas Lunch
at the Highbury Hotel
1017 Lower North East Road, Highbury.

NB We will be able to choose our meal from the
\$15.00 (no discount) Seniors Lunch Menu or
from the Main A-La-Carte Lunch Menu
with a 20% Seniors discount
Please make your booking for Lunch before
Wednesday, 30th November
by calling Margaret Emery Ph: 8264 0780,

Maureen Kenny
Reach Out President
Mobile: 0418 821 859

TREASURE MARKET

**Second Saturday of each month
8am to 12noon**

**Next: 10th December 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.**

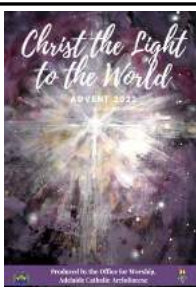
**All monies raised from the Market
are donated to the Parish.**

**WE CAN NO LONGER ACCEPT LARGE ITEMS
SUCH AS TVs, MATTRESSES, SOFAS,
LOUNGE CHAIRS & WARDROBES
AS WE ARE NOT ABLE TO SELL THEM.**



**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.



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/DECEMBER BABIES**

28th Nov Christine Healey
29th Nov Judy Rogers
2nd Dec Mark Ager

