



# PARA HILLS MODBURY CATHOLIC PARISH

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**CHILDREN'S LITURGY  
CELEBRATED AT  
10AM MASS**

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25th December 2022  
The Nativity of the Lord - White

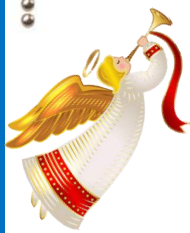
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We acknowledge the Kurna people as the custodians of this region.  
Let us share and learn together for reconciliation and justice.



*We wish You All  
A Very Happy Christmas  
&  
A Bright and Prosperous  
New Year.*

*At this Christmas  
Season may God's love fill your  
heart with the kind of perfect  
peace only He can bestow.*



## God Most High and God Most Nigh



Once again Christmas is at hand. I take this time to wish you and your families a Happy and Holy Christmas. Christmas brings us the message that though God is the Almighty One, God is also Immanuel. If you want a balanced picture of God, you've got to put together those two names. God is God Most High and God Most Nigh. God exists outside time and space. God is also Immanuel, God with us. God entered space and time 2,000 years ago in a tiny village outside Jerusalem called Bethlehem. Jesus was subject to the same spiritual laws that govern all of us. He was also subject to the same physical laws that govern the universe. I have these weird thoughts sometimes. Here's one of them: For the better part of 30 years, Jesus worked as a carpenter. I wonder if Jesus ever missed the nail and hit his thumb. I wonder if he ever got a splinter. I think he did. I think Jesus got bumps and bruises and toothaches and stomach-aches and headaches. He got tired and hungry. Philippians 2:6 says Jesus "made himself nothing." He "humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross!" He became touchable and approachable. Think about this: The Omnipresent One downsized to the confines of a human womb. The Omnipotent One became a helpless baby that had to be fed and nursed. He became nothing. Why? He became nothing so that we could become something.

At this great time of joy and thanksgiving, I would like to send my personal gratitude to each of you and your families for being a part of our faith-filled and dynamic community here at Para Hills Modbury. May the beauty, peace and joy of this most blessed season envelop you all with the infinite love of God, and the wonder of the birth of His only Son, our Saviour, Jesus.

As you are aware I will be moving to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart parish at Henley Beach from the 21<sup>st</sup> of January 2023. Let me take this opportunity to make a small reflection and express a few words of thanks to all of you for all that you have been to me during my past 9.5 years at Para Hills and Modbury. You have touched me in different ways, and I have grown. I have experienced your great care and concern for me in many ways. I thank all of you for all the support I received. I would like to thank Fr Peter who was the Parish Priest and Fr Jack who was Priest in Residence when I came here, who introduced me to this Parish Community. They were always like elder brothers and so helpful all through my ministry. Thanks to both of them. The team in the Parish Office was always good company and a strong motivating force. Let me express my gratitude to Tash Souter who is the Pastoral Associate, to Sindi Kinloch our Parish Secretary and Parish Assistant and to Pauline Lai our Finance Officer. I would like to thank also Jill Brokensha who was the Parish Secretary in the beginning and Grace Healey and then Jen Sherlock who were Pastoral Associates. Working with all of you in the parish office was always a wonderful experience. Thank you very much.

My sincere thanks to John Jarrad, the Chairperson of the Parish Finance Council and his team, both past and present in doing all in their ability in planning for the parish and the smooth running of the parish finances, and

## Readings for next Sunday, 1st Jan 2022

1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Nm	6:22-27
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Gal	4:4-7
Gospel	Lk	2:16 - 21

also for carrying out all the required maintenance etc. My heartfelt gratitude to Carolyn Ost, the present Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson, and her team who put in a lot of hard work and show great commitment in leading all the activities in the parish. Also thanks a lot to Anne Richards who was the Chairperson of the Parish Pastoral Council and her team for helping me out in my initial stages as parish priest.

My heartfelt thanks also to Therese Meyers and her team in our Liturgy Committee for all that they have been doing to make our liturgical celebrations very meaningful. My thanks also to the principals and staff present and past at St Francis Xavier's Primary School and Gleeson College for all the cooperation and support I have received from them during my time as parish priest. I would like to place on record all the volunteers who have worked hard at various jobs to make this community a wonderful parish. You have inspired me through your selfless service and wonderful understanding. I am also grateful to all the parish associations and various groups that operate within the parish for all your support, love and concern.

Let me also acknowledge that there were occasions when I might have offended some of you. I sincerely apologise for all those moments if I have offended anyone accidentally. I pray that God continue to bless all of you, and I assure you that I will always cherish my memories of Para Hills Modbury Parish as a vibrant, welcoming and loving community. I was indeed, blessed to be a part of this parish as I began my life in Australia. All I ask of you is for ever to remember me as loving you and please continue to pray for me that I may do well in the new duties entrusted to me as the Parish Priest of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish at Henley Beach. You are always most welcome to come over.

Maybe the Christmas message this year should be a challenge for all of us to become more involved? It is not so much a question of giving more; it is a question of giving more of ourselves. After all, that's what God was doing when he got involved with us and our world at the first Christmas. The greatest gift God gives us is the present of God's presence. This is what we celebrate at Christmas.

As we enter into the new year 2023, I pray that the coming year bring with it the joy, hope, peace and prosperity that you expect and may all your dreams for the coming year be fulfilled and may God walk with you all through 2023. In closing, my prayer today is that you, your family and homes be filled with the Blessings of Peace, Joy and Love. At the same time, I thank you all sincerely for your thoughtful prayers, Christmas greetings and gifts. May all of you, my dear parishioners be overshadowed with the mighty and powerful blessings of the Baby Jesus. Once again I wish you all a Joyous and Blessed Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

*Janakumbudramalakeel*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.**





### Merry Christmas everyone!!

Calls tapered off a bit – only two in the final week – as our companions moved their thinking to Christmas hampers which include toys for children (via the Vinnies Warehouse from the MRA Toy Run) and Vinnies Gift Cards for the adults and a Drakes gift card to enable some purchasing of perishables.

Hamper packing and distribution was our last activity for this year. Home assistance visits will recommence after Australia day.

Our pantry and hamper situation was greatly boosted with a generous food donation from St Francis Xavier’s School at Wynn Vale, and we have ongoing support from Baker’s Delight who allow us to collect surplus bakery products fortnightly.

Without your support Vinnies wouldn’t be able to cover the needs in our Conference area for either the hampers or home visits, and the Vinnies volunteers are all happy to represent the parish in their home visiting and other duties knowing they have your support.

Our expectation is that 24 hampers will be collected, and our home visit request will approach 180 – last year, it was 171.

Fund raising this year has again been limited, but our deficit has been met by funds generated by the Vinnies stores, the CEO Sleepout (\$930,000) and the Principals’ Sleepout. Our Christmas Appeal hasn’t been tallied yet – more news on that in the New Year – but thanks to all who were able to contribute. Don’t forget that you have an opportunity to help through the Peoples’ Choice Credit Union raffle.

All being well, we’ll resume home visiting assistance after Australia Day.

Here’s hoping all have a healthy and joyous Christmas.

**Michael Bone**

**Conference President Modbury**

### The Parish Finance Council 2022

This has been a complex year for the Finance Council to manage, however we have still balanced the budget. I want to thank John Jarrad for leading our group and wish him well in his continued recovery.

I also thank Council members for their continued commitment to our work. Looking forward to next year.

*The PFC prays that the joy of Christmas will be with you all.*

**Paul Haydon**  
Acting Chairperson



### The St Vincent de Paul Para Hills Conference

Para Hills Conference wishes to thank all who contributed so generously to our Christmas Appeal. Such kindness will make this season a truly festive one for the many who would otherwise go without any form of cheer to lift their spirits this Christmas.

We also sincerely thank the donors who came forward to drop food and other goodies under the Christmas Giving Tree.

Wishing Everyone A Very Merry Christmas and a Wonderfully Happy New Year

**Helen Zmarek,**  
**Conference President Para Hills**



### Saints/Feast Days Of the Month

25th Dec	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
26th	St Stephen
27th	St John, Apostle & Evangelist
28th	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
29th	St Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr
30th	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
31st	St Sylvester I, Pope
1st Jan	Mary the Holy Mother of God
2nd	St Basil and St Gregory
3rd	Holy Name of Jesus
7th	St Raymond of Penyafort
8th	The Epiphany of the Lord
9th	The Baptism of the Lord
13th	St Hilary
17th	St Anthony
20th	St Fabian and St Sebastian
21st	St Agnes
24th	St Francis de Sales
25th	The Conversion of St Paul
27th	Sts Timothy & Titus, St Angela Merici
28th	St Thomas Aquinas
31st	St John Bosco

### A message from our Sacristans - St John XXIII

We get great satisfaction in our roles as sacristans and altar servers. It is good to be able to prepare for the Eucharist on behalf of our fellow parishioners. One person in our group finds it fulfilling as it does not involve having to speak in front of people but still allows doing something meaningful for the Church. One said she feels like Martha and Mary because she helps to prepare but can also be in the moment with Jesus during the Mass. It is an honour and privilege to do this for our community. It is like preparing the table for everyone to share with Our Lord.

The training for the ministry is not difficult and we would recommend it to those who are interested.

**Anne Malyniak**

on behalf of the sacristans.



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Good News and great joy to all the world: today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord**



It was with excitement and a commitment to evangelisation that, the parish facilitated the next cycle of Family Faith Formation.

### Sacramental Preparation



Twenty primary school aged children, with their families, are participating in the process of formation as they journey towards their celebration of Reconciliation [Penance], Confirmation and Eucharist.

Following the Enquiry Session in August, a number of one and a half hour training sessions have been held and will continue in the New Year on Saturday afternoons at St John XXIII Mass Centre.

A constant focus for the sessions has been the call to Baptism, celebrating Jesus Christ being present with us as Catholic Christians. It is with the Church that we experience a sense of belonging and hence gather regularly to be nourished to continue in our love for God and for each other. There has been a particular focus on the Liturgy of the Word part of the Celebration of the Eucharist. Those Scriptures celebrating God's promise to never harm humankind, highlighted for us in the gift of the rainbow, have helped us focus on right relationships with God and those around us.

To encourage an interactive approach in each session, and to make the link between domestic Church, the home, and the parish setting, families have brought items from home to contribute to discussions and activities such as role-playing texts. Families have been supported in coming up with "Journey of Faith" posters that are on display in our Mass centres and in the parish school. We look forward to seeing the results of the children's research and the posters they prepare of the saint who inspires them to use the Gifts of the Holy Spirit which they will complete over the school holidays. The Rite of Confirmation will be held on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7.00pm at St John XXIII.

It has been joyous working with a terrific team of faith-filled people and with the support of the parish. We look forward to more family faith formation in the new year and the celebration of the sacraments. We pray that all the families of the candidates for the sacraments have a holy and blessed Christmas with their own families and their Church family.

**Tash Souter, Aggie Marziale and Therese Meyers**



### Sandy Sheen - Parent of Sacramental Student

Being involved in the sacrament program was something I never expected to be a part of. When I received mine many, many years ago, all our learning was done in our religious education classes during our school day. Thank you for opening this up to allow parents to be involved with this interactive program, I have really enjoyed connecting with my daughter on a completely different level.

### MESSAGE FROM TASH, OUR PASTORAL ASSOCIATE



Only because it's been said before, and so very well too, I will use the quote of St Francis of Assisi as a thought to end this year.

☞ "For it is in giving that we receive..." ☜  
I feel that this sums up our community to a tee.

Whether it's parishioners, who give of themselves to their sick or unwell family members or friends, or volunteers, who give of their time, or Fr Manu, who gives great homilies, or everyone else who is involved in our Parish, who give their talents, energy, thoughts, laughter, friendships & tears, it is by this giving that we receive the precious gift of belonging to the community of "Para Hills Modbury Catholic Parish."



I would like to thank each of you for joining in our Mass celebrations, as without you there would be no 'community'!

For those of you who have lost a valued family member or friend during the year (or in the years gone by) I would like to use another of St Francis of Assisi's quotes:

"And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."

Although it is not the same as having your loved ones around in person it gives us hope that we will meet again.

I wish each of you a Blessed & Happy Christmas & may the Peace & Joy of the season continue to be with you all throughout 2023. ❤️

**Tash Souter**

### Our Community's Prayer Petitions

**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, 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,





St Francis Xavier's Catholic School community would like to wish everyone in the Para Hills Modbury Catholic Parish many blessings this Christmas season.

We sincerely thank everyone in the parish who continually work in partnership with our school and welcome us into the community. Students, staff, and parents have enjoyed participating in Family Masses each term.

*May your days be merry and bright with the light of God's love.*

**Rosanna Samarzia**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
DECEMBER BABIES**

- 26th** Natalie Green, David Truman (Senior)
- 27th** Ashwin Benny
- 29th** Michael Marafioti, Jamie Watkinson
- 30th** Kelly Longshaw
- 31st** Manuel Cruz

**JANUARY BABIES**

- 1st** Christine Rogers, Susanne Orschulok, Andrew Finch
- 2nd** David Truman (Jr.), Rachel Kenny
- 4th** Julie Spencer
- 5th** Anthony Knowles
- 6th** Rebecca Lee, Mateusz Ball
- 7th** Denise Palmer
- 8th** Joshua Bock
- 9th** Joy Knowles
- 12th** Lawrence Grima
- 13th** Benjamin Rogers, Jane McConnell, Nicholas Viceban
- 16th** Maureen Frost
- 17th** Theresa Norris



**Some Maintenance Volunteers**



**MODBURY**

**COMMUNITY & CRAFT GROUP**



We have had another successful year of crafting, supporting Sr. Sally of Sacred Heart Orphanage in South Africa and the Cancer Council of SA, enjoying each others company and having fun. We have been able to reintroduce some practices that we had to drop because of Covid 19. Our trading table under the supervision of Linda Shilcher has been operational this year and our weekly talks started again as monthly talks. We began the kitchen roster again, but then the wife of one of the musicians started coming to serve the tea and coffee for us. We are very happy to welcome Marie to our crafting family. Some of our members have contracted Covid this year but all were vaccinated and have recovered well.

Sadly I have had to resign as coordinator as of the end of this year due to other craft commitments, but the Craft Group will continue next year and we will find a new coordinator. Thank You to the committee for their support and cooperation this year and to the teachers and helpers who are always available to help out.

As a group we have been pleased to be able to support the parish over the years with annual donations. This year our donation will help with the purchase and installation of handrails at St John XXIII.

The Craft Group wishes all parishioners a very Happy and Holy Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year.

**Mary Bryant  
Coordinator**



**TIMOR LESTE COMMITTEE**



The Timor Leste committee wishes to thank our generous supporters for once again helping us to raise funds to send to Maliana for much needed works. If you attended either our Winter Warmer Dinner, the Quiz night or purchased an Entertainment membership we thank you. And to everyone who donated generously but were unable to attend we thank you as well. Covid has impacted on all our lives but mostly we have the creature comforts of home to enjoy without too much hardship. Life isn't as straight forward for our brothers and sisters in Maliana. They have to do a little more than just turn on a tap to get some water. Last year the funds we sent were to be spent on a well and to repair the local chapel. Covid and a shortfall in funds prevented the chapel from taking shape so hopefully when they receive this year's donation it can finally be finished. The committee: Anne, Leonie, Marg, Marie, Merle and Pauline would like to wish all parishioners a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Holy 2023.

**Marg Whennan**



### STAY FOR A CUPPA!

There will be a Cuppa after each Mass on the weekend of January 14th and 15th. This will be Fr Manu's last weekend in the parish.



Please stay and have a cuppa with him.

Donations of treats to eat gratefully accepted.

Assistance will be needed in the kitchen before and after the Cuppa.

If you will be available to help please ring Carolyn on 0419 038 678

### Adelaide Diocesan Assembly

The 2022 Diocesan Assembly is part of a larger movement of *synodality*, a church on the journey together. As a parish we have been represented at the two sessions of the Diocesan Assembly by Fr Manu, Tash Souter, Barbara Sorrell and Therese Meyers, Roseanne Walston-Leo and Catherine Smith.

The second Assembly, held in October of this year had each of our attendees participating in a separate workshop where they were tasked with returning to the parish to engage other groups in exploring practical responses to our pastoral needs while developing strategies for mission in our community.

#### Youth Assembly

Kimberlyn Selvan represented our parish at the Youth Assembly where 50 other young people represented their parish and 25 different schools, parishes, and organizations were in attendance.

#### Diocesan Assembly 2 October 2022

The discussion group I participated in over the two days in October was "Understanding how to connect and build relationships with families and young people".

Two of the goals identified by the group included:

Providing guidance to children, families and young adults and placing them on a mission to improve communion at home and with others.

Initiating cross-generational mentoring by pairing individuals from different generations with the goal of mutual learning and growth and shared experiences, skills, and knowledge.



#### Rosanne Walston-Leo

The workshop group I participated in was "Justice, Inclusion and Healing"

How do we include ALL people in our Church community. ACTIONS, speak louder than words. Scripture, liturgy, language can be hurtful to people on the outside. We thought the ACTION to be taken would be creating an initiative to educate clergy/people/parishioners. The mission then is connecting. The person I meet is touched by Christ. People know when they are loved.

Finally, this is the place where Jesus sits down and eats with sinners!

As participants of our group, we recommended that justice, inclusion and healing be for people of the LBTBQ and gay community, who are, along with other at-risk groups, being marginalised by our Church. We must become more synodal and reach out to this community.



#### Catherine Smith

### Mission Choir

Mission Choir is a children's choir started on a Mission Sunday and consequently named as Mission Choir by one of the young members in the choir group. This year completes 5 years since its inception. The children's choir is scheduled to sing every fourth Sunday of the month at Holy Trinity in our Parish. The choir is an open forum for all age groups of children to join whenever they want; a space where children can show their flair, come together, and sing and glorify the Lord in one voice. The choir group is multi-talented; they participate in various works of service like singing, playing guitar and keyboards, altar serving, commentating, helping as sacristans and proclaimers. Some of them have been part of the Junior Legion of Mary where they have been spiritually guided by senior parishioners. Two of our choir members have been awarded the Parishioner of Inspiration Award—Junior in the last two consecutive years.

Thanks to Father Manu for his continuous support and all the parents for encouraging their children to be part of this choir. Without them this wouldn't have been possible.

*Members of the choir wish all parishioners a Christmas blessed in the light and peace of Christ.*



### Friendship Bowls

Members of Friendship Bowls wish all Parishioners a Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year!

We will be commencing bowls again on Monday 6th February 2023 and new members are always welcome.

For any enquiries please contact Judy Dalwood on 8264 3342.





### Music in Liturgy – Michael Grantham

It's a great privilege for me to lead music for Mass. Even though I will admit that a part of me is a bit scared every time. I bring to mind one of the Psalms, Psalm 33:3 "Sing to Him a new song; play skilfully with a shout of joy". I liken it to using an old-fashioned radio to tune in to the heavenly choir, and in my own part join in. Praying you all have a Happy and Holy Christmas, and take the time to tune in to the Heavenly Choir.

### Musicians - Crossroads

Crossroads music group wishes everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year. We hope you have enjoyed our music and thank you for your support. Carmel, Michael and Patrick.



### Local Vocals – Christmas Bulletin

Thank you for making us feel so welcomed in the parish. With such an inclusive community and culture, we love singing at Holy Trinity and thank the Almighty for the grace that has kept us together in His service. We look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Wishing Fr Manu, the office staff and all parishioners a holy, happy and safe Christmas. May the light of Christ guide us all and stay with us throughout the New Year.

Merry Christmas and a healthy, joyous, exciting, rocking, prosperous year ahead from the Local Vocals.

Lavender

### Family Music Ministry

Our Family Music Ministry wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and Safe and Wonderful New Year ahead. May the birth of Christ fill our hearts with faith, hope, and love to share around our family, friends, and our community.

Keep smiling and share the love this Christmas.

### Arnold Callado



*We thank God for a year filled with Prayer, Fun and Activities*



### Multi-Cultural Melodies

Multicultural Melodies is a Community choir which includes many of our parishioners.

The choir practices on Thursdays at St John XXIII. In the past (in those pre COVID days) we had been invited to sing for nursing homes, at community events, and participated in the parish Christmas Carols evening. Hopefully in 2023 we will once again be able to entertain others with our talents!

Choir will recommence on 19th January 2023 from 10am - midday

We share tea, coffee and biscuits after practice and new members are always welcome

For information, please contact Caterina Deluca: 0410 057 524

**We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.**





## Liturgy Committee

Each year, Advent brings a new liturgical year for the Church. After three years with various disruptions, a new three year liturgical cycle has just started. It's a time of joy and hope. For the Liturgy Committee, Advent is the start of a busy year of planning and involvement in parish celebrations.

During the last year, Committee members have been privileged to prepare for Sunday Masses and other significant celebrations. Advent 2021 saw many parishioners bring forward symbols for the Jesse Tree. In 2022, O Antiphons were read during Advent. Lent and the Easter Triduum presented opportunities for all parishioners to join in prayerful remembrance of Jesus' death and resurrection. The readings and the branch and vines chosen for the Memorial Mass offered themes for reflection on life and lives lost.

The Liturgy Committee comprises eight parishioners, who are all active in ministries and bring those experiences to the discussions. Led by the Chair, Therese Meyers, Committee members discuss many aspects of parish life and liturgy. Members prepare for Sunday Masses by selecting music, writing Universal Prayers, and incorporating relevant events or issues. For example, on Migrant and Refugee Sunday, many parishioners read Universal Prayers in their first languages. We also supported formation for sacraments and collaborations with schools.

The Committee respects that each of the Sunday Masses has its own variations in the practices which unite us as one parish. It is heartening that many people attend Mass at both centres, and particularly uplifting when all parishioners come together for events such as Midnight Mass and the Mass of the Last Supper.

Fr Manu, parish office staff, musicians and others have supported the Committee in preparing meaningful liturgies, and we thank them for their assistance.

Liturgy Committee members pray, share, learn from each other and value their opportunity to contribute towards parish life. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 1 February 2023. New members would be warmly welcomed.



*Members of the Liturgy Committee wish everyone in the Para Hills Modbury Catholic Parish community a joyful and blessed Christmas, and a happy New Year.*

## PLEASE NOTE

**If you are the last to leave the church/hall at St John XXIII or Holy Trinity, PLEASE make sure that ALL Lights and Airconditioners are switched off and ALL doors locked. Thank you.**

## MINISTRY TO THE SICK

A joyous Christmas to all from the Parish Ministers of the Sick.

Our Eucharistic Ministers involved in Ministry to the Sick have visited the sick and infirm of the Parish throughout the year. We have been to many private homes, hospitals, Nursing Homes, and Senior Citizen Homes. These visits have been warmly received, and in addition to distributing the Eucharist, many have asked us to pray with them for healing. We have made many friends including their wonderful pets who somehow know there is always a treat in a pocket for them.

Parishioners who are unable to attend Mass, upon receiving the Eucharist, do importantly experience the joy of receiving our Lord and not being forgotten by the Church Community. This joy they receive, brings me to recall the story of The Count of Hapsburg.

*Rudolph, Count of Hapsburg, one day following the chase in the mountains in Switzerland, perceived a poor priest who was much embarrassed to cross a stream swollen by rain; he had to cross it to bring the Holy Viaticum to a sick person. Immediately the noble count alights from his horse, makes the priest mount him, and follows himself on foot with much recollection. The priest afterwards wanted to give back his horse to the Prince, but the latter answered: "I do not deem myself worthy of ever again mounting a horse which has had the honour of bearing the Lord of lords; it is from Him that I hold in fief all I possess." And so saying, he left his beautiful courser at the service of the poor priest and his Church. The report of this so edifying event was soon noised abroad through the valleys of Switzerland, and thence into the provinces of the German Empire; it everywhere caused a pious joy to all the people, great and small.*

### Joe Nicotra

"For many years we have been privileged to be visiting the Catholic residents at Ananda Nursing Home. These good people are so very grateful for this ministry which we administer to them. The ministry is most rewarding and coming away one feels it is all worthwhile supporting our brothers and sisters who find themselves spending their last days in care."

We would ask those parishioners who are able, to seriously consider taking up this ministry.

**Margaret Dunn & Barbara Sorrell**

## TWO HEARTS ADORATION

A beautiful thank you to all who have been attending Two Hearts' all-night Eucharistic adorations on First Fridays of the month. It has been a joy to see so many faces - constant attendees and the one-offs.

We begin again 6<sup>th</sup> January with Rosaries at 8pm, Mass at 9pm and all-night adoration with prayers and hymns throughout. Confessions will be available following the 9pm Mass. The night finishes with 3am Mass in honour of Our Lady. It is a special and quite peaceful night for those who can make it. We wish you and your loved ones a beautiful and blessed Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the new year.

**Irena Zdziarski**



## DEVELOPMENT FUND CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR DRAW

The Development Fund is a weekly "lotto" which parishioners buy into by paying \$1 each week into the fund to get a number in the draw. Every week a winner is drawn.



The fund raises money to purchase items for the parish. This year the fund has donated \$400 to each of our churches to purchase flowers for our major celebrations of Easter and Christmas.

New members are always welcome. If you would like to join the Development Fund and so be in the draw each week please contact:

Barbara Mathews on 8258 8806.

The following are the Development Fund winners for the Christmas and New Year period:

Congratulations to:

Moira Bone                    25<sup>th</sup> December    No 46  
   Drawn by Brenda Whitehead

Ann-Michelle Howell    1<sup>st</sup> January            No 85  
   Drawn by Brenda Whitehead for  
   Moira Bone

*Wishing you a Merry Christmas and  
a Happy New Year*

**Barbara Mathews**

### Treasure Market

The Saturday Market had a rather up and down year. We missed January due to holidays, June was cold and there were no volunteers available to open the shed and then in November we were rained out. Also during the year several of our volunteers were not available due to illness. During the other months our regular dedicated volunteers carried on setting up early in the morning, sorting items then packing up at the end.

While the aim is to raise money for the Parish it does provide a social outlet for a number of regular customers who enjoy coming along once a month searching through the items and clothes for a bargain or something they want. Thanks also to those parishioners and others who donate the goods we sell as we do not buy anything except for food etc for the sausage sizzle.

The numbers of carpark stall holders who pay \$10 to set up varies from month to month and brings in about \$800 a year.

However for the year we raised over \$3800 which was put towards the new verandah on the western side of St John XXIII church to protect the notice board wall and also provides some protection for the disabled toilet.

Each year it is getting a little harder to continue and we do need more volunteers. So if you feel inclined to dedicate time to something worthwhile for the Parish you would be more than welcome.



**John Jarrad**



## Christmas Day Appeal for the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry

Again this year we will be conducting the annual Christmas Day Appeal collection for the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry (ACM) with special collections to be taken up at all Christmas Masses.

The Otherway Centre is the home of the Aboriginal Catholic ministry and the cultural hub of Centacare. Money raised helps to fund activities that bring the community together and provide vital healing and yarning opportunities to strengthen cultural and spiritual connections.

Located at Stepney, the Centre has been supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the wider community for more than 30 years.

We ask that you continue your generous support of this appeal.

### The Parish Congratulates



*Fr Manu on the 21st  
Anniversary of his  
Ordination to the  
Priesthood on  
30th December.*

*We wish him God's blessings as  
he continues his ministry.*

### From one of our Altar Servers

After receiving the sacraments I was encouraged to serve the parish community as an Altar Server and as a member of Junior Legion of Mary. With my brother Edriane we served the parish as altar servers. We also regularly attended the Junior Legion of Mary on Mondays. Then five years ago Mission Choir was formed and I was asked to join with my younger brother Ewan.



I've been an altar server for nearly six years and I have met new friends and enjoy their company during practices and cuppas. Just recently, I signed up to do reading for Sunday Mass.

In serving I continue to grow in my faith and putting its teaching into practice. I am grateful to Legion members, my family and Fr Manu for supporting and motivating me.

Wishing all families, a Happy, Safe Christmas Holidays and Wonderful New Year and God Bless.

**Ethan Neri**



## Parish Pastoral Council Report

I am going to begin at the end this year, by paying particular thanks to Fr Manu for his leadership and spiritual guidance of our Parish over the past 10 years. It has been a pleasure to work with him and as a Council we have found him to be always respectful, generous with his time and talents, absolutely passionate about the good of the parish, and someone who has a knack for finding fun in the ordinary. We will certainly miss him when he moves to Henley Beach Parish in the New Year.

One of the goals this year was to continue to strengthen our ties with St Francis Xavier's School and Gleeson College. An important part of that liaison has been the involvement of school staff, Rosanna Samarzia (SFX) and Alesia Sala (Gleeson) on the PPC. We are grateful for their commitment to work with our parish. The other side of that liaison has been parish representation on the School Boards. We sincerely thank Sue Wright for representing us on the Gleeson Board and also Hans Woznitza who has now taken up that role. I have been very pleased to be able to represent the parish on the SFX Board.

We were delighted to recommence our monthly after Mass cuppas and, God willing, we will continue to see attendance at these events grow next year as people feel more comfortable about gathering. Do give some thought to staying back after Mass on those occasions to meet and share companionship with fellow parishioners.

On behalf of the PPC and parishioners I thank those who represented us at the various Diocesan Assembly gatherings. I particularly thank Catherine Smith and Rosanne Walston-Leo, who attended the Second Assembly especially as they graciously stepped up at the last minute ensuring that illness did not rob the parish of involvement in the assembly. Also special thanks to Kimberlyn Selvan who represented our parish youth at the Diocesan Youth Assembly in September. Reports of the Assembly can be read in another part of the Bulletin. The PPC look forward to considering their reports and suggested strategic actions in the New Year.

I would like to thank all members of the Parish Pastoral Council for their continued willingness to serve on the Council and serve their fellow parishioners.

We sincerely thank all of those who volunteer in so many ways as they helped out in the parish over the past year. I strongly encourage all parishioners to think about how we can use our gifts and talents to meet the needs of our parish going forward.

The PPC wishes parishioners all the blessings of the Christmas Season and a Happy New Year.

**Carolyn Ost**  
PPC Chairperson

## OFFICE CLOSURE

Please Note the Parish Office is currently closed and will reopen on Tuesday 24th January 2023



## A Christmas Message from Gleeson College

Just as God called the shepherds, so too He calls us. In Gleeson College's 'Year of Empathy' in 2022, we were inspired by the charism and compassion of our patron, Archbishop James Gleeson and the Gleeson 10, asking everyone in our community to exercise qualities of empathy such as love, gratitude, gentleness and humility. Demonstrating empathy for others does not always mean to give materially, it means to offer a smile, show compassion and to engage in a conversation with someone, who is lonely or isolated. Jesus showed us giving empathy and having humility go hand in hand.

Despite the impacts of Covid-19, the Gleeson College community demonstrated a generous effort in sharing the Spirit of Empathy through donations of Christmas puddings, Christmas cake, tinned vegetables and fruit, custard powder, long-life milk, packets of assorted biscuits and fruit juice, pasta sauce and personal grooming products to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Over 645 individual items were collected.

Enjoy a safe and Merry Christmas with your loved ones.

God Bless,

**Ms Alesia Sala**

## Handmaids of the Lord

The theme of the Handmaids of the Lord for 2022 is Rejoice in the Lord always! We discovered that to rejoice in the Lord always, we need to be intentional in growing our spirit. As we grow we become fruitful and we multiply not only in number but also in our character!

2022 has been a great year for us, the state has opened up and we were able to hold retreats, teachings, workshops, a fundraising event for the poor as well as social events to celebrate our achievements and most importantly Advent.

We are looking forward to 2023 as we begin to share the gospel of love to others who wish to deepen their faith. Starting 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023, Sunday, 2pm in the parish hall at Holy Trinity our ministry will conduct a Christian Life Program for 7 consecutive Sundays.

Contact Angela Zakarias on 0401 205 636 for information.

**May you all rejoice in the Lord always!**

**Merry Christmas! From the Handmaids of the Lord**



*The handmaids Advent celebration*







## The Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic association of Catholics who, with the sanction of the Church and under the powerful leadership of Mary Immaculate, Mediatrix of all

Graces, serve the Church and their neighbour on a voluntary basis in about 170 countries. Currently, our two parish praesidia are in recession as many Legion members are facing challenging circumstances like, caring for family members; personal health; etc. However, we do continue to do the works of the Legion which includes taking Holy Communion to nursing homes and private homes, visiting auxiliaries and sick parishioners and saying Legion prayers with them; we also organize and prepare the monthly children's choir at Holy Trinity and we make phone calls to sick or lonely parishioners, and participate in 24 hours rosary for the intention of Our Lady Queen of the Legion.

Other Works include transporting parishioners to church and helping with the organisation of altar servers and Sacristans.

The Legion of Mary is always happy to welcome people to join us.

We pray God bless all parishioners with a happy and a holy Christmas.

**Michelle Selvan**



## St Joseph's Devotions

CHRISTMAS..... the best time of the year to reflect on the life of the Holy Family, birth of Our Lord Jesus and the message they're giving us: Love, Peace, Joy, Harmony and Trust in God. He is and always will be with us.

This is what we pray for through the intercession of St Joseph who was Jesus and Mary's guardian and provider in all their needs.

Over the years, many people who attended Novena Masses on first Wednesdays of the month from March to November have received many graces and resolved problems they entrusted to St Joseph.

The novena of Holy Masses are offered for Priesthood, Families and protection of the Unborn and conclude with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which is the highlight of the devotion to St Joseph.

I take this opportunity to extend an invitation for next year to all parishioners to "Come and See the Goodness of the Lord". I'm sure St Joseph will not disappoint you.

Finally, I'd like to thank Fr Manu, who always lovingly and patiently does what we ask him, and all those people over the years who took St Joseph to their homes.

May newborn baby Jesus, our Lady and St Joseph bless you and bring into your hearts and your families Love, Peace, Joy and Goodwill this Christmas Season and New Year.

**Ana Juricin**

## THE SOUTHERN CROSS



The December edition of the Southern Cross is now available.

Free for December

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## Parishioner of Inspiration Awards 2022

We are indeed blessed to have so many inspirational parishioners who give generously of their time and talents in the service of their God and their fellow parishioners.

The winners of the Parishioner of Inspiration Awards for 2022 are Ann Cotton (senior) and Alana Benny (junior). The awards were presented by Fr Manu.

Anne predominantly attends the 6pm Mass. She has been a volunteer of long-standing, assisting as a Welcomer, a Reader and Commentator. Anne opens up the Church before Mass and locks up afterwards. She is a keen member of the Liturgy Committee. Anne has provided transport for some who otherwise would not be able to attend Mass and during Mass ensures that those who are unable to come forward for Holy Communion are not missed. She has provided regular assistance at our working bees at St John XXIII.

Alana most commonly attends Mass at Holy Trinity. She has served the parish as an Altar Server for many years. Alana is an accomplished Reader and Commentator and is also a member of the Mission Choir. Recently Alana has commenced training as a Sacristan. Alana volunteers to assist whenever she hears of or notices a need, for example she has assisted with Church decorations at Christmas and has helped with clean up after end of the month Cuppas.

### Extracts from Ann's acceptance speech

It's humbling to be given an award like this, especially knowing that a fellow parishioner has noticed the little things I've done and taken the time to nominate me.



We're lucky to be part of a parish community in which lots of people volunteer. I think there are many others who are more deserving of an award than I am.

I really enjoy my involvement with the wonderful people in our parish. Being actively involved gives me enormous satisfaction. It also gives me purpose by sharing the gifts which God has given me.

I hope that other volunteers get as much satisfaction from being involved as I do.

**Ann Cotton**

"I am humbled to receive this award and I thank all of those who nominated me for the award. Volunteering in the Church helps me to get closer to God. Thank you."

**Alana Benny**

## Our Parish is a Child Safe Organisation

We are a Child Safe Organisation which is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children and young people. We believe that all God's children and young people have the right to be healthy and safe, and to have their voice heard, respected and valued;  
A Safe Environment for All.

To find out more about our child safe policies and procedures please contact the Parish Office or the Archdiocesan Child Protection Unit on 8210 8159.



Yes, another year has gone by and how time flies when you are having fun.

I recently asked the group to write a sentence about why they liked coming to the group. The following are some of the replies

*They always have time to talk*

*Friendship and chatting*

*Playing Rummy Cubs helps with the thinking .*

*Catching up with likeminded people .*

*The friends I have met.*

*Fellowship and good company*

*Fun and friendship.*

*Sharing a laugh or two.*

It was pleasing to see the positive comments and most would tell us how important social connection is.

This year we had an outing to Hahndorf. A really great experience at Beerenberg followed by lunch in Hahndorf and visiting Melbas Chocolates. The Adelaide Hills looked great.

This year was tinged with sadness with the passing of one of our long time members Ursula Moore.

Vale Ursula.

Lorraine Thalbourne

### TREASURE MARKET

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

**Next: 14th January 2023**

**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.**

### Mark Your Diaries — 2023



#### January

24<sup>th</sup> Office Reopens  
24<sup>th</sup> Feast of St Francis de Sales  
26<sup>th</sup> Australia Day

#### February

18<sup>th</sup> Sacramental Children presented St JXXIII  
19<sup>th</sup> Sacramental Children presented HT  
22<sup>nd</sup> Ash Wednesday

#### March

18<sup>th</sup> Working Bee – Holy Trinity  
24<sup>th</sup> Reconciliation – Sacramental Group  
25<sup>th</sup> Working Bee – St John XXIII

#### April

2<sup>nd</sup> Palm Sunday  
6<sup>th</sup> Holy Thursday  
7<sup>th</sup> Good Friday  
9<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday  
25<sup>th</sup> ANZAC Day

#### May

21<sup>st</sup> Marian Procession  
25<sup>th</sup> Confirmation at St John XXIII  
27<sup>th</sup> First Holy Communion St John XXIII  
28<sup>th</sup> First Holy Communion Holy Trinity

#### June

4<sup>th</sup> Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

#### August

8<sup>th</sup> Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop  
15<sup>th</sup> The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

#### October

11<sup>th</sup> Feast of St John XXIII

#### November

1<sup>st</sup> All Saints  
2<sup>nd</sup> All Souls  
24<sup>th</sup> Memorial Mass  
25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> Volunteers Weekend

#### December

2<sup>nd</sup> Working Bee – St John XXIII  
9<sup>th</sup> Working Bee – Holy Trinity

### SAFETY FIRST



**Please remember that carparks are  
shared zones.  
For safety the speed limit is 10kph  
(walking pace).**



### SECURITY REMINDER

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY VALUABLE ITEMS  
VISIBLE IN YOUR CAR WHILE ATTENDING MASS  
AT EITHER MASS CENTRE.**

