



# PARA HILLS MODBURY CATHOLIC PARISH

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2nd Sunday of Advent, Year B - Violet

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### OFFICE HOURS:

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## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

171 KESTERS ROAD,  
PARA HILLS 5096

## ST JOHN XXIII CHURCH

50 RESERVOIR RD,  
HOPE VALLEY 5090

### BAPTISMS

BOOKINGS TO BE MADE  
THROUGH THE PARISH OFFICE.

### MARRIAGES

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

## REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

## ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S (PRIMARY)

CARIGNANE ST,  
WYNN VALE 5127  
PH: 8251 9500

## GLEESON COLLEGE (SECONDARY)

40-60 SURREY FARM DRIVE,  
GOLDEN GROVE 5125  
PH: 8282 6600

## PARISH CHILD PROTECTION OFFICERS

THERESE MEYERS:  
0421 533 761

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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

Saturday 6pm  
Sunday 8am  
Tuesday 9.15am  
(Rosary Before Mass  
commencing 8.50am)  
Thursday 9.15am



### 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



## ADVENT RETREAT

### HOSTED BY

## THE PARAMOD CATHOLIC PARISH YOUTH GROUP

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
from 2.30PM – 5.30PM  
at St John XXIII Church  
50 Reservoir Road, Hope Valley, SA 5090

The program will include:  
Prayer, Worship, Discussion, Music, Games and Activities  
The Retreat will conclude with Mass at 6pm.

### All are welcome.

For inquiries please contact:  
Kimberlyn 0405 131 822  
Aaron 0426 622 110

## Regional Second Rite of Reconciliation (DERNANCOURT - TEA TREE GULLY MODBURY PARA HILLS) Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December:

To celebrate the joy of Christmas, spiritual preparation is also essential.  
On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm,  
there will be the Second Rite of Reconciliation at Dernancourt Parish.  
Please make use of this spiritual opportunity to  
prepare ourselves well and to celebrate the joy of Christmas.

**Readings for Sunday, 17th December 2023**  
**3rd Sunday of Advent, Year B**

1st Reading Is 61:1 - 2, 10 - 11  
2nd Reading 1Thes 5:16 - 24  
Gospel Jn 1:6 - 8, 19 - 28

**Saints & Feast Days**

11th Dec St Damasus I  
12th Dec Our Lady of Guadalupe  
13th Dec St Lucy  
14th Dec St John of the Cross

**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 Dunn, Clarence Rodericks, Sue Rodericks, Margaret Penny, 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, 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

**Recently Deceased**

Kathleen Ryan, Rodney Goodrich, Terry Hollis, John Wilson, Joanne Pountney, Mona Reid.

**Advent Reflections**

A series of Advent reflections looking at the significance of Christmas in the context of 'The Big Story of the Universe' – how do we connect the Big Bang to the stable in Bethlehem and Adelaide in 2023?

Each session will include prayer, reading, reflection, sharing and discussion.

When: Wednesdays of Advent, December 13, 20.

Time and place: 10am at the Mercy Centre, 4 Victoria St, Mile End and 7pm, Hallett Cove Catholic Church foyer.

All sessions 90 minutes.

Presenter: Kevin Liston.

Sponsored by SA Catholics for an Evolving Church.

For more information and to register for the first handout:

E: [Kevin.liston1@gmail.com](mailto:Kevin.liston1@gmail.com) or

P: 0411 197 829.

**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**

There were nine assistance requests last week, for fourteen adults and eleven children. With a couple of weeks of calls to go, the Vinnies Christmas Appeal is still open and envelopes are available at the Vinnies notice board. The envelopes can either be handed to a Vinnies member, or be returned through the planned giving collection. Receipts will be available for tax purposes.

The requests for Christmas hampers has risen to 27, but is expected to grow – some of our 'regulars' are yet to make their request, we'll draw the line at about 30.

The response to the Giving Tree has been great from both halves of the Parish – thank you very much; the goods and tags can be returned (unwrapped) until December 17/18th.

We'll pack the hampers on Wednesday 20th for collection on the following Thursday morning. Thank you very much for your ongoing support. We're also anticipating the usual strong support from the St. Francis Xavier Christmas Appeal

In the pantry, any donations of

**Tinned Taters/Carrots, Peanut Butter and Pasta Sauce**

would be greatly appreciated.

**Anointing of the Sick**

We will have the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick on the following dates:

**Wednesday 13th December at Holy Trinity Church Mass at 7pm**

**Tuesday 19th December at St John XXIII Mass at 9.15am.**



**OFFICE CLOSURE**

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2023.**

**THE OFFICE WILL REOPEN: TUESDAY THE 23rd JANUARY 2024.**



We welcome to our community, those families who are preparing for their children's baptism during December.

Please show your support by making them feel welcome and remembering them in your prayers.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**



## SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

*"The season of Advent restores this horizon of hope, a hope which does not disappoint for it is founded on God's Word."  
Pope Francis*

As Christmas approaches let's navigate the stress with positivity:

- Start each day remembering why we celebrate Christmas - The birth of our Saviour Jesus.
- Prioritise & Plan: Create a realistic to-do list, focusing on essential tasks. Break them into smaller, manageable steps to avoid feeling overwhelmed.
- Delegate Tasks: Don't hesitate to ask for help. Divide duties with family and friends, turning preparations into shared experiences.
- Connect Socially: Share your feelings with loved ones. Sometimes, talking about stress alleviates its impact and your support system can offer valuable perspectives.
- Practice Gratitude: Regularly reflect on what you are grateful for. It shifts your focus from the pressure you may be feeling to positive aspects, which will help you feel more optimistic about what you have ahead of you.
- Create Joyful Traditions: Establish traditions that bring joy without adding stress. It could be as simple as decorating the Christmas tree, watching a favourite movie or baking together.
- Set Realistic Expectations: Recognise that perfection is unattainable. Adjust expectations and savour the joy in simple, meaningful celebrations.
- Look after yourself: Dedicate some time for yourself amidst the chaos. Whether it's a short walk, meditation or a warm bath, these moments can rejuvenate your spirit.

***Dear God, amidst the busy lead up to Christmas, grant us serenity. Help us release the burdens and embrace joy. Fill our hearts with gratitude, turning stress into opportunities for love and connection. May the true spirit of the Advent season fill us with peace, kindness, and the warmth of shared moments. Amen.***

Sourced from [www.majellan.media](http://www.majellan.media)

### Liturgy Assistants Roster

Liturgy Assistants Rosters for January - March 2024 have been sent out via email.

If you require a printed copy, they can be found at the back of the Church.

Please keep in mind that if you are unable to fulfill your ministry you will need to organise for someone to fill in for you.

## Christmas Liturgies

Advent has begun and Christmas is fast approaching!

Liturgy Assistants Sign up sheets for the Christmas Masses are now available at the back of the Church.

Please consider which Masses you will be attending and whether you are able to volunteer for any of the ministries.

If you can help out please add your name to the list as soon as possible.



### Family Mass for Christmas

The Family Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, 24 December 2023 at 6:30p.m. at the Holy Trinity Church, Para Hills.

This Mass will include children acting out the Gospel of the Nativity. Primary school aged children [having been to school in 2023] of the Para Hills Modbury Catholic Parish are welcome to the first practice on Monday, 18 December 2023 from 10:30am to 11:30a.m. at Holy Trinity Church.

Bring a drink bottle and a soft toy of an animal that may have been in the stable.

Please register your interest with an email to [pa@paramodcath.com.au](mailto:pa@paramodcath.com.au)

Therese Meyers

### Legion of Mary



The Legion of Mary meets every Saturday afternoon at 12noon in the Cry Room at Holy Trinity Church. New members would be warmly welcomed.

The Legion of Mary Curia meets on the second Sunday of every month at 2pm in the Cry Room at Holy Trinity.

Some leaflets with information will be left at the back of Holy Trinity Church, or contact Ann Craig on 0452 216 382 for more information.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths; all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!**



## PRAYER MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

<b>Sun</b>	<b>10th Dec</b>	Legion of Mary (Curia)	2pm	<b>Holy Trinity</b>
<b>Thu</b>	<b>14th Dec</b>	Send Rite of Reconciliation	7pm	<b>Dernancourt Parish</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>15th Dec</b>	Craft Group	9.30am - 12noon	<b>St John XXIII</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>16th Dec</b>	Legion of Mary	12noon	<b>Holy Trinity</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>16th Dec</b>	Parish Retreat	2.30pm - 5.30pm	<b>St John XXIII</b>



### DEVELOPMENT FUND 2023

Congratulations to our winner

No 101, Anna Mervart  
Drawn by Sindi Kinloch  
for Stephen Sherlock

Please contact: Barbara Mathews 8258 8806  
for more information.



### **Prayer Warrior**

We invite you to our daily zoom Rosary  
Zoom ID: 513 801 0979  
Password: 4027  
Monday to Friday

We start sharp at 7:30 am  
please join 5 minutes in advance

Contact: Angela Zakarias  
0401 205 636 or  
amtzakarias@gmail.com



### **Advent Reflection Book "With Expectant Hearts"**

We still have two copies of "With Expectant Hearts  
available for \$7.50 from the Parish Office.

### **Music at the Cathedral in December**

#### **Friday 15 December at 7.30pm**

Christmas Choral Concert with orchestra  
(Repeated at Holy Cross Church,  
Goodwood on Sunday 17 December 12.30pm)

#### **Saturday 16 December 7.30pm**

Organ Carols Recital – Dr Amir Robin-Karas

#### **Tuesday 19 December 1pm**

End of Year Organ Student Concert

#### **Wednesday 20 December 7pm**

Christmas Carols – James Lloyd  
*Congregational participation encouraged.*

#### **Sunday 24 December 11pm**

Christmas Carols with the choir  
*Congregational participation encouraged.*

### **Young Adult Summer Eco Camp February 7-12 2024**

This four-day event is for students and  
any young adults (18-35)  
who have a concern for the care of Earth.  
Participants will engage with the local natural  
environment, hear inspiring speakers and  
have time to reflect and share.

Through attentiveness to Earth and each other,  
it is envisaged that participants will feel empowered to  
act for the care of our planet with hope.

For more details see

<https://jisa.org.au/2024-young-adult-summer-eco-camp/>

### **Maintenance Support**

Just like our homes constantly need upkeep,  
so do our church properties.

We are blessed to have the dedicated services  
of many who work behind the scenes.

Peter van der Arend is seeking the support  
of someone who could work with him in two hour  
blocks at a time to waterproof around  
the windows of St John 23rd.

The task could include painting, repairing existing  
timber, fitting poly-carb sheeting  
and being comfortable up a ladder.

Please contact Peter on 0403 632 599

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY DECEMBER BABIES**

10th Dec	Rosalind Lucy Ball
11th Dec	Katrina Lineage
12th Dec	Anne-Marie Lineage Robert Giebel
13th Dec	Margaret Giebel
14th Dec	Frank Gavini Alice Craig
15th Dec	Michael Moss Sue Air
16th Dec	Carmel Lineage



### **THE SOUTHERN CROSS**

The December edition of the Southern Cross will be  
available from both Mass Centres from next weekend.

They will also be available as an insert  
in the Advertiser on the 16th December 2023  
or online at [www.thesoutherncross.org.au](http://www.thesoutherncross.org.au)