



# PARA HILLS MODBURY CATHOLIC PARISH

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3rd Sunday of Advent, Year B - Rose

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### OFFICE HOURS:

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FRIDAY: 9AM-12.30PM

## 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

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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

## MASS TIMES FOR NEXT WEEKEND

4th Sunday of Advent  
Saturday 23rd December  
St John XXIII Church - 6pm (Vigil)  
Sunday 24th December  
Holy Trinity Church - 9am

Christmas Eve  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December  
Holy Trinity Church - 6.30pm  
St John XXIII Church - 7.30pm  
St John XXIII Church - 10pm

Christmas Day  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December  
Holy Trinity Church - 9am

Please note:  
There will NOT be a Midnight Mass celebrated this Christmas.

## OFFICE CLOSURE

THE PARISH OFFICE IS  
NOW CLOSED  
AND WILL REOPEN:  
TUESDAY THE 23rd  
JANUARY 2024.



## Anointing of the Sick

We will have the Sacrament of  
Anointing of the Sick on  
Tuesday 19th December at  
St John XXIII Mass at 9.15am.

**Readings for Sunday, 24th December 2023  
4th Sunday of Advent, Year B**

1st Reading	2 Sm	7:1 - 5, 8 - 12, 14, 16
2nd Reading	Rom	16:25 - 27
Gospel	Lk	1:26 - 38

**Saints & Feast Days**

21st Dec	St Peter Canisius
23rd Dec	St John of Kanty

**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:**

Teresa McBride, 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

**Deceased Anniversary**

Horace James

**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**

Thank-you, thank-you, thank-you!  
This weekend of Dec 16/17th is the last to return your card and donated item to the Giving Tree. We pack the hampers on Wednesday 21st for collection on the Thursday morning. The requests for Christmas hampers currently stands at 28, and is not expected to grow.

The collection of the St Francis Xavier Christmas Appeal has taken place on December 13th and has boosted our stocks for both the hampers and home visits.

We've also collected our allocation of toys and gifts arising from the MRA Toy Run – a little less bountiful this year with the inclement weather for the MRA Toy Run.

After the hamper activity we suspend assistance calls until after Australia Day. Your support has enabled us to respond to over 320 calls for assistance this year. If you're still able to contribute; we had eight calls to deal with last week;

**Sugar, Tinned Fish and Tinned Vegetables** are always needed in the pantry

**Bottle Collection at Holy Trinity**

For many years bottles have been collected at Holy Trinity as part of our fundraising efforts. If you have refundable bottles and cans that you would like to donated please place them in the marked recycling bin at Holy Trinity.

**We ask that you do not place wine bottles in this recycling bin as we do not receive a deposit refund on them.**

**HELP NEEDED**

We are in need of helpers to decorate the St John XXIII Church for Christmas Celebrations. If you can help join us on Friday 22nd December commencing at 9am.



Our last Bulletin for 2023 will be published next weekend and there will not be another bulletin published until 28th January 2024.

Please send in any notices that need to be placed in the first bulletin of 2024 by Tuesday 23rd January 2024.

Thank You

**Spam Emails & Texts**

**Please note that parishes and priests do not solicit donations by email or text message.**

We occasionally receive reports of people being approached via email or text by someone falsely claiming to be our Parish Priest and asking the recipient to purchase vouchers or gift cards.

**If you should receive such an email or text please do not respond, or purchase vouchers or gift cards.**

**WORKING BEES  
TO PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS**

Thank you to those who turned up for the working bees held over the last two weekends. Your efforts are appreciated.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: My soul rejoices in my God.**



### THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

As the year concludes, let us look back at the highs and lows with a heart open to learning. Trust that whatever happened is part of a bigger plan, guided by a force beyond our control. Let go of worries, find strength in surrender and step into the future with hope.

Life's journey is a mix of joy and challenges, shaping us into who we are meant to be. Embrace the simplicity of letting go, placing ourselves in God's hands to guide us on our path, in all situations.

***“Dear God, guide us on this journey of life.  
Illuminate our path with Your wisdom,  
fill our hearts with love and  
grant us strength in challenges.  
May we find purpose in each step  
and may Your grace lead us to joy and fulfillment.  
Amen.”***

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

### Confession and Prayer for Peace, on Friday Night at St Laurence's

Every Friday at 7pm there will be an hour of silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed at St Laurence's Church, North Adelaide.

The intention is to ask for peace, especially in the Holy Land and Ukraine. St Laurence's Church is on the corner of Hill St and Buxton St, North Adelaide.

Come when you can, even if only for a few minutes. Confession will be available from 7.30pm.

### Message from Pat Cherry

Pat Cherry sends her regards to all Parishioners who have been asking about her. She is very happy and content in the Southern Cross retirement home and sends best wishes for a happy Christmas and New Year to all.

### 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 is almost over 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.



### Catholic Charities Christmas Appeal

A special Collection will be taken up at Christmas Masses for Catholic Charities, which provides much-needed funds to Hutt St Centre, Centacare Catholic Family Services, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Our Lady of La Vang and St Patrick's special schools. These agencies play a significant role in bringing hope to people in need here in South Australia.

Your donations, regardless of their size, will make a profound difference in the lives of those who rely on the support of Catholic Charities.

### 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

### Legion of Mary

On the 1st Sunday in January the Legion of Mary will lead the Rosary after the 10am Mass for peace in the world.

Our Lady of Fatima tells us to pray the Rosary every day if we want peace in the world.

Please join with us and support us as we pray through her to Jesus our Saviour.

We will continue on every 1st Sunday of the Year.



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the Poor. Alleluia!**



PRAYER MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

Sat

23rd Dec

Legion of Mary

12noon

Holy Trinity



**DEVELOPMENT FUND 2023**

Congratulations to our winner

No 52, Margaret Robinson  
Drawn by Anna Mervart

Please contact: Barbara Mathews 8258 8806  
for more information.

**Music at the Cathedral in December**

**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/>

**SAFETY/SECURITY NOTE**

If you are the last person to leave the church/hall at St John XXIII or Holy Trinity please make sure that,

- All lights, fans, air conditioners & sound systems are switched off.
- Windows are shut
- Doors are locked.

Also, for your own safety, if you are in either of the Churches or Hall at Holy Trinity and you are by yourself please keep the door locked.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
DECEMBER BABIES**

18th Dec Michael Reilly



**Have you thought?  
A time to Rejoice!**

This Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as Gaudete Sunday. *Gaudete* is the Latin word for Rejoice! Advent was originally celebrated as a five week season and with the same fasting and penitential nature as the season of Lent. The third Sunday, Gaudete, was like a break for rejoicing in the midst of the fasting. When Advent was reduced to four weeks and the nature of the season altered, Gaudete Sunday was retained. The colour of this Sunday is rose, a celebratory colour, and it is reflected in the vestments worn by the priest and in the colour of the third candle used in Advent wreaths.

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**Collecting for Charities and Others**

We are collecting the following items for charities and others

**Ring Pulls**

from drink cans only **NOT** food cans  
These go towards the making of titanium joints for landmine victims in Thailand.

**Stamps**

Childhood Cancer.

**Tea Bag Strings & Tags**

The strings are used for knitting, no charity involved. The tags are reused in paper making.

**Bread Tags**

These are melted down, made into bowls and proceeds go to wheel chair charities.

**Giving App**

Download the Adelaide Archdiocese's **Find a Mass App** on your mobile phone and set up direct giving to the first and second collections, as well as special appeals.

Or go to [www.goodgiving.com.au](http://www.goodgiving.com.au) to set up direct giving from your computer.

The App also features daily readings, events, news from *The Southern Cross* and podcasts.



**THE SOUTHERN CROSS**

The December edition of the Southern Cross is free and available from both Mass Centres from this weekend. They are 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)