



# PARA HILLS MODBURY CATHOLIC PARISH

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3rd Sunday of Lent, Year B - Violet

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## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

171 KESTERS ROAD,  
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## 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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0421 533 761

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0401 205 636

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



## Stations of the Cross

Join us for Stations of the Cross  
7pm at Holy Trinity  
every Friday during Lent.



## Project Compassion 2024



Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result.

Leaia lives with her five children, husband, brother and sister-in-law on the island of Upolu in Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water caused Leaia a lot of worry.

Their home is not connected to a piped water system, so they had to rely solely on rainwater collected in old fridges. When their water ran out, Leaia had to walk with her young children to collect water in buckets and containers from a neighbour down the street.



With the support of Caritas Australia's local partner, Caritas Samoa, a water tank was installed at Leaia's home. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water at home. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions.

"We are very thankful and grateful for the water tank. It has helped us so much and made our daily life easier," Leaia said.



You can donate through  
Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes  
available from your parish,  
by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)  
or by calling 1800 024 413.

Photo: Laura Womersley/Caritas Australia

**Readings for Sunday, 10th March 2024**  
**4th Sunday of Lent, Year B**

1st Reading 2 Chron 36:14 - 16, 19-23  
2nd Reading Eph 2:4 - 10  
Gospel Jn 3:14 - 21

**Saints & Feast Days**

4th Mar St Casimir  
7th Mar Ss Perpetua & Felicity  
8th Mar St John of God  
9th Mar Frances of Rome

**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**

Samuel Kelley, Marcus Whitworth, Chris Walker, Rudi Putz

**Deceased Anniversaries**

Damian Ozga



**Legion of Mary**

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

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



**Regional Second Rite of Reconciliation**

Wednesday 13th March 7pm,  
St David's Church  
2-4 Vizard Rd, Tea Tree Gully

Several priests will be available for individual Reconciliation after communal prayer and preparation

**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**

Still on five calls for assistance in the last week; three of those were for Dernancourt Conference who have been struggling with ill and absent members.

March will see a cessation of this support for Dernancourt as their numbers return.

Limited availability on the furniture delivery issue, State Council has funded a plan but is sorting out supply issues. There's a bit of a waiting list.

Similarly, Emergency Relief Funding is also being provided in April. This will be strictly limited to dealing with threats of power cut-off and eviction.

Our immediate needs in the pantry are

**Peanut Butter, Rice, Coffee and Tinned Vegetables.**

It will greatly help if any or all of these items could be placed in the Vinnies' collection basket.

**Gospel Reflection**  
*By Greg Sunter*

The Temple in Jerusalem was (and still is) a powerful symbol of holiness and a symbol of the connection and relationship between God and the Hebrew people. It is often assumed that Jesus' anger was directed at the traders and moneychangers because their business had infringed on and desecrated the temple precinct. But the reality is a bit more complicated. The Temple was the holiest site for sacrifice to God. The tradition dictated that sacrifice made by a priest on the altar was the highest form of worship. The best animal to sacrifice was a healthy, properly formed creature. Rather than walking a lamb all the way from somewhere like Galilee to Jerusalem, the faithful would purchase their sacrifice animal at the Temple itself – thus the presence of the people selling cattle, sheep and doves. However, to further complicate matters, the Temple traders would not accept Roman coins to purchase the sacrificial animals as they bore the image of the deified emperor. Therefore, money changers were required to exchange Roman currency for acceptable coinage, so the money changers were also playing their part in the prayer life of the Temple.

Jesus' outrage is not so much with the traders and the money-changers as with the whole religious practice and hierarchical structure that has developed to a point where the only way a person can pray in a 'valid' way is to purchase an animal and hand it over to a priest who goes behind a screened wall to sacrifice the animal. The only way to seek God's forgiveness and mercy was to 'buy' it at the Temple. This was what outraged Jesus. He could not stomach the injustice nor the barriers that had been erected between the people and their God.

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

## Holy Week and Easter Liturgies

During Lent, our Parish is getting ready for Holy Week and the Easter Triduum. The Liturgy Committee has prepared sheets listing the volunteer ministries required at the services.

If you would like to volunteer for any of the ministries, please add your name to the list by **Sunday 10th March.**

The ministry provided by many people during Holy Week and Easter is highly valued.

### Maliana Timor Leste Fundraiser Advance Notice

Our chicken, salad and dessert fundraiser is to be held at St John XXIII, Saturday April 6th after 6p.m. Mass. Tickets \$15 Adult & \$10 Students. Tickets on sale the weekends of 16/17, 23/24 March & some Easter Masses at each Mass centre. Thanking you in advance for your support.

### **Free Online Course on Synodality** **from Boston College:** **Toward a Constitutively Synodal Church** **2-15 March 2024**

How does synodality work in the everyday realities of the Church?

You are invited to participate in a free online course from Boston College School of Theology and Ministry to explore the practices and dimensions of practical synodality.

All videos will be facilitated virtually in March 2024 and will be offered at no cost to participants worldwide. Lectures which are pre-recorded and available in Spanish, English, Portuguese, French, Italian, Polish and German can be watched at any time throughout the month of March.

The detailed programme and registration is available at <https://bit.ly/3S79GKc>

**HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY**  
**MOLLY HOLMES.**

### **LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING**

The next meeting for the Liturgy Committee will be on Wednesday 6th March at 7pm. Please contact Therese Meyers on 0421 533 761 for details.



2021 Synod 2024  
For a synodal Church

### **Towards 2024 Synod** **Public Gathering**

Thursday 14th March, 7pm  
Festival Function Centre  
292 Findon Rd, Findon  
RSVP: [trybooking.com/CPCNQ](https://trybooking.com/CPCNQ)

This is an opportunity to provide feedback to both the Synthesis Report from the First Synod and respond to the questions outlined in the "Towards 2024" document. This will contribute to the Archdiocesan report to the ACBC.

#### **Synthesis Report:**

<https://www.synod.va/en/synodal-process/the-universal-phase/documents.html>

#### **"Towards 2024" Document**

[https://www.synod.va/content/dam/synod/towards2024/thedocument/ENG\\_Document\\_TOWARDS-OCTOBER-2024\\_XVI\\_II-Session.pdf](https://www.synod.va/content/dam/synod/towards2024/thedocument/ENG_Document_TOWARDS-OCTOBER-2024_XVI_II-Session.pdf)



### **NOVENA OF THE HOLY CLOAK** **OF ST JOSEPH** **HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**

To pray for all Families, the Priesthood and for the Protection of the Unborn  
Wednesday 6th March.

The Novena and Rosary beginning at 6.30pm followed by Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at 7pm

*"I put all my desires, cares and wishes for you in the Sacred Heart. I know it protects and guards you."*  
**(St Mary of the Cross MacKillop)**



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



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



### **Anointing of the Sick**

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

**Tuesday 12th March at**  
**St John XXIII Mass at 9.15am.**

**Wednesday 20th March at**  
**Holy Trinity Church Mass at 7pm**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

**God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.**

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PRAYER MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

Sun	3rd Mar	Christian Life Program	2pm - 4.30pm	Holy Trinity
Mon	4th Mar	Friendship Bowls	1pm	St John XXIII
Wed	6th Mar	Holy Trinity Seniors	1pm	Holy Trinity
Wed	6th Mar	Devotion to St Joseph	6.30pm	Holy Trinity
Wed	6th Mar	Liturgy Committee	7pm	Private Residence
Thu	7th Mar	Multicultural Melodies	10am - 12noon	St John XXIII
Fri	8th Mar	Craft Group	9am - 11.45am	St John XXIII
Fri	8th Mar	Legion of Mary	10am	Holy Trinity
Fri	8th Mar	Stations of the Cross	7pm	Holy Trinity
Sat	9th Mar	Treasure Market	8am - 12noon	St John XXIII
Sun	10th Mar	Christian Life Program	2pm - 4.30pm	Holy Trinity



**DEVELOPMENT FUND 2024**

Congratulations to this weeks winner

No 42, Barbara Sorrell  
Drawn by Fr Kym  
for Sheila Clark

To join, or for more information please contact:  
Barbara Mathews 8258 8806

**Fringe Festival 2024  
Pipe Organ Recitals  
at the Cathedral of St Francis Xavier**

March 6, 1pm: Graham Bell  
March 17, 1pm: Young Organists

**The Catholic Clergy-Laity Golf Day**

West Beach Park Golf  
on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March  
with a 12.30pm shotgun start.  
Attractive prizes for men and women.  
The John Mahoney Parish Trophy will be awarded to  
the parish with the best three Stableford scores.  
Teham Trophy awarded to the best group of four.  
Spouses and friends are welcome to attend the  
presentation dinner from 6.15pm.  
Cost for golf and dinner is \$95 (discount for clergy).  
Entries close on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March.  
Field limit of 100.  
Enquiries to Denis Toohey 8353 1273

**TREASURE MARKET**

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

**Next: 9th March 2024  
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.**

**REACH OUT MORNING TEA MEETING**

**NEXT TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024:**  
After the 9.15am Mass at St John XXIII,  
all Reach Out members and friends are invited to  
make their way to the  
Hope Valley Lutheran Homes  
Community Centre Coffee Shop  
for our Reach Out meeting and morning tea together.  
Address: 1215 Grand Junction Road, Hope Valley.  
Cost: Coffee/Tea and Cake, \$6.00 approx.  
Please check with Maureen if you need  
directions to the Coffee shop.

Maureen Kenny  
Reach Out President  
0418 821 859

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
MARCH BABIES**

3rd Mar Kerry Ford  
Sue Rodericks  
4th Mar Molly Holmes  
5th Mar Judith Marafioti  
6th Mar Christian Hage  
Ivan Kotek



**THE SOUTHERN CROSS**

The March edition of The Southern Cross  
is now available from both Mass Centres  
at a cost of just \$2  
or online at [www.thesoutherncross.org.au](http://www.thesoutherncross.org.au)