



PARA HILLS MODBURY CATHOLIC PARISH

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B – Green

**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**

Archdiocesan Celebration of Significant Wedding Anniversaries

The celebration of significant Wedding Anniversaries which recognises couples in their life-long commitment will again be held in local parishes. The Anniversaries Masses will be celebrated in our Parish on the weekend of **14th/15th September 2024.**

Couples who are celebrating an anniversary of 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55 and 60 or more years during 2024 are invited to contact the Parish Office so that they can be included in the blessing for marriages at Masses on that weekend.

Your details will be forwarded to the Archbishop's Office and a certificate will be prepared for presentation marking your anniversary.

If you would like your anniversary to be included in this celebration, please contact the Parish Office with your details before Tuesday 27th August.

Father's Day Invitations to Celebrate Mass Together

Father's Day is on Sunday, 1st September.

At the back of the church, there are cards to invite family members or friends to attend Mass in our Parish.

Please take one or more of the cards.
They can be handed out or photographed and sent electronically.

PARISH TEAM

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OFFICE HOURS:

TUESDAY-THURSDAY: 9AM-2PM
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

THERESE MEYERS:
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ANGELA ZAKARIAS:
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**Readings for Sunday 25th August 2024
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

1st Reading Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18
2nd Reading Eph 5:21-32
Gospel John 6:60-69

Saints & Feast Days

27th Aug St Monica
28th Aug St Augustine
29th Aug Passion of St John the Baptist

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:**

Debra McMahon, Phyllis Truman, 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, Asher Caudle, Emma Gammon, David North, Elijah Neri, Marg Dolman, Sean Molloy, Antoinette Pascale, Reta Lockyer, John MacGrath, Mary Redmond, Marlen Piineda, Rosa Maria Santos, Betty Roper, Imperia De Ionno, Julie Reimann, Gerry Canavan, Kay Kennedy, Gary Lockyer, Rita Robinson, Yvonne Summers

Recently Deceased:

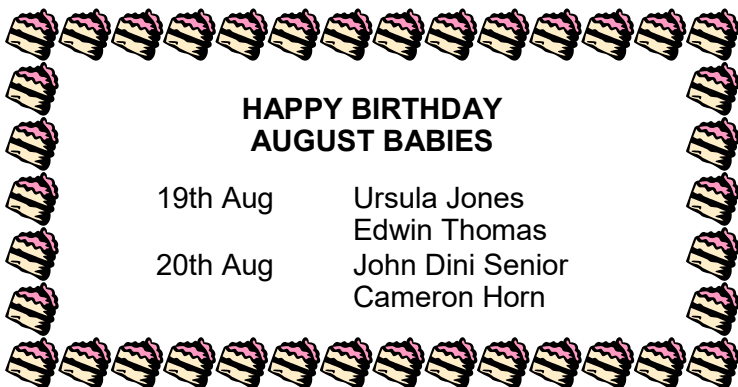
Henry Gilbert, Graham Speed

Deceased Anniversaries:

Dosh Zupp, Myra Dias

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



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
AUGUST BABIES**

19th Aug Ursula Jones
Edwin Thomas

20th Aug John Dini Senior
Cameron Horn

ST VINCENT DE PAUL
HQ: 1300 729 202 from 9.00am — 1.00pm
or www.vinnies.org.au



**St Vincent de Paul
Modbury Conference**

A somewhat "normal" week with eight calls for assistance; six of which we could fulfil. The exceptions were a request for furniture (no stock), and another instance where the phone call was a follow-up on an Emergency Relief Fund payment of a bill – \$500 of a \$700 bill with another \$1500 bill on the way. With payment of the ERF aid we try to convince the companion to get on the hardship phone line and enter a bill smoothing program.

Our immediate needs in the pantry are **Peanut Butter, Jam, Sugar and Tinned Fruit.** If you can, please put any or all of these in the basket.

We appreciate the assistance this provides us in keeping the pantry stocked against the assistance demand.



**DIVINE MERCY AT
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**

The next Divine Mercy Devotion will be on Sunday, 25th August at 2.30pm at Holy Trinity Church, 171 Kesters Rd, Para Hills.

STAY FOR A CUPPA NEXT WEEKEND!



Next weekend we will have our monthly Cuppa after Mass. Donations of food would be gratefully received and can be left in the kitchen prior to Mass.

As always, volunteers will be needed to assist set up, serve and clean up.

Community Day on Meaningful Ageing

The World Community for Christian Meditation South Australia invites you to a **Community Day on 'Meaningful Ageing'**

Guest Speaker – **Rev Dr Les Underwood** (Uniting Church Minister and Director of both the Uniting SA Clinical Pastoral Education Centre and the St Barnabas Anglican Clinical Pastoral Education Centre)

Q&A panel in the afternoon; and time to meditate.

Saturday August 24, 11am – 3pm
St Michael's Anglican Church,
18 Church Road, Mitcham.

Please bring some lunch to share and your own cup. Suggested donation \$15.

Contact: chrmed.southaust@gmail.com for more information and to register your attendance, please.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

Liturgy Assistants Roster

The Liturgy Assistants Roster for October to December 2024 will be prepared shortly.

If you are aware of any circumstances that will affect your availability, please let Ida Atherton know by **26 August** at athertonida@gmail.com or on **0412 752 124**.

Please keep in mind that once the roster is distributed, individual liturgy assistants then take their own steps to arrange fill-ins rather than providing Ida with the information about inability to be available.

Please consider joining our Liturgy Roster

If you are not currently serving in a ministry, we would welcome you joining in! It is a very rewarding experience, does not require a lot of effort and all the necessary support will be provided by our ministry leaders. If you have concerns about participating because of your availability, you can simply identify each quarter which weeks you are available/unavailable for rostering. Once the roster is distributed, you will have contact lists to help you arrange a swap.

To join the roster for any ministry, please let Ida know with a message indicating which Eucharistic community, what ministries, and permission to email the roster and include you in our contact list. You can also complete the green Liturgy Assistant Volunteer sheet that is available at the back of the church.

Sacred Heart Church Hindmarsh celebrates its Centenary Year

**** Note – Change of Date**

All who have celebrated weddings or baptism, First Communion or confirmation in our beautiful Sacred Heart Church are warmly invited to come and celebrate Mass with our community on **Sunday September 8** at 9am, followed by morning tea.

Bring a photo to share!

Date Claimer: Mass to acknowledge our Centenary Year will be celebrated by Archbishop O'Regan on November 24 at 9.30am.



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2024

Congratulations to this week's winner

No 6, Robin Tweddle
Drawn by Gwen Barry
for Margaret Giebel

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

REACH OUT BIRTHDAY LUNCH



Thank you to everyone who has booked to attend our **Reach Out 48th Birthday Lunch** this coming Tuesday 20th August.

It will be very special celebrating with you all at the 9.15am Mass at St John XXIII and later over lunch at **11.30am**, Modbury Hotel, 989 North East Road, Modbury (opposite Beacon Lighting).

Please remember to bring your Seniors Card.

Maureen Kenny
Reach Out President
Mobile: 0418 821 859

MALIANA FUNDRAISER

Curry Puffs

Curry Puff orders, along with payment, will be taken after each Mass **this weekend and next weekend.**

Meat or Vegetable available at **\$7.00 for 6 puffs.**

Correct money with your order would be appreciated.

The Curry Puffs will be available for **collection** after Masses on **31 August/1 September.**

Thanking you in anticipation.

Maliana Committee

Migrant and Refugee Sunday (Multicultural Mass) at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral

Everyone is invited to celebrate Migrant and Refugee Sunday at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral **2.30pm on Sunday September 29.**

All are welcome!

Come dressed in cultural attire and enjoy an ice cream and coffee after Mass, as we celebrate the many cultures that make up our amazing church in Adelaide.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord. Alleluia!

PRAYER MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

Mon	19th Aug	Legion of Mary	5pm	Holy Trinity
Tue	20th Aug	Reach Out	11.30am	Modbury Hotel
Thu	22nd Aug	Multicultural Melodies	10am – 12 noon	St John XXIII
Fri	23rd Aug	Craft Group	9am – 11.45am	St John XXIII

The Presence of the Absent One

Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

'The bread that I shall give is my flesh for the life of the world.'

Today's Gospel is the whole purpose of this long discourse, for today's passage focuses on the Christian Eucharist. The change is signalled by the words 'flesh to eat'. Up until now, Jesus has spoken of eating *bread* in a metaphorical sense, but the word 'eat' that is now used is very physical, it is like 'munch' or 'chew'. The imagery Jesus uses 'to eat the flesh and drink the blood' would be particularly horrific to a Jewish audience for whom blood is forbidden, and animals are killed in a special way so that all the blood is drained out, since the blood is the life-force and belongs to God.

This language also directs attention to the future death and resurrection of Jesus – his flesh given for the life of the world. In speaking also of blood, in Jewish terms Jesus is speaking of his essential life-force. To speak of eating flesh and drinking blood is therefore not to be speaking about something that is dead, but something that is still living, something that still has its life-force. Jesus has passed through death and returned as a living presence to his community. Because Jesus now lives with eternity life, he is able to offer the same eternity life to believers. Today's passage needs to be understood as reflecting on the living presence of the risen Jesus now present with the community. Only in this resurrection perspective will the discourse have any sense and Eucharist have any meaning. 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I live in them.' In other words, those who believe in me, live in me and I live in them.

The very first disciples all had personal experience of Jesus. They were able to be with him, to hear his words and to express their belief in him directly. By the time John's Gospel was written, around 95 CE, most of the community would be second or third generation Christians who have not had such personal contact. Where can these Christians experience the living presence of Jesus and how can they express their faith in him? The Gospel points to the presence of Christ in the celebration of the Christian Eucharist.

When the community gathers Jesus is present in their midst and the consuming of bread and wine sacramentalises that presence. Eating and drinking is something we can physically do, making our belief concrete. We are not simply giving intellectual assent to Jesus – we profess our faith bodily. How else can God come to us except through our bodies? How else do we *communicate* with others, except through our bodies? Our liturgical celebration of Eucharist engages our entire self, in all our senses of sight, touch, smell, hearing and taste. God has come to us incarnated in the flesh of Jesus, and through Eucharist this incarnate, bodily presence is still available to us, and we can make our bodily response in faith to him.

At this point, you and I are drawn into this Gospel, for like the Johannine community we have not encountered Jesus of Nazareth. Our encounter with Jesus must be through the sacramental symbols of bread, wine, the word and the community gathered to celebrate the Lord's Supper. Again, the contrast is made between the Eucharist and the *manna*, for the life Jesus offers is life forever. The Jewish Christians of John's first community have not lost touch with their traditions, nor have they lost touch with the God of their ancestors who fed them bread from heaven. In and through Jesus, God's nourishing gift of life for the world is available to all people of all ages.

But what is our response? The invitation is given, 'Come and eat my bread and drink my wine,' but some find this too hard to accept. This long Gospel passage continues with this question next week.

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Synod Instrumentum Laboris (Working Document)

The Synod of Bishops' Working Document has recently been released.

It can be accessed via the link [The Instrumentum Laboris \(synod.va\)](http://www.synod.va), or via www.synod.va and going to the Press Room page and scrolling.



SECURITY REMINDER

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