



# PARA HILLS MODBURY CATHOLIC PARISH

1st December 2024  
1st Sunday of Advent, Year C – Violet

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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**

### PARISH TEAM

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### ST JOHN XXIII CHURCH

50 RESERVOIR RD,  
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#### 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  
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## Introduction to the Jesse Tree

Advent is the long night watch, the waiting time, the yearning for the coming of Christmas, and more fundamentally, for the second coming of Christ. We experience this waiting time in a pervasive atmosphere of instant gratification and the secular world's holiday season. There may be a longing for the spiritual in a world that moves too fast for reflection and fills whatever time that is left with empty values. The Church calls for watching, waiting, longing and expectation. The ancient communities of Israel handed down their beliefs in the same way that Jesus taught, through story.

The Jesse Tree is a very old Advent tradition and first started in medieval times. It tells the story of the Bible from creation to the birth of Jesus. The Jesse Tree was named after the biblical figure Jesse, and the tree is a reference to the passage from Isaiah, 11:1 "A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." Jesse is one of the ancestors of Jesus. He was the father of David, Israel's greatest king and Jesus is descended from the line of David. He is the branch God promised would grow from Jesse's family tree. Each symbol represents a story from within this family tree and a step towards the birth of Jesus. Using the background of a tree, over the four Sundays of Advent leading up to Christmas, a selection of symbols that represent the people, prophecies, and events leading up to the birth of Jesus is placed on the tree. The faithfulness of God across four thousand years of history will become apparent in how God prepared for the coming of the Messiah through many generations.

As we use Advent as a time to prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus, the Jesse Tree is an opportunity for prayer. The Jesse Tree stories connect us with the countless generations of people who have sought God and experienced God's presence in the world. We are placed in the company of people who sought answers to hard questions, who strove to be faithful no matter what the difficulties. In sharing in these stories, we are given our place among the People of God.

**Readings for Sunday 8th December 2024**  
**2nd Sunday of Advent, Year C**

1st Reading	Bar	5: 1 - 9
2nd Reading	Phil	1:3 - 6, 8 - 11
Gospel	Lk	3: 1 - 6

**Saints & Feast Days**

3rd Dec	St Francis Xavier
4th Dec	St John Damascene
6th Dec	St Nicholas
7th Dec	St Ambrose

**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:**

Catherine Kerslake, Phyllis Truman, Teresa McBride, Margaret Dunn, Clarence Rodericks, Sue Rodericks, Margaret Penny, Theresa Camilleri, Corrie Bowman, Martha Fernandes, 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:**

Mary Glynn, Susan Daley

**Immaculate Conception**

Holy Mass will be celebrated on  
Saturday 7th December  
9:15 am in Holy Trinity Church, Para Hills,  
including First Saturday of the month.

There will be "Hour of Grace" on  
Monday 9th December from 12 noon to 1 pm  
at Holy Trinity Church, Para Hills  
to pray for Priests as requested by  
the Blessed Virgin Mary.

She promised that whatever we ask Her  
in this hour will be granted if in accordance  
with the Will of the Eternal Father

*O, Mary conceived without sin, pray for us  
who have recourse to Thee*

**Parish Bulletin**

If you would like to receive the bulletin via email  
please contact us at:  
bulletin@paramodcath.com.au

**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 twelve assistance requests last week,  
for twenty-four adults and twelve children.

Two we couldn't help – one for school fees and  
another for taxi vouchers to get a child to school.

Six of the rest were first timers,  
most of which wanted Christmas hampers.

The Vinnies Christmas Appeal is still open and  
envelopes are available at the Vinnies notice board  
to contribute. The envelopes are best returned  
through the planned giving collection.

Receipts will be available for tax purposes.

The requests for Christmas hampers has risen to 21,  
but is expected to grow next week; some long  
term regulars haven't asked yet,  
we'll draw the line at about 30.

Last weekend was the first to return tags and goods to  
the Giving Tree; many thanks for your support;  
the goods and tags can be returned (unwrapped)  
until December 16th. We'll pack the hampers  
on Friday Dec 20th for collection on the  
following Saturday morning.

Thank you very much for your ongoing support.

In the pantry, any donations of  
**Sugar, Tea Bags, Coffee and Tinned Carrots**  
would be greatly appreciated.



**Anointing of the Sick**

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

**Tuesday 3rd December at  
St John XXIII Mass at 9.15am.**

**Wednesday 11th December at  
Holy Trinity Church Mass at 7pm**



**FIRST SATURDAY MASS**

7th December 2024 9.15am  
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH  
Holy Rosary for PEACE in the world.

Commencing at 8.45am  
with Acts of Consecration,  
to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and  
the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
with the Sacrament of Penance.

Please bring a SINGLE flower  
for Our Holy Mother

*"In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph"  
( Our Lady of Fatima 1917 )*

**LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING**

The next meeting for the Liturgy Committee will be on  
Wednesday 4th December at 7pm  
Please contact Therese Meyers on  
0421 533 761 for details.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**  
**To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

## Saint Presentation

Our Catholic tradition includes honouring the good and holy people who have lived holy lives as followers of Jesus, especially during November. You are great examples of giving your life spiritual direction by connecting with the saints. Please consider doing a presentation about a saint who is dear to you with the idea that your presentation would be shared with those preparing to celebrate full initiation into the Catholic Church in 2025, both children and adults.

You may want to include the following information about your saint:

1. Full name
2. Date of birth and date of death
3. Place of birth
4. Location of Catholic Christian discipleship
5. Description of Catholic Christian activities that inspire
6. Date of being made an official saint of the Catholic Church
7. Patron saint status [if relevant]
8. Feast day
9. Image
10. Other interesting information
11. Prayer[s] written by this saint or significant quote[s]
12. Reason for being attracted to this saint
13. What you would like to do that is like this saint
14. Your name as author

This could be a great way for you to connect with those preparing for initiation into the Church so dear to you. Feel free to contact me for clarification.

Please pass your presentation to me at 6:00p.m. Mass or the parish office, or perhaps via the 'red box' at Holy Trinity.

Therese Meyers  
Family Faith Formation

## Christmas Masses Liturgy Assistants

During Advent, our Parish is getting ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas. The Liturgy Committee has prepared sheets listing the volunteer ministries required at the Christmas Masses.

If you would like to volunteer for any of the ministries, please add your name to the list at the back of the Church **by 15 December**.

The ministry provided by many people during Advent and at our Christmas Masses is highly valued.

*Living Catholic*

## 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](http://www.thesoutherncross.org.au)

## Progressive Lunch Acknowledgement

A big thank you to all those who attended the event last Sunday. We had about 60 people attend over the two mass centers. From the conversations and interactions everyone appeared to be having fun, and the event was a great way for the whole parish community to get together. Also, a big thank you to those that assisted in the preparation and running of the event on the day. Without your continued support the parish would be a poorer place. Now for next year!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Any suggestions welcomed.



## Regional Second Rite of Reconciliation

PARA HILLS MODBURY - DERNANCOURT  
TEA TREE GULLY

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December:  
7pm at St John XXIII

**Help Needed!**

We are in urgent need of someone to coordinate the decorating of St John XXIII Church for the Christmas Masses. Decorating will need to occur sometime between Sunday 22nd December 9am and Tuesday 24th December 12noon. If you are able to help out please contact the Parish Office.

## Advent Reflection Book



Advent commences this weekend and the Office for Worship has produced a free Advent Reflection Booklet. The booklets are available at the back of the Church and we encourage everyone to take a copy.

A PDF version of the booklet is available online at <https://www.ofw-adelaide.org.au/publications.html>. Weekly reflections will be published on the Archdiocesan Mass App (available from the Apple and Google Play stores for free), Facebook ([www.facebook.com/adelaidearchdiocese](http://www.facebook.com/adelaidearchdiocese)) and Instagram (@adelaidecatholic).

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!



PRAYER MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

<b>Mon</b>	<b>2nd Dec</b>	Legion of Mary	5pm	<b>Holy Trinity</b>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>3rd Dec</b>	Reach Out	10 am	<b>St John XXIII</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>4th Dec</b>	Liturgy Committee	7pm	<b>Private Residence</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>6th Dec</b>	Craft Group	9am - 11.45am	<b>St John XXIII</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>6th Dec</b>	Two Hearts Prayer Group		
		8pm Rosary, 8.30pm Reconciliation		<b>Holy Trinity</b>
		9pm & 3am Mass		



**DEVELOPMENT FUND 2024**

Congratulations to this week's winner

No 74, Ana Juricin

Drawn by Barbara Sorrell

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

**TREASURE MARKET**

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

**Next: 14th Dec 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.**

**Christmas Concert**

A free concert of beautiful Christmas choral motets sung by the Cathedral Choir with members of Choir of the Holy Cross and Flinders University Chamber Ensemble, featuring contemporary and traditional works.

Friday December 13, 7pm,  
at the Cathedral of St Francis Xavier.

Sunday December 15, 1pm,  
at Church of Holy Cross, Goodwood.

For more details: <https://www.adelcathparish.org/music-in-the-cathedral/christmas-concert>  
E: [music@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:music@adelaide.catholic.org.au)

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
DECEMBER BABIES**

2nd Dec	Mark Agar
4th Dec	John Dini Junior
5th Dec	Delice Regan
7th Dec	Pat Collins



**TREASURE MARKET ITEMS FOR SALE**



This cabinet and outdoor gas heater which includes the gas bottle were donated to the Saturday Market.

As they are near new items, we are offering them to parishioners first before selling them at the next Market.

Price for the cabinet is \$150 (new price about \$350) and the gas heater \$50.

If you would like to have a look at the items they are currently in the meeting room at St John XXIII

Contact John Jarrad on 0408 607 300 if interested.

**REACH OUT CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP  
MORNING TEA**

This coming Tuesday 3rd December 2024

9.15am: Mass at St John XXIII  
(Anointing of the Sick Mass)

10.00am: End of Year Break up  
and Christmas Morning Tea

As this will be our final get together for 2024, all members and friends are invited to come and celebrate together in friendship, to enjoy music, song and morning tea after the 9.15am Mass.

We look forward to welcoming the 'Multicultural Melodies' group who will be joining us to lead our Christmas Sing-a-long.

Please bring a substantial plate of sweet or savoury food to share with our visitors.

Looking forward to catching up and sharing this special Christmas celebration with you all, our Reach Out family, as we thank God for His loving blessings this year and enter the holiday season in peace to prepare for the birth of His Son with gratitude, love, joy and serenity.

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Reach Out President  
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