



PARA HILLS MODBURY CATHOLIC PARISH

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16th February 2025
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C – 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



'TAIZE' PRAYER EVENING

"The desire for communion with God has been set within the human heart since the dawn of time. The mystery of that communion touches what is most intimate in us, reaching down to the very depths of our being."
(To the Wellspring of Joy: Letter for 2004)

TAIZE is a prayer for all Christian faiths. Prayer, silence and ecumenism are at the heart of the TAIZE experience.

The Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope' is now underway. To celebrate this Jubilee, please come and experience this beautiful and personal form of prayer. Father Kym will be leading us and all are most welcome.

WHEN: THURSDAY 27TH FEBRUARY
TIME: 7PM

VENUE: ST JOHN XXIII MASS CENTRE, HOPE VALLEY



World Day of Prayer 2025
Cook Islands
"I made you wonderful"

Date & Time:

7th March 2025, 1.30pm

Location:

Salvation Army, Tea Tree Gully
138 Reservoir Rd, Modbury

Contact person:

Margaret Paech 0499 849 924

Afternoon Tea will Follow service.



THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The February edition of the Southern Cross is available from both Mass Centres at a cost of just \$2 or online at www.thesoutherncross.org.au

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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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

ANGELA ZAKARIAS:
0401 205 636

Readings for Sunday 23rd February 2025
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

1st Reading 1 Sm 26:2, 7 - 9, 12 - 13, 22 - 23
2nd Reading 1 Cor 15: 45 - 49
Gospel Lk 6:27 - 38

Saints & Feast Days

17th Feb Seven Founders of the Servite Order
21st Feb St Peter Damian
22nd Feb Chair of St Peter

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, Theresa Camilleri, Corrie Bowman, Martha Fernandes, Carmel Adams, Vesna Zagar, Kim Pope, Anne Hughes, Bruce Tilley, Anne Valentine, Ken Randell, Mary Rose Probst, Emelia Pudelek, Maria Trotta, Lil Buckley, Pat Collins, Margaret Pitt, Anne Van Der Arend, Darcy Ridley, Maria Hand, Emma Gammon, David North, Elijah Neri, Marg Dolman, Antoinette Pascale, Reta Lockyer, John MacGrath, Mary Redmond, Betty Roper, Imperia De Ionno, Julie Reimann, Gerry Canavan, Kay Kennedy, Gary Lockyer, Rita Robinson, Yvonne Summers

Recently Deceased:

David Truman, Barbara Caird, Ralph Alfred Aquilina, Margaret Penny, Sr Carita Higgins, Pauline Mahoney, Roma Hendry

STAY FOR A CUPPA!

Next weekend we will have our first monthly Cuppa after Mass for 2025. Please join your fellow parishioners for a cuppa and a chat.

Donations of food would be gratefully received and can be left in the kitchen prior to Mass.

Volunteers will be needed to assist with setting up, serving and clean up after all Masses



Parish Keys

If you no longer need to access the Mass centres due to a change in your commitments as a minister or for group activities we ask that you please return your keys to the Parish Office.

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



St Vincent de Paul Modbury Conference

Back to a "normal" pace for calls last week, with three requests to deal with. Without an excessive demand, the pantry stocks are holding up OK, and we've started the year with replenished stocks of Vinnies and Drake's gift cards. The Drakes cards are a supplement to the pantry parcel of non-perishables and allow purchase of eggs, meat etc. The Drakes cards are purchased from our fund-raising and Christmas and Winter Appeals. We are again able to provide assistance with bills through Emergency Relief Funds but this depends on the grant lasting. This assistance comes with a strong recommendation to get into bill smoothing and seek financial counselling to construct a budget.

Our immediate needs in the pantry are **Tinned Meat, Sugar, Coffee and Breakfast Cereal.** It will greatly help if any or all of these items could be placed in the Vinnies' collection basket.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

by Nick Brodie

We cannot be authentic followers of Christ if we adore riches to the neglect of the poor.

Followers of Jesus, Pope Francis reflects, 'do not find their joy in money, power, or other material goods; but in the gifts they receive every day from God: life, creation, brothers and sisters, and so on.'

In fact, he adds, true disciples of Jesus are 'content to share even the goods they possess, because they live according to the logic of God.'

The Beatitudes, the Pope explains, 'may sound strange, almost incomprehensible to those who are not disciples.' But as challenging as they are, they ultimately 'define the identity of the disciple of Jesus.' For Christians, they are non-negotiable.

What the Beatitudes do, the Pope suggests, is remind us that 'disciples allow themselves to be challenged, aware that it is not God who must enter into our mindset, but we into his.'

'Disciples,' the Pope reminds us, 'in the end, are those who let themselves be led by Jesus, who open their heart to Jesus, who listen to him and follow his path.'

Such a path involves openness to the joys of the present, wherever we may find them. It also involves a readiness and willingness to become Christ's blessing to others.

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SAFETY FIRST

Please remember the carparks are shared zones and for safety the speed limit is 10kph (walking pace).

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
Happy are they who hope in the Lord.



Jubilee of Artists

This weekend we celebrate the Jubilee of Artists and rejoice with gratitude at the creative insights artists bring to human life. The service of beauty is a pathway into the divine and helps us dream of new horizons for the common good. The Jubilee invites artists to contribute to the work of the Church in bringing about a New Creation where people can live in peace and justice.

"4. Society needs artists ... they not only enrich the cultural heritage of each nation and of all humanity, but they also render an exceptional social service in favour of the common good"

From Pope John Paul II's Letter to Artists (1999):

Prayer

*Oh Lord, my God, when I, in awesome wonder,
consider all the works thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder:
thy power throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

We praise you, Creator God, and thank you for the marvels of the universe which stir us to wonder. Bless artists by whose gifts we see the beauty which is truth, the key to the mystery and the call to transcendence.

May the work of their hands lead Christian communities to that infinite Ocean of beauty where wonder becomes awe, exhilaration, unspeakable joy. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Volunteer Teacher of English for Refugees and Asylum Seekers

Vinnies Refugee and Asylum Seeker Service (Kilburn) is seeking a volunteer to teach basic and functional English to refugees and asylum seekers.

Classes are held at the Kilburn Community Centre on Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9.30am to 12.15pm.

Class dates follow the school term.

Qualifications are not essential, but some experience is necessary. There is volunteer support for the teacher at the classes.

The group is composed mainly of older persons who have not been to school, male and female, from mixed countries of origin and all are refugees. Their English level is low. The volunteer is needed to start as soon as possible.

Further information from Emma Yengi, Coordinator.

P: 08 8340 3053, Emma 0448 775 414

E: eyengi@svdpsa.org.au.

Liturgy Assistants Roster

The Liturgy Assistants Roster for **April to June 2025** will be prepared shortly. If you are aware of any circumstances that will affect your availability, please let Ida Atherton know by **24 February 2025** 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.

More volunteers needed please consider joining in!

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.

We have a particularly low number of volunteers at **8am Masses** - if you go to 8am Mass, please consider offering your talents to our celebrations of the Mass.

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.

Christian Life Program

7 week Christian Life Program starting Sunday 9th Feb 2 pm to 4.30pm. Holy Trinity Hall.

Come to hear speakers on God's Love and Who is Jesus for you. This is run by a Community of Diverse People supporting couples, singles and seniors and all ages in the Ministry of Couples for Christ Australia. You're most welcome.

For more information contact Angela Zakarias 0401 205 636. No need to book. See you there. During the 7 week program you will hear also from Fr Kym and Fr Laszlo!

Maliana Fundraiser



A chicken, salad and dessert dinner will be held on Saturday, March 1st at St John XXIII after 6.00pm Mass.



Tickets sold after most Masses on Feb 15/16 & 22/23 or by phoning Marg & Rob Whennan 82511577.

Adults \$15 and Students \$10, BYO drinks and glasses please.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!

PRAYER MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

Fri

21st Feb

Craft Group

9am - 11.45am

St John XXIII



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2025

Congratulations to this weeks winner

No 2, Kathryn Hudson
Drawn by Sheila Cooper

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



Catholic Clergy-Laity Golf Day

Monday 31 March
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.

Team trophy awarded to best group of four.

Spouses and friends are welcome to attend the presentation dinner from 6.15pm.

Cost for golf and dinner is \$100 (discount for clergy).

Entries close on Friday 21st March. Field limit of 100.

Enquiries to Denis Toohey M:0417 881 844

Birthline Pregnancy Support

Do you have the passion and commitment to assisting women navigating crisis during pregnancy or coping with pregnancy loss?

At Birthline, we're searching for caring, empathetic volunteers to join our team of Telephone Counsellors.

Whether you have prior experience or are completely new to counselling, our FREE 10-week Telephone Counselling Course (TCC) will equip you with the skills and confidence needed to support those in need. If counselling or a commitment to weekly training isn't the right fit for you, there are other volunteer opportunities available.

For enquiries,
please email tcc@birthline.org.au
or call on 0413 380 883.
Website: birthline.org.au.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FEBRUARY BABIES

16th Feb Marianne Weaver
Clary Rodericks
17th Feb Joanne Cruz
18th Feb Catherine Agar



REACH OUT REMINDER

Tuesday 18th February 2025:

Reminding everyone that this coming Tuesday after the 9.15am Mass at St John XXIII, all Reach Out members and friends are invited to our Morning Tea Meeting at the Hope Valley Lutheran Homes Community Centre Coffee Shop.

Address: 1215 Grand Junction Road, Hope Valley.

Cost: Coffee/Tea and Cake or Savoury Slice, approx. \$6.00.

Looking forward to our meeting and sharing an enjoyable cuppa and chat with you all.

Maureen Kenny
Reach Out President
Mobile: 0418 821 859



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The Catholic agency
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Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal

We urgently need your support.

The ceasefire means more aid can assist people in Gaza, but the need is immense and the recovery long. Gaza's people cannot recover alone. They need the support of the global community to survive and rebuild.

**Please donate to Caritas Australia's
Gaza Crisis Appeal.**

You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or
phone 1800 024 413



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A ceasefire means more aid can assist people affected in Gaza.
Your support is urgently needed.



DONATE NOW

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2025 lunchtime Pipe Organ Recitals

**St Francis Xavier's Cathedral,
Wakefield Street, Adelaide**

Free pipe organ concerts in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral will again feature in the Adelaide Fringe during February and March. Commencing at 1pm, the performances this year feature acclaimed organists
Jacinta Jakovcevic (Wednesday February 26),
Amir Robin-Karas (Wednesday March 12),
James Lloyd (Sunday March 16 – Festival of Hymns)
and Val Estrella (Wednesday March 19).
There will also be a recital by young organists on Sunday March 23.