



Para Hills Modbury Catholic Parish

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TUESDAY-THURSDAY: 9AM-2PM
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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:
0421 533 761

ANGELA ZAKARIAS:
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16th August 2026

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A - Green

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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

Floor Replacement at St John XXIII

As previously notified floor replacement works at **St John XXIII** will commence on **Monday 31st August** and are scheduled to be completed by **Friday 18th September**.

For safety reasons there will be no access permitted to St John XXIII Church, including the meeting room and Chapel, during this time.

The last Mass at St John XXXIII until this project is completed will be **8am on Sunday 23rd August** and our first Mass after the completion of work will be **6pm on Saturday 26th September**.

All Masses and liturgical celebrations normally held at St John XXIII will be transferred to our Holy Trinity Church and will go ahead at the usual times.

Eucharistic Ministers visiting people in their own homes or nursing homes who are unable to collect the Blessed Sacrament at Masses at Holy Trinity are asked to contact us to arrange a time to collect the Blessed Sacrament from the parish office.

The week of **Monday 24th to Friday 28th August** has been allocated for the removal of chairs, furniture and other items from the tiled areas and storage rooms. If you are able to assist with this task please contact John Jarrod for further information.

We apologise for any inconvenience this project may cause and sincerely thank you for your patience, understanding, and ongoing support.

These improvements are an important investment in maintaining a safe, welcoming, and dignified place of worship for our parish community for many years to come.

Please contact the parish office if you have any further questions.
Ph: 8264 7590 or Email: office@paramodcath.com.au

OUR PARISH WEBSITE: <http://paramodcath.com.au>

ARCHDIOCESE WEBSITE: www.adelaide.catholic.org.au

Readings for Sunday 23rd August 2026
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1st Reading	Is	22:19 -23
2nd Reading	Rom	11:33 - 33
Gospel	Mt	16:13 - 20

Saints & Feast Days

19th Aug	St JohnEudes
20th Aug	St Bernard
21st Aug	St Pius X
22nd Aug	Queenship of Mary

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:

Peter Cooper, Theo Boog, Anne Marie Thiele,
John Bastiaans, Angela Shrubshall, Rodger Porter,
Michael Proctor, Carolyn Trimboli,
Ann Marie Kilvington, Joan Walmsley, Anne Hughes,
Helen Zmarek, Riley See, Jayden Lee, Kelly Jordan,
Phyllis Truman, Teresa McBride, Margaret Dunn,
Clarence Rodericks, Sue Rodericks, Rita Robinson,
Theresa Camilleri, Corrie Bowman, Martha Fernandes,
Vesna Zagar, Kim Pope, Bruce Tilley, Anne Valentine,
Ken Randell, Mary Rose Probst, Emelia Pudelek,
Maria Trotta, Lil Buckley, Pat Collins, Margaret Pitt,
Darcy Ridley, Anne Van Der Arend, Maria Hand,
Emma Gammon, David North, Elijah Neri,
Antoinette Pascale, Reta Lockyer, John MacGrath,
Betty Roper, Imperia De Ionno, Julie Reimann,
Gerry Canavan, Kay Kennedy.

Recently Deceased:

Saverio Tripodi, Dennis Whitehead,
Rob Hancock, Alan Boon

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 busier week with six calls for assistance; eleven adults and eight children; one single adult was asking that an \$80 water bill be paid by Emergency Relief Funding; Our guidance is to consider bills in the \$200 plus range, with there being only one opportunity per year.

Big thanks to Helen in the Valley View Vinnies shop who passed on a considerable quantity of food for our pantry.

Our immediate needs in the pantry are low but we have room for

Butter/Margarine, Soap, and Peanut Butter

If you can, please put any or all of these in the basket. We really appreciate the assistance this provides us in keeping the pantry stocked against the assistance demand.

Women's Retreat: A Story of Homecoming
4 – 6 September 2026

Last chance to Book. RSVP by 20 August 2026
Take time away to rest, reflect, and reconnect at our Women's Retreat at The Monastery.

Through prayer and reflection, we will journey together through the story of the Prodigal Son, discovering the invitation to "come home" to ourselves and to God.

Led by Ms Val de Brenni and
Fr Pastor Mumburi CP.

This retreat, together with a 1,500-word reflection paper, has CESA approval as a SAM day for teachers.
Call 8338 8700

or email conference@themonastery.net.au

Mass of Creation
2026 Season of Creation Event

The Archdiocesan Council for Integral Ecology invites you to celebrate a special mass in nature with Archbishop Patrick O'Regan during the Season of Creation.

The event will occur on
Saturday, 5 September (10am start)
at St. Helens Park
(39 Prospect Rd, Prospect 5082).



BYO chair and plate of food.
Some light refreshments and an ice-cream cart will be available (free of charge).

Registrations are essential at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/DNMIM>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
AUGUST BABIES

16th Aug	Evan Weaver
	Marlene Fenwick
17th Aug	Roselyn D'Cruz
19th Aug	Ursula Jones
	Edwin Thomas
20th Aug	John Dini Sr
	Cameron Horn
21st Aug	Pearl McGowan

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

Parish Bulletin

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
O God, let all the nations praise you!

Volunteer Safeguarding Essential Training Course

All volunteers in the parish are required to undertake Safeguarding training and this is available via an online program. A face-to-face program is also being offered for those unable to access the online program.

The next face-to-face session is at the Adelaide Cathedral Hall (39 Wakefield St, Adelaide) on Thursday the 20th of August at 10am - 12pm.

If you wish to avail yourself of this opportunity, please contact the parish office so your details can be passed on to the Safeguarding training team.

If you are a volunteer and would still wish to do the online course, also contact the office so that you can be sent the online login details.

Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation Gathering 2026

Caritas Australia and Catholic Religious Australia warmly invite you to participate in the Catholic Earthcare **Season of Creation Gathering 2026: Listen, Reflect, Act**, a national online event on **3–4 September 2026**.

The Gathering offers inspiring keynote presentations and practical workshops to help participants deepen their faith and respond to the call to care for our common home.

Parishioners can register individually for **\$20**.

Learn more and register:

www.caritas.org.au/soc-gathering

Leo's Lens - Reflection by Nick Brodie

Dining with around two hundred poor and vulnerable people in the Borgo Laudato Si', a garden inspired by Pope Francis' teaching on care for creation, Pope Leo showed the world's media that the state of the earth and the welfare of vulnerable people are entwined. Care for one goes in hand with care for the other.

Pope Leo opened the event with remarkable unscripted words. 'I have come without a prepared speech,' he said, 'but with hunger. A hunger for justice, a hunger for genuine charity.'

The Pope expressed his 'hunger for a Church that truly knows how to open its doors, to welcome and receive everyone. A Church where there is love for all, where no one is an enemy, and where we all know how to live in reconciliation, forgiveness, and peace.'

'Whenever we come together,' he emphasised, 'whenever we share this spirit of encounter around the same table – the one table where Jesus is also present with us – we are truly building a different world: a world of hope, a world that is light.'

'Let us work together', he concluded, 'and always strive to live this experience of Church, of justice, of peace, and of love.'

[Quotes from Greeting at "Lunch with the Pope", 11 July 2026:
<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/speeches/2026/july/documents/20260711-pranzo-castel-gandolfo.html>]

Archdiocesan Celebration of Significant Wedding Anniversaries

The celebration of significant Wedding Anniversaries which recognises couples in their life-long commitment will be held in parishes on the weekend of **19th and 20th September 2026**.

Couples who are celebrating an anniversary of 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55 and 60 or more years during 2026 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 marking your anniversary will be prepared for presentation.

If you would like your anniversary to be included in this celebration, please contact the Parish Office with your details before Tuesday 25th August.

Liturgy Assistants Roster

The Liturgy Assistants Roster for **October to December 2026** will be prepared shortly. If you are aware of any circumstances that will affect your availability, please let Ida Atherton know by **31 August 2026** 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 participating in liturgies!

Have you noticed the same people contributing to ministries every week and sometimes multiple tasks in the same Mass? This is because we are critically short of participants in some Masses.

If you are not currently serving in a ministry please consider participating! 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.

Our most critical needs are for volunteers at **8am Masses, in particular for welcoming, projection/commentating and sacristans** - if you go to 8am Mass, please consider offering your talents to our celebrations of the Mass.

If you go to **6pm or 10am Masses**, your participation would also be most welcome particularly in **welcoming, commentating and projection**.

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

PRAYER MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

Tue	18th Aug	Reach Out	11am	Modbury Hotel
Fri	21st Aug	Craft Group	9am - 11.45am	St John XXIII
Sat	22nd Aug	Legion of Mary	10am	Holy Trinity



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2026

Congratulations to this week's winner

No 75 Margaret Giebel
Drawn by Sindi Kinloch
For Jill Brokensha

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

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM (CLP)

Starting 5th Sept 2026 Couples for Christ Australia (CFCA) & Handmaids of the Lord (HOLD) Ministry, cordially invite you to a series of inspiring talks about living your Christian faith!

For 7 Saturdays from 5th Sept to 17th Oct 2026,
2:00pm – 4:30pm at Holy Trinity Hall,
171 Kesters Rd Para Hills SA 5096.

This is FREE for everyone seeking peace and deeper relationship with Jesus Christ!

We invite widows, separated, divorced, single mature women, married women who are alone in spirit, single mums and young adult singles.

We also welcome couples! For more info, call/text: Angela Zakarias – 0401 205 636 or Malou Dacutanan – 0426 898 603

Reach Out

Tuesday 18th August 2026

Sunday 23rd August, is the 50th Anniversary of our parish Reach Out group and we will be celebrating early with a 'Birthday Celebration Lunch' this coming Tuesday 18th August.

After the 9.15am Mass at St John XXIII, we invite all Reach Out members and friends to make their way to the Modbury Hotel at 11.30am for 12.00 noon
ADDRESS: 989 North East Road, Modbury SA 5092 (Opposite Beacon Lighting)

LUNCH COST: Choice of meal from the \$20.00 Seniors Menu OR 10% discount on a choice of meal from the Main Lunch Menu on presentation of a 'Seniors or Pensioner' card.

Salad and hot Vegetable Bar is included.

Birthday Cake for dessert will also be provided.

For booking confirmation and any further details, please contact Maureen Kenny (Mobile Number below)

I look forward to enjoying this very special celebration birthday lunch together as we move towards the end of this cold Winter.

Maureen Kenny
Reach Out President
Mobile: 0418 821 859



Simplicity September

This September, simplify one thing in your life and discover what truly matters.

Sponsor yourself, your family or a friend to participate and raise money for **Palms International Volunteering**, Australia's only Catholic lay organisation that delivers international development and formation through long term international volunteering.

Join Australians across the country supporting Palms' work in the Asia-Pacific.

02 9560 5333 / 0422 472 567
www.simplicityseptember.org.au



SINGLE PARENT RETREAT – 22nd Aug 2026

Do you feel stuck and wish to move on?

Come and join the Single Parent Retreat!

It will be on 22nd Aug 2026, Saturday, 1pm to 5pm at Holy Trinity Hall, 171 Kesters Rd Para Hills SA 5096

Pls register on or before 15th Aug by texting

Angela Zakarias on 0401 205 636.

This retreat is sponsored by
CFCA – Handmaids of the Lord.

The Living the Joy of the Gospel Website is Now Live.

Living the Joy of the Gospel is a new parish-based faith formation program from the Archdiocese of Adelaide.

To learn more about the program, register your interest, or RSVP to the following upcoming events below - visit
<https://www.livingthejoyofthegospel.au/>

Living the Joy of the Gospel Facilitator Training

Multiple Sessions | In-person or online

Be equipped with practical tools and pastoral awareness to feel encouraged and supported to run Living the Joy of the Gospel sessions in your parish. This training is intended for all interested in hosting Living the Joy of the Gospel sessions.

Emergency Notice

In the case of an emergency warning during an event in the Church or Parish Hall parishioners are asked to leave in an orderly fashion and gather at the designated emergency sign in the carpark