



Para Hills Modbury Catholic Parish

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12th July 2026
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A - 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

Special Collection

STELLA MARIS

Sea Sunday Appeal

Stella Maris (*formerly Apostleship of the Sea*) works closely with Australian Government agencies and port users to improve the treatment of seafarers and shipping practices in Australian waters.

A special collection will be taken up at Masses this weekend.

Thank you for your generosity.

Timor Leste Fundraiser

Curry, Casserole and Cake Dinner

Saturday, 1st August after 6pm Mass
at St John XXIII

Tickets for sale at most weekend Masses
from 11th-26th July or
by phoning Marg on 0411 343 126

Cost of tickets – Adults \$15/Students \$10

Correct money would be appreciated

BYO drinks and glasses, please

Tea and Coffee available

PARISH TEAM

FR KYM SPURLING
(PARISH PRIEST)

DEACON ANTHONY HILL
(DEACON)

SINDI KINLOCH
(PARISH ASSISTANT)

PAULINE LAI
(FINANCE OFFICER)

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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:
0421 533 761

ANGELA ZAKARIAS:
0401 205 636

**Readings for Sunday 19th July 2026
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

1st Reading	Wis	12:13, 16-19
2nd Reading	Rom	8:26-27
Gospel	Mt	13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Saints & Feast Days

13th July	St Henry
14th July	St Camillus de Lellis
15th July	St Bonaventure
16th July	Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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:

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:

Alan Boon, Nita Hyam

Deceased Anniversaries:

Dosh Zupp

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.

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



St Vincent de Paul Modbury Conference

Just three calls last week as the school holidays approached. This took the average to almost 4 calls a week – was 5 last year.

There was a great trailer load of food in the appeal collection at St Francis Xavier's School, Wynn Vale, all loaded from the old school chapel by an industrious bunch of Year 6s and the school principals. Some of the extra we were able to provide to Hutt Street.

Just another reminder that receipts for donations to our Winter Appeal are available at the Vinnies noticeboard – tax return time is upon us.

Our pantry is happily full, but ongoing needs are:

Tinned Peas, Margarine, Toilet Paper and Tinned Carrots

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



Major Relic Pilgrimage

St Carlo Acutis

6-9 August 2026

A portion of St Carlo's heart muscle will travel to Adelaide for veneration

Events will be held at:

St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Adelaide

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Payneham

Our Lady of the Boat People Church, Pooraka

For the itinerary and more information, scan the QR code or go to

www.adelaide.org.au

and search for

St Carlo Acutis



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
JULY BABY**

12th July Daniel Ball

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Annual Mass Count May 2026

As most of you will recall, over four weeks in May your attendance at the weekend masses was recorded. Below is a brief summary of what the results looked like and some of the variations over the past few years.

The **average weekly attendance** numbers in May over a number of years are as follows:

Year	Average	Year	Average
2026	348	2023	349
2025	308	2022	276
2024	346	2021	283

There was a 13% overall increase compared to the 2025 count. However, as can be seen, there were lower numbers in 2021 and 2022, which is reflective of the Covid-19 recovery. There was no mass attendance count in 2020 due to the pandemic.

The attendance numbers according to the **age groupings** for 2026 were as follows:

Age	Average	Age	Average
Under 17	34	50–69	91
18–29	16	70 plus	147
30–49	60		

Across these demographics, the under 30 years age group has remained low, with minor variations.

The 30 plus age group has accounted for the increase attendances over the years.

This is not surprising considering the population data in Australia and what you see at our worship centres.



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2026

Congratulations to this week's winner

No 8 Pauline Lai
Drawn by Barbara Mathews
for Miriam Morrison

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



**Cancer
Council**

Craft Group Biggest Morning Tea

On Friday 3 July the Craft Group held a fundraising morning tea event for the Cancer Council.

Apart from delicious scones and cakes, raffle tickets were also on sale. The Ukulele group also contributed to the event, serenading the various craft tables with some well-known songs.

At the end of the event **\$1,047** was raised for the Cancer Council. A great achievement.

A big thank you to the Craft Group for organising and all those who supported the morning tea and contributed to the success of the event.

Budget Update

The Parish Finance Council (PFC) would like to inform parishioners that, according to the latest financial reports received from the Archdiocese, our year-to-date revenue is currently more than \$10,000 below budget.

We are sincerely grateful for your continued generosity and support. Your contributions enable us to maintain our parish, support our priest and continue serving our community. If you are able to assist, any additional financial support would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to our parish.

Parish Finance Council



World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly was instituted by Pope Francis in 2021. It is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

This year, celebrations will be held on the weekend of **25th and 26th July**.

You might like to invite your family to join you for Mass that weekend.

Please take one of the invitations at the back of the church or take photographs of the invitations to send to your grandchildren electronically.

There are various pictures on the invitations with subtle differences, so you can choose the one that best suits you.

RCIA - The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



If you are someone who wants to learn more about your Catholic faith, or if you know someone who is interested in learning what Catholics believe, then please come along to the Introductory Evening on **Thursday 16th July at 7.00pm** at **St David's Tea Tree Gully**. All are welcome.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

PRAYER MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

Tue	14th July	Parish Pastoral Council	7pm	St John XXIII
Thu	16th July	Multicultural Melodies	10am – 12noon	St John XXIII
Sat	18th July	Legion of Mary	10am	Holy Trinity

*Celebrate the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop
Saturday, 8 August*

Masses at St Francis Xavier Cathedral at 8.00am and 11.30am

Join an online Novena organised by Mary MacKillop Place in preparation for the Feast Day



WALKING WITH MARY IN
Hope and Wonder

*A Zoom Novena in Preparation for the
Feast Day of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop*

DAILY FROM
JULY 30 - AUGUST 7 | **7:30PM - 8:00PM AEST**

You're invited to join Mary MacKillop Place for a Zoom novena of prayer and reflection.

Over nine days, we will explore hope and wonder through the life Mary MacKillop as we journey towards celebrating her Feast Day on Saturday 8 August.

Zoom Link to join the Novena:
<https://zoom.us/j/92816949299>

For more information about Feast Day 2026 visit us at:
<https://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/>

