



Para Hills Modbury Catholic Parish

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

171 KESTERS ROAD,
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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

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17th May 2026

The Ascension of the Lord, Year A - White

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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**

60th Anniversary Celebration of Holy Trinity Church 31st May 2026

*All present and past parishioners are invited to the
60TH Anniversary celebration of Holy Trinity Church
on Sunday the 31st May 2026
At Holy Trinity Church, Para Hills
Beginning with Mass at 10am
and refreshments in the hall afterwards.
Please bring a plate to share.*

THE TRINITY



Upcoming Synod Liturgies

Ecumenical Taizé Prayer

on the Eve of the Synod, Tuesday 19th May 2026,
7:30pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral
All are welcome to join in a special
ecumenical prayer service in the Taizé style.
The service will include scripture, songs and reflections
as we prepare for the Synod.

Opening Mass of the 2026 Archdiocesan Synod

Friday 29th May 2026,
5.45pm at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral
All are welcome to join in the opening Mass
of the 2026 Archdiocesan Synod.
A simple meal in the hall will follow.



ARCHDIOCESE OF ADELAIDE
**SYNOD
2026**

**Readings for Sunday 24th May 2026
Pentecost Sunday, Year A**

1st Reading	Acts	2:1 - 11
2nd Reading	1Cor	12:3 - 7, 12 - 13
Gospel	Jn	20:19 - 23

Saints & Feast Days

18th May	St John I
20th May	St Bernardine of Siena
21st May	St Christopher Magallanes & companions
22nd May	St Rita of Cascia

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, Yvonne Summers.

Recently Deceased:

Justus Houg, Thomas Nguyen,
Jenny Smith.

Annual Mass Counts

In the first four weekends of May we will be conducting the Annual Archdiocesan Mass Counts. These counts are used by the Archdiocese for pastoral planning and financial reporting purposes.

This year we will conduct the count as we enter the church so that our Holy Mass is not disturbed. You will be given a piece of paper and asked to identify as Male or Female and to select one of the 5 age categories.

**Please fill in 1 slip per person
ie: do not use one slip for the whole family.**

No identifying information will be collected and all data will only be reported as an aggregate.

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



**St Vincent de Paul
Modbury Conference**

Just the five visits for assistance this week, all requesting assistance with food and clothing. FoodBank is being increasingly used where shopping power is boosted through user-pays vouchers.

Thanks in anticipation for your generous response to the Special Collection of the Winter Appeal – we'll keep the Appeal open for two more weekends. Envelopes will still be available in the church foyers, and can be returned through the collection plate or through Vinnies members. Para Hills operation is covered through the joint conference operation of the Hub on Tuesdays and Fridays from the Holy Trinity Hall (ERF funded). In the end, all funds go to the same pot from which conferences draw support funds. Funds raised through the Appeal join the money from the Vinnies shops, the CEO Sleepout and bequests.

Pantry needs this week are

Tinned Carrots, Spaghetti, Coffee and Margarine
if you can help.

Many thanks for your support of the Vinnies raffle and Cake/Plants stall – many helpers and many buyers

Raffle results as follows:

1st	Grey Y92	Kath Hudson
2nd	Red C100	Trish Ross
3rd	Grey Y42	Marg Whennan
4th	Green B39	Merrilyn (Craft)
5th	Orange C93	Sheila Cooper

The raffle income was \$612, clear, thanks to all our generous prize donors. Cake stall takings are to be counted and will be advised next week

Living the Gospel – You will be my witnesses

A witness in a court of law is called to give evidence about a matter; to 'testify' to the truth of what they have seen or what they know to be true. Some people are very good at being a 'witness' to their faith by testifying to others about what they believe.

Many others provide witness to their faith by simply living what they believe. Living a life based on Christian principles, including regular prayer and worship in your life, working for justice in the world and taking time to celebrate the beauty of everyday life is a powerful witness to others.

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Working With Children Clearance

A reminder that all volunteers are required to hold a current DHS Working With Children Clearance.

If you do not have a current clearance or are unsure whether your clearance has expired please contact the parish office.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.



**40hrs Adoration
In Celebration Of The
Diamond Jubilee Of
Holy Trinity Church**



As we prepare our hearts for the Holy Trinity Jubilee, we warmly invite you to join our parish community for 40 hours of prayer and Adoration.

Open your heart to God in the Eucharist and allow Jesus to touch your life in a profound way.

Come and spend quiet, sacred time with Him in the Blessed Sacrament, and experience the deep peace that only He can give.

This is a special opportunity for our community to gather in faith—for Eucharistic Adoration, reparation for sins, and spiritual renewal.

All are welcome.

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 6am till 9pm on Friday 29th, Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st May.

We are also seeking volunteers to help support this sacred time. If you are able to assist in any way, please consider offering your time in Adoration and contact Linda Torres at the end of Mass at Holy Trinity church.

Laudato Si' Week Event: "The Climate Emergency: A Film Screening, Update and The Way Forward"

Join the Glenelg parish community for a film screening of the recently released UK film,

"National Emergency Briefing,"
in celebration of Laudato Si' Week.

The event will take place on Wednesday, 20 May (7pm-9.30pm; including 20min tea/coffee interval) at St. Mary's Hall, 17 High St, Glenelg.

Bookings can be made at: <https://events.humanitix.com/laudato-si-week-event-the-climate-emergency-a-film-screening-update-and-the-way-forward>

For further enquiries, email or text Neil Jones (jodn@bigpond.com/ 0400224644).

**Unley Allies with First Nations People
2026 Reconciliation Week Breakfast**

Unley Allies with First Nations People are hosting a LIVESTREAM event for National Reconciliation Week.

The event will include a breakfast (choices available with booking) and the opportunity to join with other Allies of First Nations Peoples for an event with excellent speakers and entertainment.

Date: Wednesday, 27th May

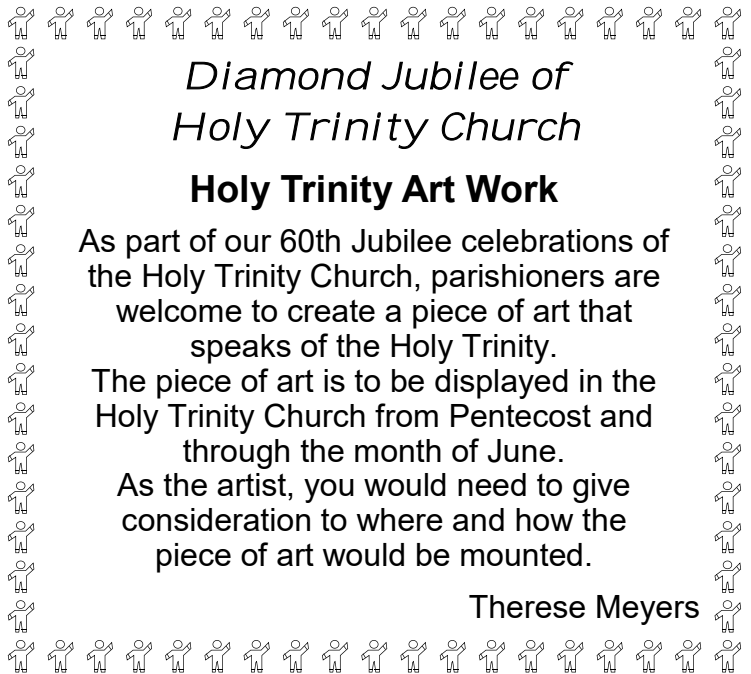
Time: 6:30am-9:00am

Venue: Function Centre located at Living Choice (123 Fisher Street, Highgate)

Ticket price: \$50



To book scan the QR code or visit: https://actionnetwork.org/ticketed_events/unley-national-reconciliation-week-breakfast



*Diamond Jubilee of
Holy Trinity Church*

Holy Trinity Art Work

As part of our 60th Jubilee celebrations of the Holy Trinity Church, parishioners are welcome to create a piece of art that speaks of the Holy Trinity.

The piece of art is to be displayed in the Holy Trinity Church from Pentecost and through the month of June.

As the artist, you would need to give consideration to where and how the piece of art would be mounted.

Therese Meyers

Marian Procession 2026

The 77th Marian Procession will be held on Sunday 17 May 2026

beginning at Victoria Park and processing up Wakefield Street into Victoria Square.

The Procession will commence at 2pm and all are invited to attend.

For more information, please contact Archdiocesan Events on 8210 8220 or events@adelaide.catholic.org.au



Liturgy Assistants Roster

The Liturgy Assistants Roster for **July to September 2026**

will be prepared shortly. If you are aware of any circumstances that will affect your availability, please let Ida Atherton know by **25th May 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.

More volunteers are always welcome!

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.

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

PRAYER MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

Tue	19th May	Reach Out	11.30am	Paradise Hotel
Thu	21st May	Multicultural Melodies	10am - 12noon	St John XXIII
Fri	22nd May	Craft Group	9am - 11.45am	St John XXIII
Sat	23rd May	Legion of Mary	10am	Holy Trinity



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2026

Congratulations to this week's winner

No 23, John Jarrod
Drawn by Miriam Morrison
for John McGee

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

Feast Day of St Charles Lwanga, St Kizito & Companions Celebration – Sunday -June 7, 2026 – All are Welcome!

You are invited to join the African Catholic Community to celebrate the feast of St Charles Lwanga, St Kizito & Companions

Mass - on Sunday 7 June 2026 at 2.30pm,
at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. All are welcome.
St Charles Lwanga (24) is the Patron Saint of Youth
and St Kizito (14) is the Patron Saint of
Primary School Students!

Attention: Young People: Please come to this Mass
and feel free to wear Yellow Red or Green – colours
to embrace both of these amazingly
brave and courageous saints.

For more information, please contact the
Justice Healing and Inclusion Office on
E: jhi@adelaide.catholic.org.au

Giving App

Download the Adelaide Archdiocese's
Find a Mass App
on your mobile phone and set up direct giving
to the first and second collections,
as well as special appeals.

Or go to www.goodgiving.com.au to set up
direct giving from your computer.

The App also features daily readings, events,
news from *The Southern Cross* and podcasts.



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 MAY BABIES

17th May Fr Jack Boog



Reach Out

Reach Out Members' Combined
Birthday Celebration Lunch

This coming Tuesday, 19th May, after the 9.15am
Mass at St John XXIII, all Reach Out members are
invited to make their way to a joint 2026
celebration lunch for everyone's Birthday.

VENUE: The Paradise Hotel

TIME: 11.30 am

ADDRESS: 700 Lower North East Road, Paradise

Members can order from a variety of menus, including
a senior's menu with access to hot, roast vegetables
and fresh salads bar. Please bring your Seniors Card.
A Birthday cake to share will be provided.

After this special get together, we will start our 'Winter
Break', so I am sure that we are all looking forward
to sharing our Reach Out members' birthday
celebration in thanksgiving, friendship and joy,
before we resume meetings again in August.

Members will be notified of any Reach Out
up-dates through the Parish Bulletin and I wish
everyone the best of health through the coming
cold Winter months.

Maureen Kenny
Reach Out President
Mobile: 0418 821 859

You're invited to the Life in the Spirit Seminar. "Come Holy Spirit, Fall Afresh On Us!"

Saturday 6th June 9:15am - 4pm and

Sunday 7th June 9:30am - 3:30pm

Speaker: Fr Josy Sebastian MSFS

At Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church
420 Seaview Road Henley Beach.

Please bring your own lunch tea/coffee provided.

Enquiries and bookings phone
Pauline 0403 002 240 by 2nd June

Cost by Cash Donation.

All Welcome!

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