



# PARA HILLS MODBURY CATHOLIC PARISH

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50 Reservoir Rd, Hope Valley 5090

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY  
CELEBRATED AT 6PM &  
10AM MASSES.**

## BAPTISMS

Celebrated EITHER during the  
6pm, 8am & 10 am Masses on  
the 2nd Sun of the month OR  
11.30am at Holy Trinity  
12noon at John XXIII  
(Alternately on 4th Sun)  
Bookings to be made through  
the Parish Office.

## MARRIAGES

By appointment only.

## REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

**St Francis Xavier's**  
(Primary) 8251 9500  
Carignane St,  
Wynn Vale 5127

**Gleeson College**  
(Secondary) 8282 6600  
40-60 Surrey Farm Drive,  
Golden Grove 5125

**We acknowledge the Kurna people as the custodians of this region.  
Let us share and learn together for reconciliation and justice.**



## *MASS TIMES*

**JOHN XXIII, Hope Valley**  
Tuesday 9.15am, Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8am

**HOLY TRINITY, Para Hills**  
Wednesday 7pm, Friday 9.15am, Sunday 10am  
First Saturday of the Month 9.15am

**MODBURY HOSPITAL**  
(Recommences Thursday February 12th, 2015)

**Reconciliation (Confession) 5.30pm Sat at John XXIII  
and after 9.15am Mass on 1st Sat. of the Month at Holy Trinity.**

### **"Rejoice in the Lord always" "Do not worry about anything"**

This sounds like the famous hit by Bobby McFerrin, Don't Worry Be Happy. Even though we live in a world that is full of comforts and luxuries many people don't seem to experience true peace and satisfaction in their lives. Rather we continue to experience more and more worry and anxiety. Life is full of problems; as Bobby McFerrin admits, yet he goes on to advise us not to worry:

*"In every life we have some trouble/ When you worry you make it double/  
Don't worry, be happy. Ain't got no place to lay your head/ Somebody came and took  
your bed/ Don't worry, be happy.*

*The landlord say your rent is late/ He may have to litigate/ Don't worry, be happy.  
Ain't got no cash, ain't got no style/ Ain't got no gal to make you smile/  
But don't worry, be happy."*

There is a big difference between St Paul and Bobby McFerrin on this issue. Bobby McFerrin tells us "Don't worry, be happy" without telling us why we should be happy or more importantly how we should not worry. Paul, on the other hand tells us in today's reading both why we should be happy and how we can dissolve our worries and attain happiness. "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near" (Phil. 4:4-5). We should be happy not because everything is going well with us right now, not because our health and finances are in great shape, not even because someone has bought us a big Christmas present, but simply because the Lord is near. We should be happy not because of what we have seen in the past or what we see today but because of what we shall see tomorrow. It is a happiness that springs from the faith and the hope that our Lord is coming to wipe away the tears from all eyes. It is one thing to know why one should not worry and another to know how not to worry. How could one keep from worrying when one is surrounded by apparently insurmountable problems and difficulties? Paul gives us an answer in the second part of the reading. "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." In every situation, in every difficulty or problem, in all circumstances, we need to do one thing: take it to the Lord in prayer. We are not asked to deny that we've got problems or to pretend as if they are not there. Rather we are urged to face our problems, not with worry but with prayer. Turn worries into prayers and let us learn to trust God in everything and in every situation.

Fr. Manu Kumbidiyamackal

Readings for 21st December 2014  
 1st Reading: Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12,14,16  
 2nd Reading: Romans 16:25-27  
 Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

**Saints/Feast Days Of the Week**



**KIDS CORNER**



What do you think John the Baptist meant by the 'light' in today's Gospel John 1:6-8, 19-28. At our Baptism we were given the "light" of Christ. We are charged to keep the "light" burning brightly throughout our lives. We are to be *witness* to the light who is Jesus Christ. Traditionally, in preparation for Christmas, people decorated their homes, trees and streets with lights to represent Christ, the light of the world.

**Prayer:**

Dear Jesus your Light shines in the Darkness. A flame that brightens every day Leading us towards your birth and guiding us out of the darkness by your light and love.  
 Amen.



**LITURGY ASSISTANTS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES**

Helpers are needed for the Christmas Masses. If you are able to help in any of the ministries please add your name to the Rosters that are at the back of the church.

**PLEASE NOTE**

**THERE WILL BE NO MASS CELEBRATED AT THE MODBURY HOSPITAL UNTIL 12TH FEBRUARY 2015**

**Our Community's Prayer Petitions During December**

**PLEASE NOTE: THE NAMES ON THE SICK LIST WILL REMAIN FOR TWO MONTHS ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED.**

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, especially:**

Gaetana Grima, Fr. Jim Sayers, Ursula Spencer, Fiona Power, Elizabeth Meikle, Rita Robinson, Cathy Sharkey, Frances Davies, Pauline Fuller, Eileen Ryan, Gary Lockyer, David Bird, Yvonne Summers, Darcy Ridley, Joy Almeida, Marie Bakaj, Brett Speed, Jennifer Francou, Owen Cannard, Regan Barry, John Cherry, Dudley Dolman, Anastazia Proc, Fr. Michael Walsh, Pat Feutrill, Paul Holmes, Michael Lochhead, Margaret Scott, Christopher Malone, Odette Dotter, Felix Williams, Kay Kennedy.

**Those Recently Deceased**

Shirley Walker (Sally Ryan's Mother)

**What's happening during DECEMBER 2014**



[LWHC = Liturgy of the Word with Communion]

- Mon 15th MASS 8pm, Holy Trinity**  
**LWHC, 9.15am, Holy Trinity**  
 Friendship Bowls, 1pm-3.30pm, **J23**
- Tues 16th LWHC, 9.15am, Holy Trinity**  
 Legion of Mary, 12.30pm-2pm, **Holy Trinity**  
**2nd Rite of Reconciliation at St Davids, Tea Tree Gully, 7pm**
- Wed 17th Over 50's, 12.30pm-3.30pm, Holy Trinity**  
 Beer, Wine & Port, 7pm, **John XXIII**
- Thur 18th Christian Meditation, 2pm, John XXIII**
- Fri 19th Reconciliation before and after 9.15 Mass at Holy Trinity**  
 Holy Hour, 3pm, **Holy Trinity**
- Sat 20th Legion of Mary, 10-11.30am, Holy Trinity**

**SPECIAL MASS AT HOLY TRINITY**

"The Filipino Community of Para Hills Modbury Parish is hosting the first night of the 2014 Filipino Simbang Gabi Novena Masses at the Holy Trinity Church on Monday 15th December. The Mass will start at 8pm. Light supper and fellowship will follow after the mass. Everyone is welcome"

**PLEASE NOTE**

**THERE WILL BE NO LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH COMMUNION AT JOHN XXIII FROM THE 19TH DECEMBER RESUMING 9TH JANUARY 2015**



# Our Community News . . .



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**  
HQ: 1300 729 202 from 9.00 — 1.00pm  
or [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au)

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL



*"Whenever you do this...  
You do it unto Me" [Matthew 25 v 40]*

All gifts & food need to be placed under  
the Giving Tree this week-end.

This enables us to pack the hampers for  
distribution on Friday 19th December.

Thank-you

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS FOR JANUARY 2015

THE PARISH  
OFFICE HOURS FROM  
MONDAY 5TH JANUARY UNTIL FRIDAY  
23RD JANUARY, 2015 WILL ONLY BE  
9.00AM—12.00PM.

## DEVELOPMENT FUND



Congratulations Kathryn Hudson  
Ticket No. 2  
Drawn by Claude Mills for Doreen Mills  
Contact: Marg Dolman 8264 1317  
to be included in the draw.

## Happy Birthday December Babies

15th Michael Moss, Sue Air  
16th Carmel Lineage  
18th Michael Reilly



## OFFICE HOURS CHRISTMAS WEEK

MONDAY 22nd DECEMBER—CLOSED  
TUESDAY 23rd DECEMBER—9am-12noon  
WEDNESDAY 24th DECEMBER—CLOSED  
CLOSED UNTIL MONDAY  
5TH JANUARY 2015



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL PARA HILLS CONFERENCE



Firstly a Big Thank You to the Staff, Parents &  
Children of St Francis Xavier Primary School for  
All the lovely gifts they collected this year for the  
needy. Also a thank you to the Modbury Conference  
Members who picked up and sorted the goods out  
so we could both share.

Peace & Goodwill.

## PLEASE CAN YOU HELP

Lighting up the Church's  
surroundings at John XXIII and Holy Trinity  
for Christmas with Christmas Lights.

We have received one donation, which is  
greatly received, of Solar Coloured Lights.

We would still donations please.

Please contact the Parish Office on:  
8264 7590 if you can help



## COME AND HAVE A CUPPA AFTER MASS

No cuppas at masses this month.

We will resume at the end of January.

If people would like to donate biscuits or cake it  
would be most appreciated. Please inform  
the office if are donating an item.

We would also like helpers to make this possible,  
at John XXIII and Holy Trinity.  
Please contact the Parish Office on: 8264 7590.

## PILGRIMAGE REFLECTION

Fr Jack will do a little Pilgrim reflection with slides  
and stories of the Holy Land visit. Pilgrims have been  
invited and those who celebrated the Spiritual  
Pilgrimage at home may like to come and join us  
as we reflect on our pilgrimage.

It will be held next Sunday 21st December at  
John XXIII 50 Reservoir Road, Hope Valley at 2pm,  
please bring some afternoon tea.

## CARITAS AUSTRALIA APPEALS FOR MIDDLE EAST & TYPHOON HAGUPIT

Caritas Australia has opened appeals to help the  
refugees from the Middle East and people affected  
by Typhoon Hagupit in the Philippines. Please fill  
out the envelope provided or online at  
[www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au), telephone 1800 024 413 or  
send a cheque to GPO Box 9830, Adelaide 5001.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
He sent me to bring Good News to the poor.**



### Community Garden

The rainwater tank went in at the right time we have had some rain, thank goodness and we could do with some more. I want to thank the Reach Out group for donating funds for a hose reel.

The garden is doing well lots of silverbeet, still in the garden to share. Tomatoes are looking good.

They will be ripening soon and ready for picking. If you want to join the community garden group, come a long on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30 a.m. If you have any ideas for the garden please email me

[paramodcath@adam.com.au](mailto:paramodcath@adam.com.au)

attention Grace.



### COLUMBAN CALENDAR GREAT CHRISTMAS PRESENT

The last few calendars are available at John XXIII. ONLY \$9.00.



### FLOWERS

There will be no flowers during the Season of Advent. All donations will go towards the Christmas arrangements.

We take this opportunity to thank all those who loyally contributed money during the year.

### THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The December edition of the Southern Cross is now available. Only \$2

Please Support Your Local Catholic Newspaper.



### **Upcoming events in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral:**

**December 20**, 10am – Priestly Ordination of Deacon Tony Telford-Sharp

**Sunday December 21**, 9.00am – Fr Tony Telford-Sharp Thanksgiving Mass

**Sunday, January 18**, 11am – Thanksgiving Mass for the Venerable Mother Margherita De Brincat, foundress of the Franciscan Sisters of the Heart of Jesus

**Monday, January 26**, 8am – Australia Day Mass

**More events:** <http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/news-and-events/upcoming-events>



### **BEER WINE PORT GROUP**

Beer Wine Port Group's next meeting/tasting (Wine Night) is this Wednesday 17th December at 7.30pm in the John XXIII Mass Centre meeting room at Hope Valley.

Everybody is welcome to join us in tasting beautiful wines from South Australian Vineyards.

For all information on BWP activities, including Bus Trips, Dinners etc. please contact Greg Dew on 8265 1566 or 0411 774 510.



### **CHUCKLE CORNER**

**HAVE YOU EVER BEEN GUILTY OF LOOKING AT OTHERS YOUR OWN AGE AND THINKING, SURELY I CAN'T LOOK THAT OLD?**



MY NAME IS ALICE SMITH AND I WAS SITTING IN THE WAITING ROOM FOR MY FIRST APPOINTMENT WITH A NEW DENTIST. I NOTICED HIS DDS DIPLOMA, WHICH BORE HIS FULL NAME.

SUDDENLY, I REMEMBERED A TALL, HANDSOME, DARK-HAIRED BOY WITH THE SAME NAME HAD BEEN IN MY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS SOME 30-ODD YEARS AGO.

COULD HE BE THE SAME GUY THAT I HAD A SECRET CRUSH ON, WAY BACK THEN?

UPON SEEING HIM, HOWEVER, I QUICKLY DISCARDED ANY SUCH THOUGHT.

THIS BALDING, GRAY-HAIRED MAN WITH THE DEEPLY LINED FACE WAS WAY TOO OLD TO HAVE BEEN MY CLASSMATE. AFTER HE EXAMINED MY TEETH, I ASKED HIM IF HE HAD ATTENDED MORGAN PARK HIGH SCHOOL.

'YES. YES, I DID. I'M A MUSTANG,' HE GLEAMED WITH PRIDE.

'WHEN DID YOU GRADUATE?' I ASKED.

HE ANSWERED, 'IN 1975.. WHY DO YOU ASK?'

'YOU WERE IN MY CLASS!', I EXCLAIMED.

HE LOOKED AT ME CLOSELY.

THEN, THAT UGLY, OLD, BALD, WRINKLED, FAT OLD, GRAY-HAIRED, DECREPIT, MAN ASKED

'WHAT DID YOU TEACH ?'

