



PARA HILLS MODBURY CATHOLIC PARISH

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2nd Sunday of Advent-Year A Violet

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**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, OR ON OUR
WEBSITE

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.**

**ST JOHN XXIII
Hope Valley**

Monday 9.15am

Tuesday 9.15am

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 8am

MASS TIMES



**MODBURY HOSPITAL
MASS THURSDAY 11am**

**HOLY TRINITY
Para Hills**

Wednesday 7pm

Friday 9.15am

(Adoration Before Friday
Mass commencing 8.30am)

Saturday 9.15am

Sunday 10am

**Prayer Meetings and Devotions
Reconciliation (Confession) Saturdays
after 9.15am Mass at Holy Trinity and at 5.30pm at St John XXIII**

Mon	5th Dec	Legion of Mary (Jnr) & R.E.	4pm - 5pm	Holy Trinity
Tue	6th Dec	Legion of Mary	12.30pm - 2pm	Holy Trinity
Wed	7th Dec	The Holy Cloak of St Joseph	7.30pm	Holy Trinity
Thurs	8th Dec	Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception	11.30am	Holy Trinity
		Christian Meditation	2pm - 3pm	St John XXIII
Fri	9th Dec	Holy Hour	3pm - 4pm	Holy Trinity

OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

Mon	5th Dec	Bowls	1pm - 3.30pm	St John XXIII
Tue	6th Dec	Reach Out	9.45am	St John XXIII
Wed	7th Dec	Seniors' Social Club	1pm - 3pm	Holy Trinity
Thurs	8th Dec	St Vinnies Modbury Conf.	4.30pm	St John XXIII
Sat	10th Dec	Treasure Market	8am - 12 noon	St John XXIII

RENEWING PARISHES

There is a warm sense of community outreach and welcome.

While many of our parishes have worked hard at community building and hospitality, Pope Francis urges us to go beyond ourselves, and our own natural groups, to others, above all to those in need. We are called to engage ecumenically with Christians from other denominations, praying and working with them in the cause of the Gospel. We need to find ways to make all kinds of people welcome, including the young, not only by welcoming smiles and words, but also in the whole experience of our churches, our symbols, our liturgies, our language and our actions. Our parishes need to witness to the mercy and generous love of God revealed in Jesus. We need to make sure that all feel welcome and loved, including new migrants, parents with sometimes noisy young children, those who suffer from mental and physical disabilities, people who are shy, and those who might tend to feel excluded because of their relationships or for other reasons.

The parish community is visibly engaged with those who experience poverty and need, and with those at the margins of society and church.

Pope Francis has said: "Here I repeat for the entire Church what I have often said to the priests and laity of Buenos Aires: I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security."

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I do not want a Church concerned with being at the centre and which then ends by being caught up in a web of obsessions and procedures" (*Joy of the Gospel*, par. 49). We need to be a Church that constantly witnesses to mercy. We need to take the risk of acting for justice. Our parishes will need to go out to both their own members in need, Including those who are old, isolated, sick, and those who are in need in their neighbourhoods and in the wider world. Pope Francis tells us that he wants "a Church which is poor and for the poor" (*Joy of the Gospel*, 198).

Readings for 11th December 2016, **Year A**

1st Reading :Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

2nd Reading :James 5:7-10

Gospel :Matthew 11:2-11

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

6th St Nicholas

7th St Ambrose

8th The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9th St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

We Thank God for You...

For some people, volunteering is about giving. But for the likes of you, it is a way of living. Today I want to give that special attention on all the works done in the parish by all our volunteers and thank each one of you for what you are for this parish. I would like to mention the works done by our volunteers in the office, for pastoral ministry as readers, ushers, special ministers of the Eucharist, in music ministry, in children's liturgy, ministry to the sick and the sacristans. I would like to remember with gratitude all the hard work done by those who help out in cleaning, gardening, and maintenance. This is an occasion also to thank all of you in the Parish Pastoral Committee and Parish Finance Committee and many who were involved in the different events that we organised in the parish, especially during the past year. I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation to all of you for a job well done. Yes, you were so wonderful with all the positive energy spreading around you, giving that example of servant leadership and giving in the church. Thank you very much for all the efforts that you put in to make our parish very lively and active. Your willingness to use your gifts and abilities has strengthened the mission and ministry of this parish. For all your time, effort, hard work, and prayers, please accept the thanks and appreciation of this parish, its leaders, staff, and myself. Thanks for being so caring, thanks for being so loving. Thanks for being so helpful, thanks for being so thoughtful. Thanks for being so selfless, thanks for volunteering... your actions are priceless. You have truly been a blessing to this congregation! We want you to know how appreciated you are, not just today, but the whole year through. Volunteers like you prove that the only right way to live, is to constantly sacrifice and give.

Thanks for volunteering.

Fr Manu Kumbidiyamackal MSFS

Our Community's Prayer Petitions

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:

Beulah Hayter, Myles Mahony, Betty Roper, Les Ost, Imperia De ionno, Julie Reimann, Wayne Collins, Imelda Schulz, Maddison Calleja, Janice Forrester, Ray Zielonka, Ann Stanton, Jim Marlow, Marie Canavan, Gerry Canavan, Jayden Lee, Audrey Athayde, Phyllis Anthony, John Martin, Marie Boulton, Sr. Marleen Dewar OLSH, Kay Kennedy, Gaetana Grima, Fiona Power, Rita Robinson, Eileen Ryan, Gary Lockyer, Yvonne Summers, Darcy Ridley, Marie Bakaj, Jennifer Francou, Regan Barry, John Cherry, Dudley Dolman, Fr. Michael Walsh, Pat Feutrill, Paul Holmes, Michael Lochhead.

Recently Deceased

Emanuel Camilleri, Trevor Oldman, Moira Murphy, Esther Casha, Maria Neuhaus.

PLEASE NOTE

CHANGE OF OFFICE HOURS FOR FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER. THE OFFICE WILL ONLY BE OPEN FROM 10AM UNTIL 1PM



Attention all Children

Practice for the Christmas Gospel Play will take place on the following dates:

Monday 5th of December

Monday 12th of December

Monday 19th of December

and Friday 23th of December

at Holy Trinity Church

at 4pm for approximately an hour.

Jen O'Neill



PLEASE NOTE

There will be no flowers during Advent, all donations will go towards the Christmas arrangements.



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

There will be no Christian Meditation on the 22nd December. Christian Meditation will return on the 5th January, 2017.



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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

This is the last week-end to take tags from the Giving Tree. All items to be placed under the tree by Next Weekend.
 Thank you.

REACH OUT GROUP

Tuesday, 6th December, 2016
 9.15am Mass at St John XXIII

Reader: Jos
 Offertory: Anne H & Irene
 Communion: Pam R & Raphael
 Altar Server: Leo

All Welcome



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2016

Congratulations John McGee
 No. 38

Drawn by Barbara Sorrell

Contact: Marg Dolman 8264 1317
 to be included in the draw.

Happy Birthday December Babies

5th Delice Regan
 7th Patricia Collins
 10th Rosalind Lucy Bell
 11th Katrina Lineage



**BOOKINGS FOR 2017 DIARY
 DATES IN THE PARISH**

Please send in your Diary Dates for 2017 to the Parish Office

NO LATER THAN 9TH DECEMBER.

Parish Groups who do not send in their dates for 2017 will **NOT be booked in the Diary.**

Thank you to all the groups who have sent their diary dates in to me so far.

You can send by email or drop into the Parish Office, Tuesday - Friday 9am - 2pm.

Email: paramodcath@adam.com.au
 Thank you.

Jill Brokensha Parish Secretary

TREASURE MARKET

Second Saturday of each month
 8am to 12noon

Next: 10th December 2016

St John XXIII Centre

Sellers \$10—Buyers free!

**PLEASE SEND SMALLER GOODS OUR WAY,
 THEY CAN BE LEFT ON THE SHELVES IN THE
 MARKET WALKWAY**

**OR IN THE BOX AT THE BACK OF ST JOHN XXIII
 CHURCH, ALSO IN A BOX IN THE CRY ROOM
 AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.**

All monies raised from the Market are donated to the Parish.

**WE CAN NO LONGER ACCEPT LARGE ITEMS SUCH AS TV's,
 MATTRESSES, SOFAS, LOUNGE CHAIRS &
 WARDROBES AS WE ARE NOT ABLE TO SELL THEM.**

The Blessing of the Crib

Have you got a Nativity Scene?

Bring it along for a special blessing!

The Cribbs will be blessed on Saturday Night, 10th December and Sunday 11th December.

All families are warmly invited!



Feast of The Immaculate Conception

Thursday 8th December 2016

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered at Holy Trinity Para Hills at 11.30am followed by the Devotion of Rosa Mystica has asked for at midday.

The reading of the Psalm will commence at 12.00 noon sharp."



**NOVENA OF THE HOLY CLOAK
 OF ST JOSEPH**

To pray for all Families, the Priesthood and for the Protection of the Unborn Wednesday 7th December.

The Novena and Rosary beginning at 6.30pm followed by Mass at 7pm concluding with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction.

*"I put all my desires, cares and wishes for you in the Sacred Heart. I know it protects and guards you."
 (St Mary of the Cross MacKillop)*

STAMPS AND DRINK CAN RING PULLS

We are only collecting Stamps and Ring Pulls from drink cans.

Thank you

Anne-Michelle & Olive.



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight his paths:
 all people shall see the salvation of God.**

RELIGIOUS ITEMS, CARDS, STATUES ARE ON SALE
AFTER 10AM MASS EACH SUNDAY AT
HOLY TRINITY MASS CENTRE, PARA HILLS.

**NEW STOCKS HAVE NOW ARRIVED:
CONFIRMATION/COMMUNION MEDALS,
ROSARY BEADS, CARDS AND MANY MORE.**

VISIT OUR DISPLAY CABINET
WHICH CAN BE FOUND IN THE
ROOM AT THE REAR
OF THE CHURCH



Pastoral Care Visits

From time to time the chaplains and their teams who provide pastoral care at public hospitals become aware that a person who has been admitted to hospital has not shared this information at the local parish level (for various reasons). This means that ongoing pastoral care for that person may be easily overlooked, particularly when they are discharged from hospital. If you are to be admitted to hospital, perhaps let someone in the parish team know so that you will have an opportunity to be supported. If you choose, the parish can also share this information with the respective chaplain in advance so that one of the team can visit you during your stay. Alternately, visit the Archdiocesan website to see the contact details for chaplains.

Visit <http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/our-works-and-community/chaplaincy/about-us>

KIDS CORNER

As we light the second candle, let us all remember the prayer we say:

Almighty and loving God, who is within our hearts, keep us close to you. Help us to recognise and appreciate the gifts and talents you have given us.

Teach us to use these gifts and talents to help others. Amen.



St Francis Xavier's regional Catholic School

St Francis Xavier's School is inviting all parishioners to attend the upcoming masses in the Xavier Hall. 4 Carignane Street, Wynn Vale.

End of year Mass
Monday 12th December at 9 am

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)

If you have a member of the family or a friend that would like to know more about the Catholic Faith and wishes to receive the Sacraments of Initiation.

Please contact the Parish Office on:
8264 7590

Anointing of the Sick



We will have the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick on Friday, 16th December at Holy Trinity Church at 9.15am and also at St John XXIII, 7pm.

Parishioners, 65 years and upwards would be prime candidates but obviously younger people who may have health issues, be they physical, emotional etc., may like to present themselves also.

If you are younger and there is nothing really of concern, you don't need to receive the Sacrament of Anointing at present.

If there are people at home who require anointing but not able to attend, please call the office to arrange a visit from Fr Manu.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PILGRIM PRAYERS

The Holy Spirit was very evident in the Holy Land again this year. Thank you for your prayers while we were away. We lit candles for you all especially those people who followed us day by day from home. We mentioned often that 150 people opted to pray for us and took an Itinerary of the Holy Land tour so that they could follow us from home. We all came home safe and sound and enlightened by the wonderful experience.

Fr Jack Boog

OFFICE CLOSURE

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED FROM THURSDAY**

22ND DECEMBER 2016.

THE OFFICE WILL REOPEN:

TUESDAY THE 17TH

JANUARY 2017.

