



PARA HILLS MODBURY CATHOLIC PARISH

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3rd Sunday of Advent-Year A Rose

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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	12th Dec	Legion of Mary (Jnr) & R.E.	4pm - 5pm	Holy Trinity
Tue	13th Dec	Legion of Mary	12.30pm - 2pm	Holy Trinity
Thurs	15th Dec	Christian Meditation	2pm - 3pm	St John XXIII
Fri	16th Dec	Anointing of the Sick Mass	9.15am	Holy Trinity
		Holy Hour	3pm - 4pm	Holy Trinity
		Anointing of the Sick Mass	7pm	St John XXIII
Sat	17th Dec	Reconciliation (Before & After)	9.15am Mass	Holy Trinity
		Reconciliation	5pm	St John XXIII
Sun	18th Dec	Divine Mercy	3pm	Holy Trinity

OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

Mon	12th Dec	Bowls	1pm - 3.30pm	St John XXIII
		Christmas Play Practice	4pm	Holy Trinity
		St Vinnies Para Hills Conf.	7pm	Holy Trinity
Tue	13th Dec	Reach Out	9.45am	St John XXIII
Wed	14th Dec	Beer, Wine & Port Group	7pm	St John XXIII
Sat	17th Dec	Community Garden	9.30am - 11.30am	St John XXIII

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve - Saturday

24th December

6.30am - Family Mass

at Holy Trinity

8.30pm - Mass at St John XXIII

MIDNIGHT MASS at St John XXIII

Christmas Day - Sunday

25th December

9am Mass at Holy Trinity

9am Mass at St John XXIII



Doubting John and Doubting Me?

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus encourages John the Baptist to cast away the popular political expectations about the Messiah and simply to accept his healing and preaching ministry as the fulfilment of the messianic prophecy of Isaiah. Scripture scholars over the centuries have wondered why John sent his disciples to ask Jesus if he were the one who was to come. There are two possible explanations:

1) John knew that Jesus was the Christ and, as a prisoner, he wanted his disciples to follow Jesus as their new master. So, he sent them to ask Jesus this question and presumed that, once they had met Jesus, they would see for themselves that he was the Messiah and so would become followers of Jesus. 2) John began to doubt Jesus' identity as the promised Messiah. The silent healing, preaching, saving, and empowering ministry of Jesus was a surprise to John and to those who expected a fire-and-brimstone Messiah. Nor did Jesus conform to popular Jewish beliefs about a warrior and a political Messiah who would bring political, social, and economic deliverance to Israel. Instead, Jesus pronounced blessings on the poor in spirit, the meek, and peacemakers (5:1-11). He called his disciples to love their enemies (5:42-48). For John, these teachings might have seemed to weaken rather than to strengthen the Messiah's cause. Furthermore, Jesus moved away from Jerusalem, the home of the Temple and the centre of religious authority, and began his ministry in Galilee among the common people (4:12). John proclaimed the power of the coming Messiah to bring in a new age, and instead found himself imprisoned in the dungeon of Herod's prison. This may have been why John sent his disciples to dispel his doubt, asking: "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Instead of criticising Jesus or breaking away from him, John approached Jesus through his disciples. John had his doubts, but he was open to hearing Jesus say that he was, indeed, the one! John must have recognised the Scriptural allusions behind Jesus' answer. Isaiah 29:18 speaks of the deaf hearing and the blind seeing. Isaiah 35:6 speaks of the lame leaping like a deer. Isaiah 26:19 speaks of the dead becoming alive. These were signs of the Messiah's coming. Jesus could have rebuked John for his doubts, but instead offered him a blessing. Jesus had not lived up to John's expectations, but John did not allow that to be a stumbling block. We too need to learn how to survive a Faith crisis. This entire episode should help us to understand how the experience of a Faith crisis can play a role in our spiritual and emotional development. If John the Baptist, even after having had a direct encounter with Jesus the Messiah, could question, doubt and question his Faith, then so can we. In moments of doubt, despair and disillusionment we need to open our hearts and let God transform our lives. We, too, should be encouraged by today's readings as they remind us that our lives can also be transformed, if we are patient and place our trust in God.

Fr Manu Kumbidiyamackal MSFS

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

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

Readings for 18th December 2016, **Year A**

1st Reading :Isaiah 7:10-14

2nd Reading :Romans 1:1-7

Gospel :Matthew 1:18-24

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

12th Our Lady of Guadalupe

13th St Lucy

14th St John of the Cross

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:

Ros Glastonbury, 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.

OFFICE HOURS CHRISTMAS WEEK

MONDAY 19TH DECEMBER CLOSED

TUESDAY 20TH DECEMBER

9am - 2pm

WEDNESDAY 21ST DECEMBER

9am - 12 noon

THURSDAY 22ND DECEMBER CLOSED



2017

OFFICE WILL REOPEN ON
TUESDAY 17TH JANUARY 2017

RENEWING PARISHES

The parish witnesses God's love for all the creatures of Earth.

When the community gathers for Eucharist, we bring the whole creation with us. We pray at the beginning of the Third Eucharistic Prayer - "All you have created rightly gives you praise." Pope Francis says: "Join to the incarnate Son, present in the Eucharist, the whole cosmos gives thanks to God. Indeed the Eucharist itself is an act of cosmic love" (*Laudato Si'*, par. 236). He tells us that we are all called to ecological conversion (*Laudato Si'*, par. 217) and this is a challenge in our parish life. School and parish can participate together in this conversion, and witness to it, in their use of resources, like water, and in many other ways, such as by using solar power, recycling, supporting community gardens and tree planting.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, come and save us.



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

REACH OUT GROUP

Tuesday, 13th December, 2016
 9.15am Mass at St John XXIII

Reader: Raphael
 Offertory: Pam R & Pat H
 Communion: Mary M & Maureen F
 Altar Server: Leo

All Welcome

DEVELOPMENT FUND 2016



Congratulations Sandra Dini
 No. 67

Drawn by John McGee

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

Happy Birthday December Babies

12th Ann-Marie Lineage, Rohent Giebel
 13th Margaret Giebel
 14th Frank Gavini, Alice Craig
 15th Michael Moss, Sue Air
 16th Carmel Lineage
 18th Michael Reilly



RENEWING PARISHES

The parish is led by a priest with a pastoral team.

These small teams may involve lay leaders, religious, deacons, and priests. Team members may take on a variety of roles such as coordinator of the community, manager of the parish, finance officer, youth worker, as well as pastoral associate and pastoral director. Leaders in Catholic schools will often be part of such teams. A priest, who may be a parish priest or priest moderator, will be appointed to a parish by the Archbishop. Other priests may be part of the team. There will be a need to plan for the teams of the future, identifying, supporting and providing learning experiences for lay leaders. Each parish will need to nurture the vocation of those called to lay ministries, religious life, as well as continuing to nurture vocations to ordained ministry. The pastoral team, along with the whole parish, will exhibit the values of openness and transparency. It is essential that the pastoral team be truly and visibly collegial, and so contribute to building up authentic communion in the parish.

CHANGE OF MASS TIME

**MASS AT 9.15AM AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
 WILL BE NOT BE CELEBRATED ON
 SATURDAY 24TH DECEMBER**

BULLETIN NOTICES

The very last Bulletin for 2016 will be printed on Wednesday 21st December.

If you have any notices to be included in this final Bulletin for the year please send them in by **Monday 19th December.**

Thank You.

*Wishing you all a
 Very Merry Christmas &
 Happy New Year*

Jill Brokensha, Parish Secretary

PLEASE NOTE

**THERE WILL BE NO BULLETINS
 PRINTED UNTIL THE WEEK-END
 OF 21st/22nd JANUARY 2017.**

**Please send in any
 notices that need to be placed in this
 first bulletin by
Tuesday 17th January.**

Thank You

Jill Brokensha, Parish Secretary

Attention all Children

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

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

If supplies are needed for Holy Trinity Church or Holy Trinity Hall please write the required item on the notice board in the KITCHEN AREA OF THE CRY ROOM (**AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH**). Please place your name and item needed for which area that it is required, **ON THE WHITE BOARD.**

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

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraisers this year including the Quiz Night, Curry Night, Soup Night, sale of Entertainment books and the Christmas stall. These activities have raised much needed funds for the Maliana diocese. An amount of \$10,000 raised over the last 4 years, has recently been forwarded to Caritas Maliana. Your financial support enables us to now assist the people of Maliana diocese in purchasing items we take for granted including toilets for communities and educational needs for children in towns and remote areas.

*Our committee members wish you all a blessed Christmas season.
East Timor committee*

BEER WINE PORT GROUP

Beer Wine Port Group's next meeting/tasting (Wine Night) is this coming Wednesday, 14th December at 7.30pm in the St John XXIII Mass Centre Meeting Room at Hope Valley.

Everybody welcome, including fellow Parishioners in the Para Hills area and also New Parishioners to join us in tasting wonderful South Australian wines.

We wish everybody a Merry Christmas with a very good wish for a Happy New Year.

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

PLEASE NOTE



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

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.

STAMPS AND DRINK CAN RING PULLS

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



Anne-Michelle & Olive.



SENIORS SOCIAL CLUB

***MAY YOUR CHRISTMAS TIME
BE BLESSED WITH PEACE, HOPE
AND HAPPINESS***



We begin again **Wednesday
February 8th 2017**
From 1pm

KIDS CORNER

Dear Lord,

"Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; say to those with fearful hearts, Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution." He will come to save you.

Isaiah 35:3-6

Amen



EASTER TRIDUUM WORKSHOP

An Easter Triduum workshop for the Archdiocese will be presented by Sr Ilsa Neicinieks and Jenny O'Brien from the Office for Worship on Saturday 25 February 2017 from 10am-3.30pm. BYO lunch. Tea/coffee provided. To enrol please contact Lyn on 8152 7806 or worship@ow.adelaide.catholic.org.au before Monday 20 February. Cost \$10/person (Maximum \$30/Parish). See flyer for more info.