



# PARA HILLS MODBURY CATHOLIC PARISH

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4th Sunday of Lent—Year C Violet

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## St John XXIII Church

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, 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

(Thursday 9.15am

**ONLY DURING LENT)**

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	7th Mar	Legion of Mary (Junior) & R.E.	4pm – 5pm	Holy Trinity
Tue	8th Mar	Legion of Mary	12.30pm - 2pm	Holy Trinity
Thur	10th Mar	Christian Meditation	2pm	St John XXIII
Fri	11th Mar	Holy Hour	3pm	Holy Trinity
Sat	12th Mar	Sacramental Workshop	4pm	St John XXIII

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAY NIGHT

7pm Holy Trinity

## *OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK*

Mon	7th Mar	Bowls, 1pm - 3.30pm	St John XXIII
Tue	8th Mar	Reach Out, 9.45pm	St John XXIII
		Parish Pastoral Committee, 7pm	St John XXIII
Wed	9th Mar	Seniors Social Club, 1pm - 3.00pm	Holy Trinity
Fri	11th Mar	Craft Group, 9.30am - 12 noon	St John XXIII
		Youth Group, 7pm	Holy Trinity
Sat	12th Mar	Treasure Market, 8am - 12 noon	St John XXIII

## Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament, Anointing of the Sick will be during Mass on:

**Tuesday 8th March, 9.15am at St John XXIII**

**Wednesday 9th March, 7pm at Holy Trinity Church.**

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



## Taste and see the Goodness of the Lord

The fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called Laetare Sunday (Rejoice Sunday). This Sunday is set aside for us to recall God's graciousness and to rejoice because of it. In many ways we have been dead, but through God's grace we have come to life again; we have been lost, but have now been found.

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We have every reason to rejoice. Hence, each of the three readings characterises Easter Joy in one way or other. In the first reading, the Chosen People of God are portrayed as celebrating, for the first time in their own land, the feast of their freedom. Their joy is one of promises fulfilled. The refrain of today's Responsorial Psalm might be used as a response to all three readings: "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord." The second reading joyfully proclaims the effect of Jesus' saving act as the reconciliation of all peoples to the Father. In the Gospel, the joy is that of a young son's "coming home" and rediscovering a father's forgiving and unconditional love. It is also the story of a loving and forgiving father who celebrates the return of his prodigal son by throwing a big party in his honour, a banquet celebrating the reconciliation of the son with his father, his family, his community and his God. It is really the Parable of the Forgiving Father, the story of Divine love and mercy for us sinners, a love that is almost beyond belief. The common theme of joy resulting from reconciliation with God and other human beings is announced to all of us who are ready to receive God's forgiveness and His Personal Presence as a forgiving God in the Holy Eucharist. The parable of the prodigal son is of great significance and has influenced the world tremendously. It is called "the greatest short story in the world" (Charles Dickens), "the gospel of the gospels", "the gospel of the outcasts," and the "parable of the prodigal father." The world famous portrait of the "Return of the Prodigal Son" by the 17th century Dutch artist Rembrandt (now at the Hermitage museum in Russia), Balanchine's famous choreography of this parable, the Russian composer Prokofiev's suite based on the Prodigal Son, and numerous other artistic works around the world depicting this theme, demonstrate the lingering impact of this parable on human hearts down.

Acknowledging the allegation that he mingled with the sinners, Jesus outlines the three aspects of repentance, by presenting three characters in this parable: 1) the repentant younger son, 2) the forgiving father and 3) the self-justifying elder son. Let us take a little time during the week to read this parable carefully. Can we identify ourselves in place of one of the children in the parable? Lent is a time to "pass over," from a world of sin to a world of reconciliation. The story of the prodigal son asks each of us an important question: Will you accept the Father's forgiveness and partake of the banquet, or will you remain outside? Lent is a time to transform hatred into love, conflict into peace, death into eternal life.

*Fr Manu Kumbidiyamaackal*

Readings for 13th March, 2016

1st Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

2nd Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel: John 8:1-11

### Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

7th St Perpetua, St Felicity

8th St John of God

9th St Frances of Rome

### 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:

Theodora Teurlings, Marco Trotta, Ann Stanton, Jim Marlow, Marie Canavan, Gerry Canavan, Jayden Lee, Jo Phillips, Madeleine Groves, Audrey Athayde, Phyllis Anthony, John Martin, Marie Boulton, Sr. Marleen Dewar OLSH, Kevin Harriot, Kay Kennedy, Gaetana Grima, Fiona Power, Elizabeth Meikle, Rita Robinson, Cathy Sharkey, 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, Margaret Scott.

### Recently Deceased

Ron Dunbar, Marko Oreskovic

## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

### 50th GOLDEN JUBILEE

KEEP THIS VERY IMPORTANT

DATE IN YOUR DIARY:

**SUNDAY APRIL 17TH.**

**10AM MASS FOLLOWED BY**

**A CELEBRATION.**

**NEXT MEETING:**

**9th March at 7.45pm**

### 50TH CELEBRATION OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

April 17th

To help us compile a booklet to celebrate 50 years as a Eucharistic Community, we are asking for snippets of information or photos. Please leave in an envelope marked "50th celebration booklet" in the Sacristy at Para Hills or the Parish Office.

Contact people: Sheila 8645661.  
Maureen 8500884, Isabel 83952532 or  
Pat 82645926.

**Deadline 13th March.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**



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

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**



You must show them affection, serving them from the Heart, inquiring of them what they might need, speaking to them gently and compassionately.

*Sister Rosalie Rendu*

We had 6 calls last week with 12 Adults and 13 Children all wanting help with Food and some with Clothing. We are now averaging above 5 calls per week.

Our Pantry needs this week at St John XXIII are:  
 Long Life Milk, Milo and Pasta Sauce  
 Our Grateful Thanks and God Bless.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HOW ST. VINCENT de PAUL WORKS? YOU ARE MOST WELCOME AT ANY OF OUR MEETINGS.**

Our meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 4.00pm at St. John XXIII Community Centre.

**Next Meeting Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

**REACH OUT GROUP**

Tuesday, 8th March,  
 9.15 Mass at St John XXIII

Reader: Josie  
 Offertory: Raphael & Irene  
 Communion: Pat C & Pam R  
 Altar Server: Cathy D.

**All Welcome**



**DEVELOPMENT FUND 2016**

Congratulations Kathryn Hudson  
 No 2

Drawn by Dud Dolman for Adrian Bell  
 Contact: Marg Dolman 8264 1317  
 to be included in the draw.

**Our challenge**

Right now, our Parish is looking for you to add something that will benefit the whole parish.

*All of us have talents – some can write, sing and dance – some are deep thinkers – some have bright ideas but are reluctant to share them, some tell tall stories, some are (or could be) good carpenters or other tradespersons, some know how to run a business, etc., etc.*

Whatever your talent may be, our parish can benefit from it. It just needs you to declare those talents – we believe that we can find ways for you to use them in our parish community – maybe your contribution could be big or small – regardless, it will help our parish to grow.

*You can declare those talents either by attending an informal workshop at St John XXIII*

*Community Centre on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm or by writing your name, your special talent(s) on paper and leave them at the Parish Office, preferably before March 15.*

The challenge is in your court!

**Happy Birthday March Babies**

10th Sue Telfer  
 12th Brittany Carter



**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**



Our Sacramental Program will on the 12th March at 4pm at St John XXIII Mass Centre.

We ask our Parish Community to pray for the children as they resume their journey to receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation, and First Eucharist.

**KIDS CORNER**

Gospel John 9:1-41

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent at the 6 p.m. Mass Third Scrutiny for our Catechumenate Nicole Evans. Nicole will be presented with a Candle symbolising the light of Christ. This Gospel story not only informs of Jesus ability to restore sight but that the blind man realised that Jesus is the light of the world from listening to his teachings and actions.



Gospel Luke 15:1-3,11-32

The Gospel reading at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. masses tells us the never ending mercies; the loving God the father has for us. God calls us to love each other and to change our hearts if we have been unkind or selfish. He will always forgive us when we are sorry, and expects us to forgive each other.



**Prayer:**

Lord, you gave your love and peace to us.  
 Help us to make our world a happier place  
 by sharing that love and peace with each other. Amen

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: I will rise and go to my father and tell him:  
 Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.**

### **EAST TIMOR COMMITTEE – would you like to join us?**

If you are interested in becoming a member of our Committee to support our sister parish of Maliana (now diocese) in East Timor, we would love to hear from you! We welcome men, women and young adults from Para Hills or Modbury churches. The rewards from our fundraising are many for the East Timorese and you!

We usually meet bimonthly with a few extra meetings to organise fundraising activities. In the last few years we have raised funds from such events as Saturday night dinners and Quiz Nights and the sale of Entertainment Books with support from our parish community, family and friends.

East Timor is still a very poor country and a close neighbour of ours. Bishop Norberto and his parishioners are extremely grateful for our ongoing financial and prayerful support.

For further information contact:  
Lea 8263 8377; 0431 092 725

### **CURRY NIGHT 9<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

**7.30 pm - St John XXIII Church**

Adults \$12, children/students \$8

BYO drinks; Tea & coffee supplied

**Bookings** with payment after Masses at  
St John XXIII:

12/13<sup>th</sup> March; 19/20<sup>th</sup> March or 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> April

You can also book through the parish office or after  
Mass at Holy Trinity Church on 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

All profits support projects in Maliana diocese,  
East Timor. Come along and enjoy a delicious meal  
while helping to raise funds for Maliana diocese.  
East Timor committee, Para Hills Modbury parish

### **PLEASE NOTE**

**FOOD WAS LEFT OUT IN THE KITCHEN OF  
ST JOHN XXIII AND AS A RESULT WE HAD  
AN ARMY OF ANTS HAVING A FANTASTIC  
TIME FEEDING ON THE SLICES & BISCUITS  
LEFT OVER FROM A FUNCTION.**

**PLEASE MAKE SURE ANY LEFTOVERS  
FROM ANY FUNCTION ARE TO BE PLACED  
IN THE FRIDGE, OR TAKE THEM  
HOME WITH YOU.**

***PLEASE FEED YOUR ANTS  
OUTSIDE THE CHURCH  
AND NOT INSIDE THE  
CHURCH.***



**MAKE SURE YOU CLEAN  
UP AFTER YOURSELVES!!**



### **CAN YOU HELP ?**

The Southern Cross Advertisement for the Holy Trinity 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration will cost the Parish \$396.00. We are looking for someone who could donate the money for the cost of \$396.00. We need the money soon so that we can place it in the April Edition. We will place the advertisement at the back of the Southern Cross in the diary sections for free. Your help in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

### **HELP NEEDED**

#### **HANDYMEN WANTED AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**

Project No. 1: We are still  
looking for people who can **Paint**  
and give us time through the day.

Jim Gibson, Dudley Dolman.

### **TREASURE MARKET**

**Second Saturday of each month**

**8am to 12noon**

**Next: 12th March 2016**

**St John XXIII Centre**

**Sellers \$6—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 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.**

### **2016 Community Breakfast**

**Breakfast Theme: Celebrating  
Uniting Culture**

**Date: Saturday 16 April 2016**

**Time: 8.30am to 10.30am**

**Place: St John XXIII Church**

**Breakfast includes a Hot Aussie Breakfast  
with Juice, Tea & Coffee**

**Cost: \$25 per ticket**

**Guest Speaker:**

**Father Shibu Jacob**

**All proceeds go to the Maintenance Fund of  
Holy Trinity & St John XXIII Churches**

**Come and support a great cause!**

**Tickets available by contacting  
Betty Poczman on: 0411 556 219  
or after Weekend Masses.**

### **Youth Group Evening**

**Our next get together:**

**Date: Friday 11th March 2016**

**Time: 7.00pm until 9.00 pm.**

**Place: Holy Trinity Church Hall**

**For: All children from 11 to 17 years of age**

**Please bring a plate to share.**

**Please contact Grace Healey on: 8264 7590  
if you would like more information  
concerning this event.**