



# PARA HILLS MODBURY CATHOLIC PARISH

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4th Sunday of Lent -Year A Violet/Rose

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### Office Hours:

Tuesday-Friday: 9am-2pm

## Holy Trinity Church

3 James Street, Para Hills 5096

## 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 St 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 Kaurna 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  
Thursday MASS 11am

## HOLY TRINITY Para Hills

Wednesday 7pm  
Thursday 9.15am  
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	27th	March	Legion of Mary (Jnr) & R.E.	4-5pm	Holy Trinity
Mon	27th	March	Lenten Bible Study	7pm	St John XXIII
Tue	28th	March	Legion of Mary	12.30pm - 2pm	Holy Trinity
Wed	29th	March	Legion of Mary	7.30pm	Holy Trinity
Thurs	30th	March	Christian Meditation	2pm - 3pm	St John XXIII
Fri	31st	March	Holy Hour	3pm - 4pm	Holy Trinity
Fri	31st	March	Stations of the Cross	7pm	Holy Trinity

## OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

Mon	27th	March	Bowls	1pm - 3.30pm	St John XXIII
Tue	28th	March	Reach Out	9.45am	St John XXIII
Tue	28th	March	Parish Finance Committee	7pm	St John XXIII
Wed	29th	March	Seniors Social Club	1pm - 3.30pm	Holy Trinity
Fri	31st	March	Craft Group	9.30am - 12pm	St John XXIII

## See Christ more Clearly, Love Him more Dearly and Follow Him more Nearly

Today is the Fourth Sunday in Lent. Traditionally, this day is known as Laetare Sunday, from the Latin word for "rejoice,". It invites us to rejoice in anticipation of Jesus' Resurrection. Today's readings remind us that it is God who gives us proper vision in body as well as in soul, and instructs us that we should be constantly on our guard against spiritual blindness. By describing the anointing of David as the second king of Israel, the first reading, taken from the First Book of Samuel, illustrates how blind we are in our judgments and how much we need God's help. In the second reading, Paul reminds the Ephesians of their new responsibility as Children of Light: "You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of the Light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth." Jesus' giving of sight to a blind man, reported in today's Gospel, teaches us the necessity of opening the eyes of the mind by Faith and warns us that those who assume they see the truth are often blind, while those who acknowledge their blindness are given clear vision. In this episode, the most unlikely person, namely the beggar born blind, receives the light of Faith in Jesus, while the religion-oriented, law-educated Pharisees remain spiritually blind. To live as a Christian is to see, to have clear vision about God, about ourselves and about others.

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Today's Gospel reminds us that we are to live as Children of the Light, seeking what is good and right and true. Our Lenten prayers and sacrifices should serve to heal our blindness so that we can look at others, see them as children of God and love them as our own brothers and sisters saved by the death and Resurrection of Jesus. Physiologically, the "blind-spot" is the part of our eye where vision is not experienced. It is the spot where the optic nerve enters the eye ball. A blind spot in a vehicle is an area around the vehicle that cannot be directly observed by the driver without turning back. In real life, we all have blind-spots: in our marriages, our parenting, our work habits, and our personalities. We often wish to remain in the dark, preferring darkness to light. It is even possible for the religious people in our day to be like the Pharisees; religious in worship, in frequenting the Sacraments, in prayer-life, in tithing, and in knowledge of the Bible, but blind to the poverty, injustice and pain around them. Let us remember, however, that Jesus wants to heal our blind-spots. We need to ask him to remove from us the root causes of our blindness, namely, self-centeredness, greed, anger, hatred, prejudice, jealousy, addiction to evil habits and hardness of heart. Then we will be able to rejoice as we celebrate the season of Lent because we can see clearly the face of Christ in all whom we meet. Let us pray with the Scottish Bible scholar William Barclay, "God our Father, help us see Christ more clearly, love him more dearly and follow him more nearly."

FR MANU KUMBIDIYAMACKAL

## PRAYER OF ST THOMAS MOORE

*Prayed everyday by Pope Francis*

Grant me. O Lord, good digestion, and also something to digest. Grant me a healthy body, and the necessary good humour to maintain it. Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure all that is good and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of evil. But rather finds the means to put things back in their place. Give me a soul that knows not boredom, grumbling, sighs and laments, nor excess of stress, because of that obstructing thing called "T". Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humour. Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke and to discover in life a bit of joy and to be able to share it with others.

## Easter Liturgies

Easter will soon be upon us and as always we will need many helpers for the Easter Liturgies. Sign-up sheets have been placed at the back of the church, so if you are able to help out with the various ministries please add your name to the lists.

## LITURGY MEETING- CHANGE OF VENUE

The next Liturgy Committee Meeting will be held at 7pm Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at Holy Trinity, Para Hills.

Readings for 2nd April 2017

1st Reading :Ezekiel 37:12-14

2nd Reading :Romans 8:8-11

Gospel :John 11:1-45

## Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

### 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:

Graham Speed, Marlen Piñeda, David Truman, Julie Tilley, Bruce Mc Andie, Rosa Maria Santos, Sean Molloy, Ros Glastonbury, Myles Mahony, Betty Roper, 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

Margaret Scott, Eileen Freeman

## Child Protection – Contact Officer

Every parish in the diocese is required to nominate two Child Protection Officers. These are people that parishioners can contact should they have concerns about the safety of children in the parish.

The Child Protection Officers for our parish are:

Fr Manu and Therese Meyers.

Father Manu's contact no. 0417 584 336

Therese Meyers' contact no. 0421 533 761

## DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD APPEAL THIS WEEKEND, 26th March.

In the Archdiocese of Adelaide, the Day of the Unborn Child occurs on the Feast of the Annunciation. A special collection in support of the work undertaken by Birthline, Right to Life in South Australia, Matercare Australia & Genesis Pregnancy Support Inc. The Day of the unborn Child assists us to focus on those people in our families and communities who have experienced any sort of child-bearing loss, whether miscarriage, still-birth, the death of a baby soon after birth, or abortion. We thank you in anticipation for your generous support of those who work tirelessly with individuals and families who require these important resources and services.

## STATIONS of the CROSS

Friday Nights during Lent at HOLY TRINITY Church at 7-00pm

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

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



**St Vincent De Paul Modbury Conference**

I have looked into your eyes with my eyes. I have put my heart near your heart. *Pope St John XXIII*

3 Calls last week, with 5 Adults and 3 Children all needing assistance with Food. We advise clients and support them to get Counselling to help them in Budgeting etc.

Our Pantry needs this week at St John XXIII are:  
Tinned Meat and Veg, Jam & Milo (240grs).

Our Grateful Thanks to you all. God Bless.

**REACH OUT GROUP**

Tuesday, 28th March, 2017  
9.15am Mass at St John XXIII

Reader: Barbara S.  
Offertory: Margaret E & Jos  
Communion: Pam R & Pat H  
Altar Server: Leo

All welcome



**DEVELOPMENT FUND 2017**

Congratulations Jim Bell  
No.59

Drawn by Sandra Dini for Tom Scott Senior  
Contact: Marg Dolman 8264 1317  
to be included in the draw.

**Happy Birthday March/April Babies**

**27th** Robert Javier  
**28th** Joanne Weaver  
**29th** Joseph Gavini, Odessa Palmer  
**31st** Eugene Augustine, Crystal Forrester  
**1st** Patrick North



**DIVINE MERCY**

The next Divine Mercy Eucharistic Adoration will be on Sunday, 26th March at 3pm at Holy Trinity Church.



**Thank you**

Our Chicken and Salad Night fundraiser for Maliana Diocese was a great success due to the ongoing support of our parishioners. Thank you for purchasing tickets and for your generous donations. \$845 was raised from the fundraiser. It was a great team effort and a wonderful celebration of community.

*Lea Crosby*  
on behalf of the parish East Timor committee

**FIRST SATURDAY MASS**



April 1<sup>st</sup> 2017, 9.15am

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Holy Rosary for PEACE in the world.

Commencing at 8.45am

with Acts of Consecration,  
the Sacred Heart of Jesus and  
the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
with the Sacrament of Penance.

Please bring a SINGLE flower  
for Our Holy Mother

*"In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph"*  
( Our Lady of Fatima 1917 )

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL  
PARA HILLS CONFERENCE**



**HELP**

Members needed to help us service clients in our area. Anyone interested, please phone: Graeme or Anne on: 0426 040 047.

We need Volunteers to keep "Vinnies" going in the Para Hills Area.

God Bless

*Committee Para Hills Conference*

**Entertainment Books available soon!**

The books will be available after Masses at St John XXIII and at the Parish Office commencing the weekend of 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> April. The books are \$70 each. If you prefer a digital book (can be ordered now), please order online and quote Para Hills Modbury Catholic parish as the fundraiser.

Thank you in advance for your support!

*Lea Crosby*

*for Parish East Timor committee*

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to Radio Station 5AA and Harvey Norman, South Road, Mile End for your generous gift of a Fisher & Paykel Refrigerator donated through Betty Poczman, for the use of Para Hills Modbury Catholic Parish.

God Bless You

Fr Manu and the Parish Community.



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will have the light of life.**



### URGENT REQUEST

**St Vincent de Paul, Modbury Conference is in Urgent need of a Set of Double Bunk Beds for a Family. Please contact the Parish Office on: 8264 7590 if you are able to help.**

#### St Vincent de Paul, Modbury Conference



As one of our biggest fundraisers St Vincent de Paul, Modbury Conference will be once again selling Raffle Books for the People's Choice Lottery, but before that commences there is an Online Special that gives you the opportunity to win a Toyota Yaris Ascent, 5 Door Hatch. To be eligible you must enter online before midnight, 31st March 2017. This is an extra one off prize and also enters you into the Main Draw later in the year. To enter go to:

<https://www.peopleschoicecu.com.au/community-lottery-home/>



With Limited support in Vietnam for the education and social inclusion of children with disabilities, young Nguyet lived an isolated life. Then, through a neighbour, her family became involved with a Caritas-Australia supported program offering her education, creative outlets and Community Interaction, and strengthening her parents' skills and support networks. Now Nguyet's mother has great hope for her future.



**Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help members of the Stolen Generations support each other on the journey to wellbeing.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

### PLEASE NOTE

**Please make sure if you are in the church at St John XXIII and Holy Trinity that: ALL LIGHTS, AIRCONDITIONERS, DOORS are switched off/locked.**

**We have had a few instances lately where people have not checked when they have left the church.**

**Thank you.**



## Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!

Marriage Encounter is a weekend where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones—and focus only on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, you'll like the difference a Worldwide

Marriage Encounter weekend can make!

Coming Weekend Dates:  
2017

St Francis Winery - Reynella  
26-28 May  
Lyndoch Hill  
8-10 September



For more information or to register, contact:

Charlie and Joy Saba

Email: [marriageencountersa@gmail.com](mailto:marriageencountersa@gmail.com)

Phone, SMS or voicemail: 0437 388 513

Or Visit [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au) to apply online

### PARISH RENEWAL

The Parish Pastoral Council invites you to complete a 2-3 minute online survey to help us set out priorities for our 2017 Parish Renewal.

The survey can be found on the Parish Homepage. Please click the link:  
**"TAKE THE SURVEY"**.

### There will be no flowers during Lent.

All donations will go towards the Easter arrangements. A big Thankyou to the loyal supporters of flower donations to keep our churches beautiful during the year.



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

