



PARA HILLS MODBURY CATHOLIC PARISH

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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 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

Parish Child Protection Officer

Therese Meyers 0421 533 761

9th July 2017

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year A Green

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**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
Thursday MASS 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

Tue	11th July	Legion of Mary	12.30pm - 1.30pm	Holy Trinity
Wed	12th July	Legion of Mary	7.30pm	Holy Trinity
Thurs	13th July	Christian Meditation	2pm - 3pm	St John XXIII
Fri	14th July	Holy Hour	3pm	Holy Trinity

OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

Mon	10th July	Bowls	1pm - 3.30pm	St John XXIII
Tue	11th July	Reach Out	9.45am	St John XXIII
Tue	11th July	Parish Pastoral Council	7pm	St John XXIII
Wed	12th July	Seniors Social Club	1pm - 3.30pm	Holy Trinity
Thurs	13th July	St Vinnies Modbury Meeting	4pm - 6pm	St John XXIII
Sat	15th July	Garden Community Group	9pm - 12 pm	St John XXIII
Sat	15th July	Super Saturday Soup Special	7pm	St John XXIII
Sun	16th July	DVD Library	11am	Holy Trinity

"Take my yoke . . . and you will find rest."

The Liturgy of the Word today communicates God's consoling message to his people. In the first reading, the prophet Zechariah consoles the Jews living in Palestine under Greek rule, promising them a "meek" Messianic King of peace riding on a donkey, who will give them rest and liberty. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 144) praises and thanks a kind and compassionate God Who "raises up those who are bowed down" under heavy yokes. In the Second Reading, Paul tells the first-century Roman Christian community about two yokes, namely, the "flesh" and the "Spirit," and he challenges them to reject the heavy and fatal yoke of the flesh and accept the light yoke of the Spirit of Jesus. In the Gospel, Jesus offers rest to those "who labour and are burdened" if they will accept his "easy yoke and light burden." By declaring that his "yoke is light," Jesus means that whatever God sends us is made to fit our needs and our abilities exactly. Here, Jesus addresses people who are desperately trying to find God, who are exhausted by the search for truth, who are desperately trying to be good, and who find the task impossible. God gave His People basic guidelines for a holy life, but the Pharisees ended up making God's Law inaccessible and impossible to follow. For the orthodox Jew, religion was a matter of burdens. 613 Mosaic laws and thousands of oral interpretations, which dictated every aspect of life. Jesus invites burdened Israel and us to take his yoke upon the shoulders. The yoke of Christ can be seen as the sum of our Christian responsibilities and duties.

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To take the yoke of Christ is to enter into relationship with Christ as his loving servants and subjects and to conduct ourselves accordingly. The yoke of Christ is not just a yoke from Christ but also a yoke with him. A yoke is fashioned for a pair; for a team working together. So, we are not yoked alone to pull the plough by our own unaided power; we are yoked together with Christ to work with Him using His strength. Jesus is returning to the simplicity of God's original Covenant and Law, giving people what they need to guide them on their path easily. By following Jesus, a man will find peace, rest, and refreshment. Although we are not overburdened by the Jewish laws, we are burdened by many other things: business, concerns about jobs, marriage, money, health, children, security, old age and a thousand other things. Jesus' concern for our burdens is as real as his concern for the law-burdened Jews of his day. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest" (11:28). Jesus still gives us rest! Is Jesus calling on those who are carrying heavy loads to come and add a yoke to their burden? Doesn't that sound like adding affliction to the afflicted? No! Jesus is asking us to cast away our burdens and take on his yoke. This is because, unlike the burdens we bear, his yoke is easy and his burden light. The yoke of Jesus is the love of God. By telling us: "Take my yoke . . . and you will find rest" (11:29), Christ is asking us to do things the Christian way. When we centre in God, when we follow God's commandments, we have no heavy burdens. Let me conclude with this portion of Emma Lazarus' poem inscribed on the base of the Statue of Liberty: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.... Send these, the homeless tempest-tossed to me." Today's readings, especially the Gospel, give the same message in a more powerful way: "Take my yoke . . . and you will find rest."

FR.MANU KUMBIDIYAMACKAL



NATSICC APPEAL

A Special Collection will be taken up **This Weekend**, to support over 120,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics in Australia.

Readings for 16th July 2017

1st Reading :Is 55:10-11

2nd Reading :Romans 8:18-23

Gospel :Matthew 13:1-9

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

- 11th St Benedict
- 13th St Henry
- 14th St Camillus de Lellis
- 15th St Bonaventure

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 Armstrong, Mary Redmond, Graham Speed, Marlen Piineda, David Truman, 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, Marie Boulton, Sr. Marleen Dewar OLSH, Kay Kennedy, Gaetana Grima, Fiona Power, Rita Robinson, Eileen Ryan, Gary Lockyer, Yvonne Summers, Darcy Ridley, Marie Bakaj, Regan Barry, John Cherry, Dudley Dolman, Fr. Michael Walsh, Pat Feutrill, Paul Holmes, Michael Lochhead.

Recently Deceased

Jennifer Franco

COME TO OUR GATHERING

It is a parish priority that we hear the ideas, opinions, and needs of our young people. To that end, Fr Manu and the Parish Pastoral Council invite those young people from secondary school to 35 years of age to attend an informal gathering at St John XXIII on Sunday 9th July from 2pm - 3pm. Refreshments will be provided. We look forward to meeting you and hearing what you have to say.

HELP NEEDED

ST JOHN XXIII CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

To keep the carpeted area of the Church, Meeting Room and Chapel clean at St John XXIII it requires a team effort. For a long time the same very small group of volunteers have been attending to this need. We want more people to join our team - single, couples, friends, families. The roster is done on a fortnightly basis and your turn will come once every three months. If you would like more information and/or your name/s included on the next roster then Margaret Emery (8264 0780) would be delighted to hear from you. Thank you



RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

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



St Vincent De Paul Modbury Conference

The first step for us is to serve as companions to people who need help, allowing us to listen to their stories with reverence and gratitude.

Mario Trinidad

Six calls last week 11 Adults & 14 Children, each family needing assistance with Food, also needing Warm Clothing, Doonas, Blankets and Furniture. The extremely cold weather is hard on those with limited finances.

Our pantry needs this week at St. John XXIII are: Breakfast Cereal, Coffee & Margarine

We thank you for your ongoing support God Bless.

Our next Vinnies meeting at St John XXIII is on Thursday 13th July at 4pm all are very welcome. Come and see how we go about supporting the needy within our Parish boundaries.

REACH OUT GROUP

Tuesday, 11th July, 2017
9.15am Mass at St John XXIII

Reader: Barbara S
Offertory: Clem & Maureen K
Communion: Mary Mattner & Pam R
Altar Server: Jos

All Welcome



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2017

Congratulations Alex Balayance
No. 25

Drawn by Mary Mount for Greg Woofe
Contact: Marg Dolman 8264 1317
to be included in the draw.

Happy Birthday July Babies

10th Matthew Marsland
11th Grace Gavini
12th Daniel Ball



HELP NEEDED

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

We are in need of volunteers to help clean the Holy Trinity Church. The same group of volunteers have been cleaning the church for a long time. Please come and join our team - single, couples, friends, families.

Please see Vince Manuel at Holy Trinity Church on Sundays after 10am Mass or contact the Parish Office on: 8264 7590



ST VINCENT DE PAUL PARA HILLS CONFERENCE



Members needed to help us serve 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

RELIGIOUS ITEMS, CARDS, STATUES ARE ON SALE AFTER 10AM MASS EACH SUNDAY AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH PARA HILLS. VISIT OUR DISPLAY CABINET WHICH CAN BE FOUND IN THE ROOM AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH



IMPORTANT NOTICE

CLIMATE CHANGE PETITION

Caritas Australia and Catholic Earthcare Australia have joined with Micah and other faith organisations, to highlight the impact of climate change on the lives of those who are the most poor and vulnerable in our world.

They are seeking our assistance with a petition which will be sent to Federal Members of Parliament in each electorate asking the Federal Government to:

- Commit to deeper and more urgent reductions of our greenhouse emissions
- Developing a plan to ensure Australia achieves zero net greenhouse emissions well before 2050, and supporting families and communities affected by the transitions towards renewable energy and more sustainable land use'
- Providing additional assistance to help our poorest neighbours adapt to the harmful impacts of climate change

Pope Francis in his encyclical letter "Laudato Si" calls for us to care for the gift of this earth. In paragraph 19 he says:

"Our goal is ...to become painfully aware, to dare to turn what is happening to our world into our personal suffering and thus to discover what each of us can do about it"

You can help by signing the petition which is at the back of the church.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.**

LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

- Lives of the Saints
- Papal Encyclicals & Letters
- Teachings of the Magisterium
- Insights in the Gospels of Mark, John etc.
- How to read the Bible
- Does the Church still teach that?
- The persecuted Church
- Pilgrimages
- A Catholic perspective of World News

DVD Library every 3rd Sunday of the month at Holy Trinity.

The Library will be open on—16th July after 10AM MASS.

**WE ARE ALL CALLED TO HOLINESS
DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE**

Community Garden

Welcome all to the Community Garden, our next gathering is on the 15th July 9am to 12 noon. St John XXIII Mass Centre, Grandparents if you are babysitting grandchildren bring them along. Don't forget gloves etc.



Fr. John O'Doherty OMI – 50 years a Priest

Fr John will mark his Golden Jubilee of Priesthood, by celebrating Mass at St Pius X Church, Dernancourt, on 23rd July 2017 at 10am Followed by a light lunch. All welcome. Fr John began his Priestly ministry in the former Hillcrest Parish from 1968 to 1970, and is now back in Dernancourt since 2011.

QUIZ NIGHT 5TH August

Save the date!

We invite you to make up a table (max 10 people) for our annual Quiz Night to be held at 7.30 pm on the 5th August at Holy Trinity Hall, Kesters Road, Para Hills. It is always a fun night with numerous raffle prizes to be won. Come along and support our parish's fundraising for Maliana Diocese. Many East Timorese Communities are in urgent need of electricity and clean water and that is our focus of fundraising this year.

Thank you
East Timor Committee



Modbury Community & Craft Group

Invites our Craft Group members, Parishioners, and friends of Parishioners to our Hahndorf /Strathalbyn bus trip on Friday 18th August, 2017. 8:45am arrival for 9am departure, from St John XXIII Church Centre, and returning by 5:30pm.

We shall be stopping in Hahndorf at the German Arms Hotel for an Apple Strudel morning tea served with tea, coffee or orange juice. We shall spend 2 hours in Hahndorf giving ample time to wander the history of Hahndorf, Art Galleries, Craft and Gift Stores. We shall depart Hahndorf for Strathalbyn at 12 noon, proceeding directly to the Victoria Hotel in Strathalbyn for lunch (see menu below). After lunch we will proceed to High Street by bus, the home of all Craft, Second-hand and Antique Stores. We shall depart Strathalbyn for home at 4pm.

Menu—Main Course

Choice of

Lambs Fry & Bacon served with garlic mash.

Roast of the day served with baked potatoes and gravy.

Butterfish, beer battered, grilled or crumbed served with chips.

Vic Squid, lemon pepper & sea salt squid served with chips.

Buttered Chicken with rice (mild).

All main courses include salad and vegetable servery

DESSERT

Sticky date pudding served with cream

COST \$55

**To secure your seat/s, please contact:
Helen on: 0422 862 229 by Thursday 27th July to reserve your place.**



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