



# PARA HILLS MODBURY CATHOLIC PARISH

## Parish Team

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### Office Hours:

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## 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

## Parish Child Protection Officer

Therese Meyers 0421 533 761

23rd July 2017

16th 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

Reconciliation (Confession) Saturdays

after 9.15am Mass at Holy Trinity and at 5.30pm at St John XXIII

<b>Mon</b>	<b>24th July</b>	Legion of Mary (Jnr) & R.E.	4pm - 5pm	<b>Holy Trinity</b>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>25th July</b>	Legion of Mary	12.30pm - 1.30pm	<b>Holy Trinity</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>26th July</b>	Legion of Mary	7.30pm	<b>Holy Trinity</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>27th July</b>	Christian Meditation	2pm - 3pm	<b>St John XXIII</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>28th July</b>	Holy Hour	3pm	<b>Holy Trinity</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>30th July</b>	Divine Mercy	3pm	<b>Holy Trinity</b>

## OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

<b>Mon</b>	<b>24th July</b>	Parish Finance Committee Meeting	7pm	<b>St John XXIII</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>26th July</b>	Seniors Social Club	1pm - 3.30pm	<b>Holy Trinity</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>28th July</b>	Craft Group	9.30am - 12 pm	<b>St John XXIII</b>



## "God's Love is Patient, Persistent, and Persevering."

"Patience is not simply the ability to wait - it's how we behave while we're waiting" (Joyce Meyer).

Today's readings tell us about a very patient and compassionate God Who is hopeful that the so-called "weeds" or the bad people will be converted, and that we should not be in a hurry to eliminate such elements from the Church or society or the family on the basis of unwarranted and hasty judgment. The first reading gives us a picture of a merciful and patient God. The second reading reminds us that the Spirit of God goes on empowering us in our weakness, and, hence, we should be patient with ourselves. Finally, through the parable of the wheat and the weeds in the gospel, Jesus presents a wise and patient God who allows the good and the evil to co-exist in the world, so that the evil ones may come to conversion before their time ends and God must punish them. God calmly recognises that there is evil in the world, but He sees that evil as no excuse for the good people not to do good with the power of God at their disposal. Through the parable of the wheat and the weeds in today's Gospel, Jesus calls us to be patient with those who fail to meet the high ethical standards expected of a Christian. The parable tries to teach the need for tolerance, patience and the acceptance of God's judgment to the Judeo-Christian community as well as to our own.

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The "weeds" among the wheat in the parable are a variety of tares known as "bearded darnel." They resemble wheat plants so closely that it is impossible to distinguish the one from the other until the ears of seed appear. By that time, the wheat and darnel roots are so intertwined that the tares cannot be weeded out without plucking the wheat out with them. At the end of the harvest the tares must be removed from the wheat by hand, because they are slightly poisonous. Sowing them in the wheat field was a crude way for an enemy to take revenge on a farmer. The weeds in the parable represent unrepentant sinners, people whose priority is themselves, who use others for their own advancement or pleasure, instead of serving them. These unrepentant sinners, unless they cooperate with God's grace, repent and change their lives, will end up in eternal damnation. The wheat stands for the righteous, those who have resisted the seductions of evil, repented of their sins, and battled against selfishness in order to follow Jesus Christ.

The message is loud and clear that we need to practice patience. First of all, we need to be patient with ourselves. We may not get everything done perfectly this week, but so what? Then we must be patient with the others; those who annoy us by the way they drive their cars, those whose opinions differ from ours, those who make too much noise and disturb us and those who make our spiritual progress more difficult for us by their bad example and counter-witnessing. Let's practice patience, remembering that, in the end, it is God who controls. Let us patiently and lovingly treat the "weeds" in our society as our brothers and sisters and do all in our power to put them back on the right road to Heaven, especially by our good example and our fervent prayer for their conversion. Let me conclude with this famous saying: "The key to everything is patience. You get the chicken by hatching the egg, not by smashing it" (Arnold H. Glasow).

FR. MANU KUMBIDIYAMACKAL

Readings for 30th July 2017

1st Reading :1 Kg 3:5, 7-12

2nd Reading :Romans 8:28-30

Gospel :Matthew 13:44-46

### Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

24th	St Sharbel Makhliuf
25th	St James, Apostle
26th	St Joachim, St Anne
29th	St Martha

### 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

Rudolph Reisinger, Sr Aileen Vear, Jennifer Franco, Gerald Bradbury, Ann Jones



### DIVINE MERCY

The next Divine Mercy Eucharistic Adoration will be on Sunday, 30th July at 3pm at Holy Trinity Church.

### Apostleship of the Sea Appeal

**This weekend** a collection will be taken up at all Masses for the Apostleship of the Sea Appeal. This year's theme is 'In the midst of the storm', highlighting the mental vulnerabilities of seafarers on the oceans. Your donation will provide pastoral support to seafaring men, women and families through the works of Stella Maris Centres across Australia.

### HELP NEEDED

#### CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

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

Please contact: Margaret Emery (8264 0780) for cleaning at St John XXIII

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

### PLEASE NOTE BOWLING GROUP

**NO BOWLS ON MONDAY 24TH JULY AT ST JOHN XXIII**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Lord, you are good and forgiving.*

**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

*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*

Five Calls last week with 6 Adults & 3 Children, each of these Families needing some assistance with Food, and one also needing Furniture.

We have shown a report for Financial year 2016/17 and comparing it with the previous Financial year 2015/16, the difference is 48 extra calls, and see what that does to The Budget. Without the assistance we receive from you, The Parishioners, we would be unable to handle these extra Calls to support those in need

Our pantry needs this week at St. John XXIII are:  
Margarine, Long Life Milk & Sugar

Our Grateful Thanks God Bless

### Budget Extracts

Home Visits 2015/16 (183), 2016/17 (231).  
Extra 48

Food Purchases 2015/16 \$303.26  
2016/17 \$1505.06  
Extra \$1202.

### 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*

### LITURGY ASSISTANTS—NEW AND EXISTING

Lists have been placed on the Notice Board for you to volunteer for your Ministry/ies for the next 12 months. Please add your name etc. to the list/s appropriate to your Ministries. and only the people whose names are on the lists will be considered for Liturgy Assistants' Rosters over the next 12 months.

For further information please contact Greg and Leonie Dew on 8265 1566 or 0411 774 510.

### **Quiz Night August 5<sup>th</sup>**

#### **at Holy Trinity Church Hall**

The Parish East Timor Committee Members invite you to make up a table (8-10 people) at our annual Quiz Night to help raise funds for urgent clean water and electricity projects in Maliana Diocese, East Timor.

Donations of new items for the Raffle or Auction are appreciated. A donation box will be left in the Parish Office.

There are booking sheets in the foyer at both Mass Centres for you to add your names.

**The cost is \$10 per ticket.**

See posters at both Mass Centres for more information.

The Quiz Night is always a fun night with numerous prizes to be won. We will have an Auction as well with items including:

Jump Paris 'Wheel Aboard' trolley case  
valued at \$329.95

Entertainment Book 2017/2018  
valued at \$70

St Mary McKillop framed picture

Framed original paintings

Enquiries: Lea Crosby 8263 8377

Thank you  
East Timor Committee

### REACH OUT GROUP

Tuesday, 25th July, 2017  
9.15am Mass at St John XXIII

Reader: Mary M  
Offertory: Margaret E & Jos  
Communion: Pam R & Pat H  
Altar Server: Ian

*All Welcome*

### **PLEASE NOTE**

***There will be no Reach Out Meeting this week due to a Deanery Meeting***



### DEVELOPMENT FUND 2017

Congratulations Pat Collins  
No. 9

Drawn by Patricia Ross  
Contact: Marg Dolman 8264 1317  
to be included in the draw.

### **Happy Birthday July Babies**

26th Emil Mathew Mathew  
27th David North  
29th Mark O'Reilly  
30th Jenny O'Neill, Katherine Lee



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



**Your vocation can provide sustainable solutions to global poverty**

Catholic Bishops in Timor Leste are seeking mentors to assist build on the strengths of their personnel in dioceses, schools, clinics and important community organisations. Palms Australia, who have recruited Australian Catholics to meet the request of communities in various countries for over 56 years, will help you get there.

If you first need an insight into the life and work of Palms volunteers you can **join a 13-day cross-cultural Encounter experience** starting on **September 24<sup>th</sup>**. The Encounter will also provide an insight into the daily life of Timorese culture and an understanding of sustainable approaches to development. We have more information on the notice board. You can also **call Roger during business hours on 02 9560 5333** or email [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au).

**PLEASE NOTE**

**Please make sure if you are the last to leave the church/hall at St John XXIII or 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/hall.**  
**Thank you.**

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH PIETY STALL**

Handcrafted Rosary beads now in stock, beautifully made. Real crystal beads.  
 Only \$30.00

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

***CHILDREN'S PRAYER***

**THANK YOU, JESUS, FOR THEM ALL**

Round this table, here to pray  
 First we thank you for the day  
 For our family and our friends  
 Gifts of grace that heaven lends  
 Living water, daily bread  
 Countless blessings our God sends  
 Thank you, Jesus, for them all  
 For the great ones and the small  
 When we're happy, when we're sad  
 On the good days and the bad  
 We are grateful, we are glad.  
 Amen.



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**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.**



**STAMPS AND DRINK CAN RING PULLS**

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

Anne-Michelle & Olive.