



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

17th September 2017
24th 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

Mon	18th Sept	Legion of Mary (Jnr) & R.E.	4pm - 5pm	Holy Trinity
Tue	19th Sept	Legion of Mary	12.30pm - 1.30pm	Holy Trinity
Wed	20th Sept	Legion of Mary	7.30pm	Holy Trinity
Wed	20th Sept	Sacramental Program	7pm	St John XXIII
Thurs	21st Sept	Christian Meditation	2pm - 3pm	St John XXIII
Fri	22nd Sept	Holy Hour	3pm	Holy Trinity
Sun	24th Sept	Divine Mercy	3pm	Holy Trinity

OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

Mon	18th Sept	Bowls	1pm - 3.30pm	St John XXIII
Tue	19th Sept	Reach Out Group	9.45am	St John XXIII
Tue	19th Sept	Parish Pastoral Council	7pm	St John XXIII
Wed	20th Sept	Seniors Social Club	1pm - 3.30pm	Holy Trinity
Fri	22nd Sept	Craft Group	9.30am - 12pm	St John XXIII
Fri	22nd Sept	Ukele Concert	7pm	St John XXIII
Sat	23rd Sept	Garden Group	9.00am - 12pm	St John XXIII

"It is in Pardoning that We are Pardoned."

The gospel for this 24th Sunday reminds us of the path to forgiveness, mercy and reconciliation and challenges us to walk this, the only Way to Life. Peter asked Jesus how often he ought to forgive his brother, and then answered his own question by suggesting that he should forgive seven times. It was the Rabbinic teaching that a man must forgive his brother three times. The Biblical proof for this



was taken from the first and second chapters of Amos where we find a series of condemnations on the various nations for three transgressions (Am.1:3, 6, 9; Am.1:11, 13; Am.2:1, 4, 6). From this it was deduced that God's forgiveness extends to three offenses, and that He visits the sinner with punishment at the fourth. Peter expected to be warmly commended for going more than the double. But Jesus' answer was that the Christian must forgive "seventy times seven times." In other words, there is no reckonable limit to forgiveness.

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In the parable that followed, the first servant owed his master 10,000 talents, an incredible debt. 10,000 was the highest number used in reckoning, and the talent was the largest currency unit of the time. The modern equivalent would be about ten million dollars! We are told that this was an amount equivalent to 15 years of wages to a labourer in that day. The first servant would have taken 15 years to pay off the debt while the other only, three months of work. What Jesus means is that this man was hopelessly indebted. The accumulated sum of all our offenses makes us greater debtors before God than the first debtor in the story. But God is ready to forgive us unconditionally. The sum total of all the offenses which our brothers and sisters commit against us is equivalent to the small debt of the second debtor in the parable, namely 100 denarii, one denarius being "the normal daily wage for a labourer". 100 denarii could have been carried in a pocket, and it was one five-hundred thousandth of the debt which the first servant owed. Our own merciless behaviour towards our fellow human beings is both shocking and sad; it resembles that of the forgiven first servant who turned toward his fellow servant in the same household and refused to forgive a much smaller debt. The moral of Jesus' story is that members of the community must treat one another as God has treated each of us. Here is a Divine call to throw away the calculator when it comes to forgiveness. We must choose the more honourable path and forgive one another "from the heart." Jesus' instruction echoes Lv. 19:17: "You shall not hate your brother in your heart. . . you shall love your neighbour as yourself." We have been forgiven a debt which is beyond all paying and, if that is so, we must forgive others as God has forgiven us. Otherwise, we cannot hope to expect any mercy. Having experienced forgiveness at the hands of God and God's people, we are then called to make it possible for others to experience it. Our ability to forgive is the measure of the depth of our Christianity. The forgiveness that we offer others is the indispensable condition which makes it possible for us to receive God's forgiveness and to pray meaningfully: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Let us remember St. Francis of Assisi's prayer: "It is in pardoning that we are pardoned."

FR. MANU KUMBIDIYAMACKAL

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The next meeting for the Parish Pastoral Council is on the 19th September at St John XXIII Meeting Room at 7pm.

DIVINE MERCY

The next Divine Mercy Eucharistic Adoration will be on Sunday, 24th September at 3pm at Holy Trinity Church.



Readings for 17th September 2017

1st Reading :Is 59:6-9
2nd Reading :Phil 1:20-24. 27
Gospel :Matthew 20:1-16

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

19th St Januarius
20th St Andrew Kim Tae-gön,
St Paul Chöng Ha-sang
21st St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
23rd St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

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:

Ken Robinson, Neil Mc Peake, Johanna Van Balen, Pat Collins, Graham Armstrong, Mary Redmond, Graham Speed, Marlen Piineda, David Truman, Bruce Mc Andie, Rosa Maria Santos, Sean Molloy, Betty Roper, Imperia De Ionno, Julie Reimann, Imelda Schulz, Maddison Calleja, Janice Forrester, Ray Zielonka, 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

Von Lyons, Annie McGee, Betty Duigan

Sacramental Preparation



PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: THE INQUIRY NIGHTS FOR THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2018

For any children in Grade Three onwards who are ready to receive Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist, Sacraments Information night will be held at:

St John XXIII on Wednesday 20th September at 7 p.m.

Please contact Jen O'Neill at the Parish Office:

8264 7590 or 8264 7093

email: paramodcath@adam.com.au



Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities 2017 Appeal

September is Catholic Charities Month. Information brochures including a tear off envelope are available at each Mass Centre, for those who wish to donate in this way. These envelopes can be placed on the collection plate at any weekend Mass during September.

Our Special Collection for Catholic Charities will take place next weekend, 23rd/24th September.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is kind and merciful: slow to anger and rich in compassion.

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

We had some respite this week with only 1 call [2 adults] needing food.

Our pantry needs this week at St. John XXIII are:
Tinned fruit; Tea bags, 50 size; & Tinned beetroot.

Thank you for your generosity. God Bless.

REACH OUT GROUP

Tuesday, 19th September, 2017
9.15am Mass at St John XXIII

Reader: Raphael
Offertory: Anne H & Margaret E
Communion: Pat H & Pam R
Altar Server: Leo

All Welcome



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2017

Congratulations Doug Tilley
No 99

Drawn by Joan Penny for Marg Penny
Contact: Marg Dolman 8264 1317
to be included in the draw.

Happy Birthday September Babies

18th Danielle Ellis
19th Joan Norris
20th John Cherry, Meredith Knowles, Michelle Javier,
Eric Cruz
24th Sean Conlon, Gary Staker



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.

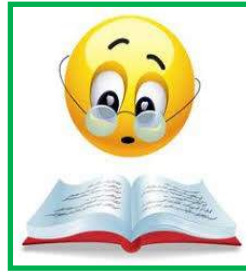
We need Volunteers to keep "Vinnies"
going in the Para Hills Area.

God Bless

Committee Para Hills Conference

Memorial Mass

On Friday the 27th October
2017 at St John XXIII
we will be holding our
Annual Memorial Mass
Starting at 7.30pm,
followed by a shared supper
All Parishioners Welcome.



UKES4CHARITY

Friday 22nd September, 2017

Time: 7pm

Price: \$7.00 which includes

Light Supper - NO BYO

Where: St John XXIII Church

50 Reservoir Road, Hope Valley.

Ticket: Jack 8265 1958 or Parish Office 8264 7590



Community Garden

Welcome all to the Community
Garden, our next gathering is on the
23rd September 9.30am to 12noon
St John XXIII Mass Centre.

We are now meeting every 2 Weeks!

Grandparents if you are babysitting
grandchildren bring them along.

Don't forget gloves etc.



CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Prayer for Trust in Jesus

O Christ Jesus,
when all is darkness
and we feel our weakness and helplessness,
give us the sense of Your presence,
Your love, and Your strength.
Help us to have perfect trust
in Your protecting love
and strengthening power,
so that nothing may frighten or worry us,
for, living close to You,
we shall see Your hand,
Your purpose, Your will through all things.
--- St. Ignatius of Loyola

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you, Alleluia!**

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



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—17th SEPTEMBER
after 10AM MASSES

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

Koalas Crossing



Please be aware that several sightings have been made of koalas crossing Reservoir Road including near the car park entrance to St John XXIII Mass Centre. The koalas are mainly seen in the section

between Grand Junction Road and the creek line at the rear of Modbury Hospital. They are usually seen from dusk and into the evening. The koalas are not concerned about traffic and are often seen sitting on the white lines in the middle of roads.

If you come across a koala in this area, you can contact Fauna Rescue Koala hotline 7226 0017.

STAMPS AND DRINK CAN RING PULLS

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

Anne-Michelle & Olive.



PUT THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY



The Modbury St Vincent de Paul Conference is hosting a musical evening by:

The South Australian
Police Band

On Friday 20th October 2017
at St. John XXIII Parish Centre.

Tickets will be on sale after Mass
Next weekend.

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR
MORE DETAILS

MISSING RUMMY-O GAME

Would the person who has taken the box of Rummy-O from the cupboard in the Store Room, in the Hall at Holy Trinity please return it as soon as possible.
Thank you



THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The September edition of the Southern Cross is now available. Only \$2
Please Support Your Catholic Newspaper

PLEASE NOTE

Please make sure if you are the last to leave the church/hall at St John XXIII or Holy Trinity,
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.

CHUCKLE CORNER



A man checked into a hotel for the first time in his life, and goes up to his room.

Five minutes later he called the reception desk and said:
'You've given me a room with no exit. How do I leave?'

The desk clerk said,

'Sir, that's absurd. Have you looked for the door?'

The man said,

'Well, there are three doors! One door leads to the bathroom. There's a second door that goes into the closet. And there's a door I haven't tried, but it has a "Do Not Disturb" sign on it.'