



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

**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



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	13th March	Lenten Bible Study	7pm	St John XXIII
Mon	13th March	St Vinnies Meeting (Para Hills)	7pm	Holy Trinity
Tues	14th March	St Vinnies Meeting (Para Hills)	7pm	Holy Trinity
Wed	15th March	Legion of Mary	7.30pm	Holy Trinity
Thurs	16th March	Christian Meditation	2pm - 3pm	St John XXIII
Fri	17th March	Holy Hour	3pm - 4pm	Holy Trinity
Fri	17th March	Children's Reconciliation	7pm	St John XXIII
Fri	17th March	Stations of the Cross	7pm	Holy Trinity

OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

Mon	13th March	East Timor/Maliana Meeting	7.15pm	St John XXIII
Tue	14th March	Reach Out	9.45am	St John XXIII
Tue	14th March	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7pm	St John XXIII
Wed	15th March	Seniors Social Club	1pm - 3.30pm	Holy Trinity
Fri	17th March	Craft Group	9.30am - 12pm	St John XXIII
Sat	18th March	Garden Group	9am - 12 noon	St John XXIII
Sat	18th March	Chicken & Salad Night	7pm	St John XXIII

Lent: A Call to Transformation

Fast  *Give*  The common theme of today's Liturgy of the Word is transformation. The first reading presents the change or transformation of the patriarch Abram from a pagan tribesman into a man of Faith in one God and the father of God's chosen people, Israel, and later the transformation of his name from Abram to Abraham. The second reading, taken from St. Paul's second letter to Timothy, explains the type of Lenten life-transformation expected of us. We should be ready to bear hardship for the Gospel and be thankful to God for our call to holiness, not trusting in our own merits but in the grace of God. Today's Gospel describes Jesus' Transfiguration during prayer on a mountain. Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain reminds us that the way of the cross leads to Resurrection and eternal life and that the purpose of Lent is to help us better to enter into those mysteries.

Prepare  *Pray* 

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The primary purpose of Jesus' Transfiguration was to consult his Heavenly Father in order to ascertain His plan for Our Lord's suffering, death and Resurrection. The secondary aim was to make his chosen disciples aware of His Divine glory, so that they might discard their worldly ambitions about a conquering political Messiah. A third purpose was to strengthen their Faith and hope and to encourage them to persevere through the future ordeal at the time of the passion and crucifixion of Jesus.

During the Transfiguration Moses and Elijah appear and this has a great significance. These representatives of the Law (Moses) and the Prophets (Elijah), foreshadowed Jesus who is the culmination of the Law and the Prophets. Both of them were initially rejected by the people but were vindicated by God. The Jews believed that these men did not die because God Himself took Moses (Dt 34:5-6), and Elijah was carried to heaven in a whirlwind (II Kgs 2:11). So, the implication is that although God spared Moses and Elijah from the normal process of death, He did not spare His Son. The book of Exodus describes how God spoke to Moses at Mount Sinai from the Cloud. God often made appearances in a cloud (Ex 24:15-17; 13:21-22; 34:5; 40:34; 1 Kgs 8:10-11). I Kgs 8:10 tells us how, by the cover of a cloud, God revealed His presence in the Ark of the Covenant and in the Temple of Jerusalem on the day of its dedication. The Jews generally believed that the phenomenon of the Cloud would be repeated when the Messiah arrived. God the Father, Moses and Elijah approved the plan regarding Jesus' suffering, death and Resurrection. God's words from the Cloud: "This is my Son, the Beloved; with Him I am well pleased; listen to Him," are the same words used by God at Jesus' baptism (3:17). They summarise the meaning of the Transfiguration: on this mountain, God reveals Jesus as His Son -- His beloved -- the One in Whom He is well pleased and to Whom we must listen. Transfiguration experience of the apostles is a reminder to each one of us as well. It makes us aware of the fact that we too need these 'mountain-top' experiences in our own lives. We can share experiences like those of Peter, James and John when we spend some extra time in prayer during Lent. In each Holy Mass our offering of bread and wine becomes the Body and Blood of Jesus under the appearances of bread and wine. Hence, just as Jesus' Transfiguration strengthened the Apostles in their time of trial, each Holy Mass should be our source of Heavenly strength against our own temptations and our source for the renewal of our lives during Lent. In addition, communion with Jesus in prayer and in the Eucharist, should be a source of daily transformation of both our minds and hearts. We must also be transformed by becoming more humble and selfless, sharing love, compassion and forgiveness with others.

FR MANU KUMBIDIYAMACKAL



Readings for 19th March 2017
1st Reading :Exodus 17:3-7
2nd Reading :Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
Gospel :John 4:5-42

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

17th St Patrick
18th St Cyril of Jerusalem

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:**

Marlen Piineda, David Truman, Julie Tilley, Bruce Mc Andie, Rosa Maria Santos, Sean Molloy, Ros Glastonbury, Myles Mahony, Betty Roper, Les Ost, 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

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.**

PLEASE NOTE

**EXTRA MASS DURING LENT
MASS AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH ON EVERY
THURSDAY MORNING AT 9.15AM, DURING LENT,
UNTIL 6TH APRIL.**



PLEASE NOTE

**THERE WILL BE NO MASS
CELEBRATED
AT THE MODBURY HOSPITAL
ON 16TH MARCH 2017**

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Reconciliation 7pm, Friday 17th March
at St John XXIII. We ask our Parish
Community to pray for the children as they
are receiving the
Sacrament of Reconciliation



RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you .



ST VINCENT DE PAUL
 HQ: 1300 729 202 from 9.00am — 1.00pm
 or 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*

Five calls for assistance this week with 9 Adults and 9 Children all needing assistance with Food and 1 requiring Furniture as well. When visiting we are "The Church" to those we assist, we do so without judgement, and hopefully leave them feeling someone cares enough to help them in their time of need.

Our Pantry needs this week at St John XXIII are:
 Milk, Sugar and Tinned Peas.

Our Grateful Thanks to you all. God Bless.

REACH OUT GROUP

Tuesday, 14th March, 2017
 9.15am Mass at St John XXIII

Reader: Jos
 Offertory: Raphael & Irene
 Communion: Maureen F & Pat H
 Altar Server: Leo

All welcome



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2017

Congratulations Grace Healey
 No.70

Drawn by Susan Barnett for
 Margaret Penney

Contact: Marg Dolman 8264 1317
 to be included in the draw.

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.

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".

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL
 PARA HILLS CONFERENCE**



A big Thank you to Peter Cooper for his help in supplying his car, trailer and labour in helping me to supply some furniture to a client.

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



In Timor-Leste, Martina was driven from her home by domestic violence. The Protection Program connected her with livelihood training opportunities, offering the chance to afford education for her eight children and a safe life in a supportive community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help empower women in Timor-Leste to recover from domestic violence, develop sustainable livelihoods, and lead a life of dignity.

PLEASE NOTE

**Please make sure if you are in the church at St John XXIII, 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.



THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK

A few copies of The Little Black Book for the season of Lent are still available at the Parish Office, only \$4.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
 this is my Beloved Son, hear Him.**

Chicken & Salad Night

18th March 2017 at St John XXIII

Mass Centre

Entertainment by *Jack's Uk*s

Handmade jewellery from East Timor
will be for sale.

Come along and join in the fun.

Don't forget to book and pay after Mass.

Hope to see you there -

Parish East Timor committee

MAD MARCH FAIR ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Saturday, 25th March, 2017

10am - 4pm on the School Oval,
4 Carignane Street, Wynn Vale.

Our Parish will be having a table at the Fair.

We will be selling Fresh Produce (please contact Catherine Kerslake regarding this), Jams & Chutney, if anyone would like to make Jam or Chutney for the stall it would be very much appreciated please contact Catherine Kerslake on: 0429 096 859 for more details. Money raised for the stall will be going towards our Parish.

Please leave items at the Parish Office on Friday, 24th March between 9am—2pm.

LENTEN COMMUNITY DAY

"STATIONS OF THE CROSS"

Sister Joan Mary Tapor CP will lead us on our Reflections of "THE SACRED GARDEN"

At the Glen Osmond Monastery

15 Cross Road, Urrbrae

In the Sebastian Room, behind St Paul Church.

On Saturday 25th March 2017

11am-3.30pm

A wonderful way to spend a quiet time with God away from our busy everyday lives.

Please bring lunch to share, and chat.

Free tea and coffee. Bookstall available. For details please see Notice Board.

Or phone Ken/Rita on: 8265 2522

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/>

Happy Birthday March Babies

14th Gaetana Grima
16th Joe Viceban
17th Conal Almeida, Lotte Gisi
18th Paul Gallagher
19th Anne Valentine



Community Garden

Welcome all to the Community Garden, our next gathering is on the 18th March 9am to 12 noon.

St John XXIII Mass Centre,
Grandparents if you are babysitting grandchildren bring them along.
Don't forget gloves etc.

KIDS CORNER

Our Lord Jesus, we ask at this time of Lent, that you send your mercy on each of us. We ask for your strength in our weak moments. Pour down your blessings on us your children, we thank you Jesus for being our living hope in this world.

Amen.



Married Couples – Autumn Weekend Getaway

If you'd like to make your marriage even more special than it already is, spend a few minutes to find out how you can cosy up together and experience a WWME autumn weekend getaway on May 26-28 2017 at St Francis Winery, Old Reynella. For more information

call Joy & Charlie on: 0437388513 or email marriagecountersa@gmail.com.

Alternatively, visit wwme.org.au and apply online today.

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.

STATIONS of the CROSS

Legion of Mary will be leading the Stations of the Cross on Friday Nights during Lent at HOLY TRINITY Church at 7-00pm