



PARA HILLS MODBURY CATHOLIC PARISH

Parish Team

FR MANU KUMBIDIYAMACKAL MSFS
(PARISH PRIEST)

JEN O'NEILL
(Pastoral Associate)

SINDI KINLOCH
(Parish Assistant)

PAULINE LAI
(Finance Officer)

JILL BROKENSHA
(Secretary)

Parish Admin Office

50 Reservoir Rd, Hope Valley 5090
Ph: 8264 7590 or 8264 7093

Email:

office@paramodcath.com.au
bulletin@paramodcath.com.au

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
Carignano 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

3rd December 2017
1st Sunday of Advent - Year B Violet

Bulletin Vol.14
Issue 46

**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 | 4th | Dec | Legion of Mary (Jnr) & R.E. | 4pm - 5pm | Holy Trinity |
| Tue | 5th | Dec | Legion of Mary | 12.30pm - 1.30pm | Holy Trinity |
| Wed | 6th | Dec | Legion of Mary | 7.30pm | Holy Trinity |
| Thur | 7th | Dec | Christian Meditation | 2pm | St John XXIII |
| Sat | 9th | Dec | Sacramental Program | 4pm | St John XXIII |

OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

| | | | | | |
|------------|------------|------------|---------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Mon | 4th | Dec | Bowls | 1pm - 3.30pm | St John XXIII |
| Tue | 5th | Dec | Reach Out Group | 9.45am | St John XXIII |
| Tue | 5th | Dec | Liturgy Committee | 7pm | St John XXIII |
| Wed | 6th | Dec | Seniors Social Club | 1pm - 3.30pm | Holy Trinity |
| Fri | 8th | Dec | Craft Group | 9.30am - 12pm | St John XXIII |
| Sat | 9th | Dec | Treasure Market | 8am - 12pm | St John XXIII |
| Sat | 9th | Dec | Garden Group | 9am - 12pm | St John XXIII |

YEAR OF YOUTH



The Australian Bishops have identified the liturgical year of 2018, beginning on The First Sunday of Advent (3rd December 2017), as a national Year of Youth. The Year of Youth invites the Church into prayerful discernment about the importance and life-giving presence of young people in the local Church and society. It calls for dialogue and active engagement focused on the reconnection and renewal of a new generation of young people in the life of the Church.

The aim for the Year of Youth is to join together with the goals of Anointed and Sent: an Australian vision for catholic youth ministry provide a rich framework and challenges local faith communities to explore new horizons as they accompany young people into maturity.

The national launch for Year of Youth will be held in Sydney, at the Australian Catholic Youth Festival, 7th-9th December.

Local Parishes inaugurate the Year of Youth this Weekend.

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel!"

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel!" This familiar hymn reminds the church of the season of Advent, a time traditionally marked for remembering the years of preparation and consecration prior to the coming of the Messiah. For many centuries, the Church has identified the beginning of the Christmas celebration with a time of reflection and expectation called Advent. Advent is the season four weeks before Christmas in which we prepare for the coming of Christ. Advent is the period of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus and its name comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means "coming". The season also celebrates Christ's anticipated coming again in the fullness of time to rule triumphantly over life in heaven and earth. And because the season emphasises Christ's comings and not just his birth, it's more than just a time to get ready for Christmas. The season of Advent came into being toward the middle of the sixth century. At first, the Advent Season was determined as the six Sundays leading up to Christmas. This was then reduced to four Sundays by Pope St. Gregory the Great (591-604). Before the seventh century, Christmas was a secondary feast, especially in Rome, but as it came to take on more and more importance, the season of Advent also evolved in a similar manner. Advent became more solemn and its orientation changed. From just being a time to prepare for Christmas, it became a time to look to the glorious return of the Lord and now the Sunday's of Advent reflect this double perspective of waiting for the Second Coming of Jesus (First and Second Sundays) and the immediate preparation for the feast of Christmas (Third and Fourth Sundays). The Roman Catholic Church summarises Advent by saying, "When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present the ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for, by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviour's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for His Second Coming." God's first intervention within our history came not in the form of some instant or earth shattering event, but instead God chose to come into the world as we all do, to be born as a baby in the midst of a chaotic world. God did not choose the easy answer or the quick fix. But by His earthly incarnation He demonstrates a total commitment to the very core of humanity. A commitment, to its day by day routines and challenges, a commitment to humanity from the cradle to the grave and beyond. And in that same incarnational way, God comes to us day by day, through the working of the Spirit, through His Word and Sacrament, making the ordinary extraordinary; making the broken whole; and redeeming and restoring the past, present and future, whatever they hold. We should not spend our time worrying about the timing of God's arrival or about the distraction of what might happen in the meantime. God's reign has already broken into our world through the incarnation, death and resurrection of Christ. We are to remain watchful, and aware, and to be prepared for the final coming. In this Advent season, may we be even more encouraged, hopeful, and purposeful, looking with passion for the second Advent of the Lord Jesus Christ. May our lives, our thoughts, and our words reflect our desire for the soon-coming return of Jesus, our glorious King!

FR MANU KUMBIDIYAMACKAL

Readings for 10th December 2017

1st Reading Isaiah 40:1 - 5. 9 - 11

2nd Reading :Peter 3: 8 - 14

Gospel :Mark 1:1 - 8

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

| | |
|-----|---|
| 4th | St John Damascene |
| 6th | St Nicholas |
| 7th | St Ambrose |
| 8th | The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| 9th | St Juan Diego |

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:**

Clem Kenny, Phyllis Anthony, Annmarie Thile, Pam Ridley, Rita Lockyer, Michael Pritchard, James Le-Roux, Randal Dunn, John MacGrath, Ken Robinson, Neil Mc Peake, 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, Marie Boulton, Sr. Marleen Dewar OLSH, Kay Kennedy, 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.

Feast of The Immaculate Conception



Friday 8th December 2016
The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered at Holy Trinity Para Hills at 8.30am Adoration 9.15am Mass

Anointing of the Sick

We will have the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick on the following dates:



**Tuesday 12th December at St John XXIII
at 9.15am.**

**Friday 15th December at Holy Trinity Church
Adoration at 8.30am Mass at 9.15am**
Parishioners, 65 years and upwards would be prime candidates but obviously younger people who may have health issues, be they physical, emotional etc., may like to present themselves also. If you are younger and there is nothing really of concern, you don't need to receive the Sacrament of Anointing at present.

If there are people at home who require anointing but not able to attend, please call the office to arrange a visit from Fr Manu.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

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



REACH OUT GROUP

Tuesday, 5th December, 2017
9.15am Mass at St John XXIII

Reader: Mary M
Offertory: Judy & Ian
Communion: Maureen K & Pat H
Altar Server: Leo



**After the 9.15am Mass on December the 5th
we will be entertained by
"The Multicultural Melodies Choir".
All Welcome**



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2017
Congratulations Sindi Kinloch

No 36

Drawn by Dud Dolman for Gwen Barry
Contact: Marg Dolman 8264 1317
to be included in the draw.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

*Sacramental
Preparation*



Our next Sacramental Workshop
will be on next Saturday
9th December at 4pm
at St John XXIII.

We ask our Parish Community to
pray for the children as they
prepare to receive the
Sacraments of Reconciliation,
Confirmation and First Eucharist

Happy Birthday December Babies

4th John Dini Junior
5th Delice Regan
7th Patricia Collins
10th Rosalind Lucy Bell



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH - HOUR OF GRACE

"The Hour of Grace" on
Friday December 8th 2017
It will be at: Holy Trinity Church Para Hills
From: 12.00 Noon – 1.00pm

*Many graces are given to those who spend 1 hour
with Our Blessed Mother to pray for Priests,
Her beloved sons.*

***"O Mary, conceived without sin,
pray for us who have recourse to Thee"***

November



The Month of Remembrance

November is the month when we as the church
remember those of our family, friends
and parishioners who have died.

We especially remember those who have gone to
their heavenly reward this past year.

**During November Fr Manu will pray and offer up intentions
for the beloved deceased family and friends of:**

Vivian Noah, Ian & Judy Dalwood, The Spiteri Family,
Maria Rocker, John Caruana, Wei Xia.

*"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be
freed from their sins." 11 Machabees 12:46*

Sacristans wanted – St John XXIII

Do you ever wonder how the altar is prepared and ready
for us as we arrive to celebrate Mass? As
humans we can be very unobservant. We come to and
go from our celebration of the Eucharist without
realising what goes on behind the scenes. Sadly, our
band of 4 volunteers has dwindled to 2 so we are
hoping that this request may boost numbers. You would
be required to arrive approx. 20 minutes before 6.00pm
Saturday Mass to prepare and then allow
10-15 minutes after to re-set for Sunday morning Mass..
Training and support will be given.

*Please contact (Jen O'Neill 8264 7590) or
(Marg Whennan 8251 1577) for further information*

The Blessing of the Crib

Have you got a Nativity Scene?

Bring it along for a special blessing!

The Cribbs will be blessed on
Saturday Night, 16th December and
Sunday 17th December.

All families are warmly invited!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LEADERS

We are in need of Religious Education Leaders
if you would like to become a
Religious Education Leader,
training will be given to you.

Come and join our Parish RE Team please
contact: Jen O'Neill on: 8264 7590

CHRISTMAS MASS MINISTRY

Please place your Name and Christmas Mass
Time you wish to attend on the Sign Up Sheet
at the back of both churches.



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation Alleluia!**

TREASURE MARKET

Second Saturday of each month
8am to 12noon

Next: 9th December 2017
St John XXIII Centre

Sellers \$10—Buyers free!

PLEASE SEND SMALLER GOODS OUR WAY,
THEY CAN BE LEFT ON THE SHELVES IN THE

MARKET WALKWAY

OR IN THE BOX AT THE BACK OF ST JOHN XXIII
CHURCH, ALSO IN A BOX IN THE CRY ROOM
AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.

All monies raised from the Market
are donated to the Parish.

WE CAN NO LONGER ACCEPT LARGE ITEMS SUCH AS TVs,
MATTRESSES, SOFAS, LOUNGE CHAIRS &
WARDROBES AS WE ARE NOT ABLE TO SELL THEM.

Children's Prayer

Lord Jesus, help us to live as you taught us, with our
lives filled with love and goodness, so that we will be
ready to greet you when you come in glory. Amen



Christmas is coming

Come and be apart of The Nativity Play.

If there are any children between the ages of
4 to 12 years of age that would like to be in the
Nativity of the Lord we are practicing on

Monday 11th Dec 4-5.30pm

Monday 18th Dec 4-5pm

Friday 22nd Dec 4-5pm

At the Holy Trinity Church.

Join in the fun.

Please Phyllis Truman: 8263 9416 or

Jen O'Neill: 8264 7590



Break Up Party

On the 11th December we are having a Break Up
Party at Holy Trinity Church in the Hall commencing
at 4pm - 5.30pm

For all Altar servers, RE Children, Youth Readers and
Choir Members are all welcome to come along and join
in the fun and eat lots of lovely food.

Could you please contact

Phyllis Truman: 8263 9416 or

Jen O'Neill: 8264 7590

by 8th Dec

Community Garden

Our next gathering is on the
9th December 9am to 12noon at
St John XXIII Mass Centre.

PLEASE NOTE

There will be no flowers during Advent,
all donations will go towards the
Christmas arrangements.



BOOKINGS FOR 2018 DIARY DATES IN THE PARISH

Please send in your Diary Dates for 2018
to the Parish Office

NO LATER THAN 13TH DECEMBER.

*Parish Groups who do not send in their
dates for 2018 will **NOT** be booked
in the Diary.*

Thank you to all the groups who have sent their
diary dates in to me so far.

You can send by email or drop into the
Parish Office, Tuesday - Friday 9am - 2pm.

Email: bulletin@paramodcath.com.au
Thank you.

Jill Brokensha
Parish Secretary

OFFICE CLOSURE

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED FROM THURSDAY
21ST DECEMBER 2017.

THE OFFICE WILL REOPEN:
TUESDAY THE 16TH
JANUARY 2018.

