



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 December 2017
3rd Sunday of Advent - Year B Rose

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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**

MASS TIMES

**HOLY TRINITY
Para Hills**

Monday 9.15am
Tuesday 9.15am
Saturday 6pm
Sunday 8am



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

Tue	19th Dec	Legion of Mary	12.30pm - 1.30pm	Holy Trinity
Wed	20th Dec	Legion of Mary	7.30pm	Holy Trinity
Thur	21st Dec	Christian Meditation	2pm	St John XXIII

OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

Mon	18th Dec	Bowls	1pm - 3.30pm	St John XXIII
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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve - Sunday 24th December

6.30pm - Family Mass at Holy Trinity

8.30pm - Mass at St John XXIII

MIDNIGHT MASS at St John XXIII

Christmas Day - Monday 25th December

9am Mass at Holy Trinity

9am Mass at St John XXIII



OFFICE HOURS CHRISTMAS WEEK

MONDAY	18TH DECEMBER	CLOSED
TUESDAY	19TH DECEMBER	9am - 2pm
WEDNESDAY	20TH DECEMBER	9am - 2pm
THURSDAY	21ST DECEMBER	CLOSED
FRIDAY	22ND DECEMBER	CLOSED



OFFICE WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY 16TH JANUARY 2018

OUR PARISH WEBSITE: <http://paramodcath.com.au>
ARCHDIOCESE WEBSITE: www.adelaide.catholic.org.au

Rejoice in the Lord Always

The third Sunday of Advent is called "Gaudete Sunday" because the Mass for today (in its original Latin text), begins with the opening antiphon: "Gaudete in Domino semper" --"Rejoice in the Lord always." To remind ourselves that we are preparing for the very joyful occasion of the birth of Jesus, we light the rose candle, and the priest may wear rose vestments. The common theme of the day's Scripture readings is one of joy and encouragement. The readings for the third Sunday of Advent remind us that the coming of Jesus, past, present and future, is the reason for our rejoicing. The first reading tells us that we should rejoice because the promised Messiah is coming as our Saviour and liberator, saving us by liberating us from our bondages. The Responsorial Psalm of the day is taken from Mary's Magnificat, in which she exclaims: "My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit finds joy in God my Saviour." Paul, in the second reading, advises us to "rejoice always" by leading blameless, holy and thankful lives guided by the Holy Spirit, because Christ is faithful to his promise that he will come again to reward us. Today's Gospel tells us that John the Baptizer came as a witness to testify to the Light, i.e., Jesus. The coming of Jesus, the Light, into the world is cause for rejoicing as he removes darkness from the world. "A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the Light. John the Baptizer demonstrates what it means to bear witness to Jesus. The idea that the Baptizer came as a witness to testify to the Light (Jesus), is found only in the Gospel of John. According to John, Jesus is the Light of the world (John 8:12). Just as the dawn of each new day brings joy, the coming of Jesus, the Light of the world, causes us to rejoice. We, the Church, are called to bear witness to Christ by word and deed, in good times and bad; when it suits us and when it doesn't. The witness of the Church, ironically, has often been more faithful under persecution than under prosperity. We need to be messengers who point out Christ to others, just as John did. John the Baptist's role as a joyful witness prepared the way for Jesus. John also provides an example for us because our vocation as Christians is to bear "witness" to Christ by our transparent Christian lives. Jesus said: "You are the light of the world." Hence, our mission as brothers and sisters of Christ and members of His Church is to reflect Christ's Light to others. It is especially important during the Advent season that we reflect Christ's unconditional love and forgiveness. There are too many people who live in darkness and poverty, and who lack real freedom. There are others who are deafened and blinded by the cheap attractions of the world. Also, many feel lonely, unwanted, rejected, and marginalised. All these people are waiting for us to reflect the Light of Christ and to turn their lives into experiences of joy, wholeness and integrity. The joy of Jesus, the joy of Christmas can only be ours to the extent that we work with Jesus to bring joy into the lives of others.

FR MANU KUMBIDIYAMACKAL

Readings for 24th December 2017
1st Reading Samuel 7:1- 5. 8 - 12.14.16
2nd Reading Romans 16: 25 - 27
Gospel Luke 1:26 - 38

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

21st St Peter Canisius
23rd St John of Kanty

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:

Michael Valentine, 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.

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.



HELP

We are in need of helpers to decorate the St John XXIII Church for Christmas Celebrations on Friday 20th December commencing at 10am. Come join in the Christmas Spirit with us.



PLEASE NOTE

THERE WILL BE NO MASS CELEBRATED AT THE MODBURY HOSPITAL UNTIL 15TH FEBRUARY 2018



RESPONSORIAL PSALM: My soul rejoices in my God.

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



ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE, 2017

The Giving Tree is now finished for 2017. Members of Modbury St. Vincent de Paul wish to sincerely thank everyone for your generous giving to a worthy cause.

Once again we are overwhelmed with the amount of donations. Be assured the gifts will enable many families to have a more meaningful Christmas.

We also wish to thank the children of St. Francis School, Wynn Vale and Golden Grove Primary School for their large contribution of hamper items.

We wish you all many Blessings for this Holy Season and a Peaceful 2018

Happy Birthday December Babies

18th Michael Reilly
24th Gail Martin



SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a Special Collection at all Christmas Masses for the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry

Again this year we will be conducting the annual **Christmas Day Appeal** collection for the **Aboriginal Catholic Ministry (ACM)**. This **Christmas Day Appeal for the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry** has been an important tradition in this archdiocese, and a vital source of support for our ministry to Aboriginal people through the Otherway Centre and its services. For over 25 years ACM has been offering a welcome and a growing range of programs and services from its base at the Otherway Centre located at 80 Payneham Road, Stepney.

Archbishop Wilson asks that you continue to support this appeal generously, and that you remember the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry in your prayers and celebrations this Christmas. Your support is essential for the continued outreach of the Otherway Centre to Aboriginal people in the Archdiocese of Adelaide



TO ALL LITURGY ASSISTANTS

The New Roster is now available, please pick up the one with **YOUR NAME** on it.

The Roster runs from the weekend of 6th/7th January 2018 through to the weekend of 24th/25th March 2018.

Please arrange your own swap if unable to fulfill your Ministry when rostered, and for all other Roster information please contact Therese Meyers: 0421 533 761

PLEASE NOTE



**THERE WILL BE NO
BULLETINS PRINTED UNTIL
THE WEEK-END OF
19th/20th JANUARY 2018.**

**Please send in any
notices that need to be placed in
this first bulletin by
Tuesday 16th January 2018.**

Thank You

Jill Brokensha, Parish Secretary

BULLETIN NOTICES

The very last Bulletin for 2017 will be printed on Wednesday 20th December.

If you have any notices to be included in this final Bulletin for the year please send them in by **Monday 18th December.**

Thank You.

*Wishing you all a
Very Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year*

Jill Brokensha, Parish Secretary



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
He sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!**

Children's Prayer

Help me to do good
In the little things that I am
allowed to do
So I will know how to do good
When I am allowed to do bigger
things.



PLEASE NOTE



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

Christmas is coming

Come and be a part 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 18th Dec 4-5pm

Friday 22nd Dec 4-5pm

At the Holy Trinity Church.

Join in the fun.

Phyllis Truman: 8263 9416 or

Jen O'Neill: 8264 7590



Sacristans wanted – St John XXIII & Holy Trinity

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 or 10am Mass Sunday 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)
for further information**

DEVELOPMENT FUND 2017

Congratulations Anne-Michelle Howell
No 85

Drawn by Dymphna Reordon
Contact: Marg Dolman 8264 1317
to be included in the draw.



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

STAMPS AND DRINK CAN RING PULLS

We are only collecting Stamps and Ring Pulls
from drink cans. Thank you Anne-Michelle & Olive.



THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 24 December 2017

This week on the Journey, our Christmas Eve edition, we have our very own Bishop Peter Ingham sharing his Christmas message with us, Sr Hilda shares her Wisdom and wishes us Happy Christmas from the Nuns at Jamberoo Abbey, and during this very busy yet very Holy time, Marilyn Rodrigues, The Peaceful Parent, reminds us to Pray, Hope and Don't worry. It has been our pleasure to bring you Journey Catholic radio this year, and look forward to 2018. God Bless and Merry Christmas. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

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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



PARISH OFFICE'S NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

**Our Parish website: paramodcath.com.au
has all our new email addresses**

