



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

24th December 2017
4th Sunday of Advent - Year B Violet

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**We acknowledge the Kaurna 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)
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	26th Dec	Legion of Mary	12.30pm - 1.30pm	Holy Trinity
Wed	27th Dec	Legion of Mary	7.30pm	Holy Trinity
Thur	28th Dec	Christian Meditation	2pm	St John XXIII
Thur	28th Dec	Feast - The Holy Innocents Mass	9.15am	Holy Trinity
Sun	31st Dec	Divine Mercy	3pm	Holy Trinity

*Fr Manu,
Fr Peter, Fr Jack,
and the Office Staff
Wish You and Your
Families
All The Blessings for
Christmas*



NEW YEAR'S DAY

Mass will be celebrated at
St John XXIII at 9.15am
on the 1st January, 2018

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

Parish Week Day Masses during January

Monday	9.15am	St John XXIII
Tuesday	9.15am	St John XXIII
Wednesday	7pm	Holy Trinity
Friday	8.30am (Adoration) 9.15am	Holy Trinity
First Saturday (6th January)	9.15am	Holy Trinity

Wish you all a Blessed Christmas.....

Dear Parishioners,

Once again Christmas is at hand. I take this time to wish you and your families a happy and holy Christmas. A writer once said: "Of all the holidays there is none that enters so fully into the human heart, and stirs so many of the higher sentiments. The thoughts, memories, hopes, and customs linked with it are bound by antiquity and nationality collectively; and by childhood and old age individually. They embrace the religious, social, and patriotic sides of our nature. The holly and mistletoe entwined among the evergreens, the habit of giving gifts to those we love, the presence of the Christmas tree, the superstition of Santa Claus, all combining to make Christmas the most longed-for, the most universal, and from every standpoint, the most important holiday known to man. (Clarence Baird, "The Spirit of Christmas," *Improvement Era*, 23:154, December 1919) As we gather to celebrate Christmas, another year has passed with many events, public and private, touching our lives and those of the people in our parish in different ways, bringing Joys and sadness in different measure to each person, all colouring our memories of 2017. Despite all that traditionally we see Christmas as a time of peace and joy, a time to celebrate with family, with friends and loved ones. I do wish that your Christmas will have something of that peace, joy and celebration.

Let me, at this time of the year, thank all who give generously of their time and talents in making this Parish such an energetic, faith-filled community that it is at present. There have been so many blessings that I thank God for this past year. Thank you very much for the prayers, support, financial contributions, genuine love and concern of so many of you faithful parishioners. Special thanks to Fr Peter, Fr Jack. Thanks to Jen, Jill, Sindi and Pauline our excellent team in the parish office. Christianity is never a "spectator sport" in which we simply sit back, watch and cheer. Rather, it involves active participation and a life commitment, which I have experienced in the way you get involved in the various activities of the parish. A word of thanks to all for the greetings, gifts, prayers and support that was so personal for me as I celebrate this 5th Christmas in Australia, away from home and my homeland. Thank you for helping us along the journey. As our parish stands in need of more help in the coming years, maybe the Christmas message this year is a challenge for all of us to become more involved. It is not only a question of giving more; it is also a question of giving more of ourselves. Yes, that's what God was doing when He got involved with us and our world at Christmas. Christmas belongs to believers, to those who believe that Jesus Christ, Son of God, was born of the Virgin Mary to reconcile us to one another and to the Father. This is why He came. God will fill us with his peace if there is room in our lives for him.

May you be blessed with peace and joy this Christmas and may you enjoy a bright prosperous New Year. As we adore the Christ Child in the manger at Christmas, may we be moved by the great love and humility that God showed to us in the birth of His Son! Be assured of my daily prayers and Masses for all of you. I will be leaving for my holidays on the 29th of December and will be back on the 6th of February. Fr Peter and Fr Jack have kindly consented to do all what is required in the parish during my absence. Thanks to both of them once again. Have a blessed and peace-filled Christmas and a bright Prosperous New Year!

FR MANÚ KUMBIDIYAMACKAL

Readings for 7th January 2018

1st Reading Isaiah 60:1- 6

2nd Reading Ephesians 3: 2 - 3.5 - 6

Gospel Matthew 2:1 - 12

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

25th	The Nativity of the Lord
26th	St Stephen, The First Martyr
27th	St John, Apostle
28th	The Holy Innocents
29th	St Thomas Becket
31st	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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:

Ann Stanton, 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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will only be one Collection
at all Christmas Masses for the - A Special Collection for
the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry

PLEASE NOTE - MASS CHANGE FOR HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Please Note that there will be **NO** Saturday
Morning Mass on the 30th December 2017 and
during January, only on the First Saturday Morning
of the month.

Regular Saturday Morning Masses at Holy Trinity
Church will recommence on the 3rd February 2018

Missing in Penang Malaysia

Anna Jenkins (known as Rane) went missing in Penang 5 days ago. She went to see her mum who is terminally ill and since then has been missing. Her family is desperately seeking help. If anyone has heard from her or knows anything that may have lead to her not coming back to Australia please contact: Colleen Thomas on 0423278060.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *I will sing forever of your mercies Oh Lord.*

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



St Vincent De Paul Para Hills Conference

A Big Thank You to all the Families who placed gifts at the Giving Tree. We were able to help 51 needy families this year. Thank you to the children and families from St Francis Xavier's Primary School, Wynn Vale who helped again this year.

We wish every body a Holy Christmas and Good Health in 2018.

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

TREASURE MARKET

Second Saturday of each month
8am to 12noon

Next: 13th January 2018
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.



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2017

Congratulations Karin Gibson
No 29

Drawn by Anne-Michelle Howell

WINNER OF THE SPECIAL CHRISTMAS DRAW IS:

No. 97 Ryan Thomas
Drawn by Barbara Mathews

Thank to all who have contributed
through the year.

God Bless you and fill 2018 with Good Health,
Happiness and Love

Marg Dolman & The Development Fund Committee..

DIVINE MERCY AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

The next Divine Mercy Eucharistic Adoration will be on Sunday, 31st December at 3pm at Holy Trinity Church.



FIRST SATURDAY MASS

January 6th 2018, 9.15am

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Holy Rosary for PEACE in the world.

Commencing at 8.45am
with Acts of Consecration,
to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and
the Immaculate Heart of Mary
with the Sacrament of Penance.

Please bring a SINGLE flower
for Our Holy Mother

"In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph"
(Our Lady of Fatima 1917)



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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DECEMBER/JANUARY BABIES

- 25th Ursula Moore
- 26th Natalie Green, David Truman (Senior)
- 29th Michael Marafioti, Jamie Watkinson
- 30th Kelly Longshaw
- 31st Manuel Cruz
- 1st Christine Rogers, Susanne Orschulok, Andrew Finch
- 2nd David Truman (Jr.), Rachel Kenny
- 4th Julie Spencer
- 5th Anthony Knowles
- 6th Rebecca Lee, Mateusz Ball
- 7th Denise Palmer, Jo Dempsey
- 8th Joshua Bock
- 9th Joy Knowles
- 12th Lawrence Grima
- 13th Benjamin Rogers, Jane McConnell, Nicholas Viceban
- 16th Maureen Frost
- 17th Theresa Norris
- 21st Kevin Burke, Christine Andrew



PLEASE NOTE

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



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord;
Let it be to me according to your word. Alleluia!**

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BULLETIN DEADLINE: TUESDAY 3PM