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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

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25th March 2018
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Year B Red

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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 8.30pm
Sunday 9am



Wednesday 7pm
Thursday 7.30pm
Sunday 9am

Prayer Meetings and Devotions

**Reconciliation (Confession) Saturdays after 9.15am Mass at Holy Trinity
And 5.30pm at St John XXIII**

Mon	26th March	Legion of Mary (Jnr) & R.E.	12.30pm - 2pm	Holy Trinity
Tue	27th March	Legion of Mary	12.30pm - 2pm	Holy Trinity
Wed	28th March	Legion of Mary	7.30pm	Holy Trinity
Thur	29th March	Christian Meditation	2pm	St John XXIII

OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

Mon	26th March	Bowls	1pm - 3.30pm	St John XXIII
Tue	27th March	Reach Out	9.45pm	St John XXIII
Tue	27th March	Parish Finance Committee	7.30pm	St John XXIII
Wed	28th March	Seniors Social Club	1pm - 3.30pm	Holy Trinity

HOLY WEEK

- Tue 27th March** 2nd Form of Rite, 7pm, St Pius X,
1 Avco Street, Dernancourt.
- Thu 29th March** Holy Thursday Mass, 7.30pm,
Holy Trinity Church
NO 9.15am Mass at Holy Trinity
NO Mass at Modbury Hospital
- Fri 30th March** Good Friday, Stations of the Cross,
10am, Holy Trinity
11am, St John XXIII
Celebration of the Lord's Passion,
3pm at St John XXIII & Holy Trinity
- Sat 31st March** Vigil Mass, 8.30pm, St John XXIII
- Sun 1st April** Easter Sunday, 9am Mass
at St John XXIII & Holy Trinity



Holy Week: Celebrate the Whole Events

For the Christian, HOLY WEEK is the most important time of the year. In it we celebrate the "Paschal Mystery," the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus' death occurred at the time of Passover, when Jews celebrated their passage from slavery in Egypt through the Red Sea to freedom in their own land. Thus, the death of Christ and His resurrection have come to be understood in the church as the fulfilment of God's mighty acts to save His people. God acted decisively to rescue the people of Israel from Pharaoh's army at the Red Sea. In the death and resurrection of Jesus, God acted to save His people from sin and death.

Communication with God, which the Jewish people expected through participation in the Passover sacrifices, is fully realised by the Christian who participates sacramentally in the death and resurrection of Jesus. The liturgies during Holy Week deliberately and accurately reconstructed the final events of Jesus' life in order to re-present them in the midst of worshipping congregations.

PALM SUNDAY begins with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and then the mood reverses rapidly from acclamation to "crucify him! crucify him!" We are invited to Contemplate how the fickleness of human nature and our personal, sometimes wavering loyalty and devotion is made present before our very eyes. HOLY THURSDAY re-presents the institution of the Lord's Supper, the Eucharist, the Mass, the Divine Liturgy. In this celebration the actions of Jesus and the apostles is made present in our midst. We gather with them to hear Jesus say, "This is my Body. This is my Blood — Do this in remembrance of me." After communion the Blessed Sacrament is brought to the altar of repose, where faithful people keep watch, uniting them with Jesus' agony in the garden of Gethsemane.

All this leads to GOOD FRIDAY and the cross. Where does the Cross lie within faith in Jesus Christ? Merely a decoration? Piece of Jewellery? Wrong! The cross is the radical expression of love that gives itself completely; it is the expression of a life that is completely given for others.

In the New Testament it is not man who goes to God with a reconciling gift; but God comes to man in order to give the gift to him. "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). The treachery of Judas, the betrayal of Peter, the cruelty of the soldiers and above all, the devilish demands of the crowd: "Crucify him!" Into this Jesus is plunged. He could have avoided it but chose obedience; obedience out of love. Here is how Scripture describes that love: "Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ...and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2:5-11). Through faith we cling to him, accept his love, are lifted up by him, and conformed to his image and are thus saved.

Holy week culminates with the GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER. It is evident from the gospels that the resurrection occurred sometime during the night. The Exodus from Egypt began at night, and because of the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, Christians expected the second coming of Jesus to happen at night. Hence, the widespread custom of vigil watch services developed in the Christian community. The Great Vigil of Easter service consists of four parts: 1) Lighting of the Paschal candle, 2) Liturgy of the Word, 3) Holy Baptism, and 4) the first Eucharist of Easter. Alleluia! Christ is risen. Hence the Holy week is a single celebration spread during different days of the week. Let us make it a point to be fully participating in the whole event rather than being choosy celebrating some of it.

Fr Manu Kumbidiyamackal

Gospel for 1st April 2018

Gospel Mark 16: 1 - 7

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

30th March Friday of the Passion of the Lord

1st April The Resurrection of the Lord

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:

Selena (Rose) Quinn, Ann Stanton, Michael Valentine, Clem Kenny, Phyllis Anthony, Annmarie Thile, Pam Ridley, Rita Lockyer, Michael Pritchard, Randal Dunn, John MacGrath, Ken Robinson, Neil Mc Peake, 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.

Recently Deceased

Mary Woznitza, Damian Ozga, Guiseppe Vernillo, Terry Trainor, Margaret Hutchinson, Nilo Junn Paras

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES

There is **NO MASS** at Modbury Hospital on Holy Thursday 29th March.

Mass will **NOT** continue on Thursday Mornings at Holy Trinity Church

**OFFICE will be CLOSED
Wednesday 28th March
Reopens on the 3rd April**

Notices for the Easter Weekend Bulletin

MUST BE received at the

Parish Office no later than:

MONDAY MORNING 26th MARCH.

Training for New Altar Servers

There will be training for new altar servers who have made their Sacraments.

**On Saturday mornings at
Holy Trinity Church
Para Hills at 10am.**

Please contact Phyllis Truman on: 8263 9416 or Anne Craig on 0452 216 382 or see them on Sunday after 10am Mass.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

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



St Vincent De Paul Modbury Conference

Jesus help us set aside our reasons for judging Others. Show us how we can love them instead.

Last week we had calls from 6 families requesting food, furniture & also financial assistance. It is only through your donations & support that we are able to help these families.

Our pantry needs this week at St. John XXIII are:
Peanut butter, Jam & Tinned Carrots.

Thank you and God Bless.

REACH OUT GROUP

Tuesday 27th March, 2018
9.15am Mass at St John XXIII

Reader:
Offertory: Ian & Judy
Communion: Gwen B & Jos
Altar Server: Leo

Stations of the Cross will follow directly after the 9.15am Mass on the 27th March and it will be led by Jos.

All Welcome



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2018

Congratulations Miriam Morrison
No 92
Drawn by Pauline Lai

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARCH/APRIL BABIES

26th Ken Randell
27th Robert Javier
28th Joanne Weaver
29th Odessa Palmer, Joseph Gavini
31st Eugene Augustine, Crystal Forrester
1st Patrick North



GOOD FRIDAY

Abstinence and fasting are to be observed on Good Friday of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

The next meeting for the Parish Finance Council is on the 27th March
St John XXIII Meeting Room at 7.30pm.



FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

Divine Mercy Sunday April 8th, 2018 at Holy Trinity Church, Para Hills,
A reminder to everyone that the Feast of Divine Mercy is fast approaching. Holy Mass will be celebrated by Father David Thoroughgood on Sunday, 8th April commencing at 2pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, Reconciliation followed by Holy Mass. The Chaplet will be recited during this time also.

The blessing of the Divine Mercy image will occur before the final Blessing of the Mass and any religious items also Veneration of the Image will occur **AFTER** Holy Mass.

Trusting many will attend this special day of graces and celebration. Our Lord made a promise that everyone would gain His grace and blessings on this special day of Love and Mercy.

The Good Friday Collection Holy Places Appeal

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to the local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection. The collection is also used to maintain 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus, visited by millions of Catholics every year. Archbishop Wilson has expressed his gratitude for your generous support of the places holy to our faith.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.*

Children's Prayer

Lord Jesus Prince of Peace we pray that your peace will spread throughout our world today and touch the lives of everyone so that all of us will share your love with others. We ask this in your name, Amen



When Psyche Mae featured in Project Compassion 2008, she was living in a squatter settlement, on the edge of a giant rubbish dump outside Manila in the Philippines. Her family was forced to pick through the rubbish to sell what they could to survive. Thanks to the support of individuals and Caritas Australia, in 2018, Psyche Mae is now a young social worker, achieving her dream of helping others struggling to leave poverty behind them, with plans to study a Master's degree.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help improve the health and wellbeing of communities in the Philippines so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a just future for all.

A Just Future starts with your support! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop 2018 National Pilgrimage

The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop.

Commence in Melbourne 23 October, travel through Victoria & South Australia, conclude in Sydney 3 November 2018.

COST EX ADELAIDE: \$3,386.00 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals).

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$700.00

For further information, please contact Sr Therese Leydon 0417 683123 or Sr Annie Bond 02 89124818, or email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au.

THE SOUTHERN CROSS



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

Sacristans Needed – Holy Trinity & St John XXIII

We are seeking people willing to volunteer on a regular basis to prepare the church for the various prayer and sacramental celebrations held around the Celebration of the Eucharist and also during the week. You would be required to arrive approx. 20 minutes before Sunday Mass to prepare for the Mass. Training/Orientation will be provided.

Please contact Jen O'Neill at the Parish Office on: 8264 7590 or email: pa@paramodcath.com.au for further information

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 7th/8th April 2018 through to the weekend of 23rd/24th June 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 or the Parish Office: 8264 7590

CHUCKLE CORNER

Lasting Palm Sunday Impressions

My wife planned an activity for our two and one-half year old daughter during the week following Palm Sunday. After having her cut and paste brightly coloured construction paper coats and palm branches on a picture of Jesus riding into Jerusalem, she spread coats in our hallway, and the three of us walked over them, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" A couple of days later, we reminded Jamie that the following Sunday was Easter. "Do you know what that means?" her mother asked. "Yes!" Jamie chirped enthusiastically. "We're going to church, and Jesus is going to come and walk on our coats!"

STAY FOR A CUPPA

We will be having a cuppa after all Masses Next Weekend to Celebrate the Resurrection of The Lord. Please join us.

