



# PARA HILLS MODBURY CATHOLIC PARISH

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## 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

16th September 2018  
24th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME YEAR B - Green

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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

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 5.30pm at St John XXIII

Mon	17th Sept	Legion of Mary Jnr & R.E.	4pm	Holy Trinity
Tue	18th Sept	Legion of Mary	12.30pm - 2pm	Holy Trinity
Tue	18th Sept	Legion of Mary	6.30pm	23 Carruthers Dr Modbury North

### OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

Mon	17th Sept	Bowls	1pm	St John XXIII
Tue	18th Sept	Reach Out	9.45am	St John XXIII
Wed	19th Sept	Seniors Social Club	1pm - 3.30pm	Holy Trinity
Wed	19th Sept	Sacramental Enquiry Night	6pm	St John XXIII
Fri	21st Sept	Craft Group	9.30am - 12pm	St John XXIII
Sat	22nd Sept	Community Garden	9.30am - 12pm	St John XXIII
Sun	23rd Sept	Christian Life Program	2pm - 5pm	Holy Trinity

### Who do You Say that I am?

This Sunday we begin a series of seven Sunday Gospel readings from Mark's account of the journey of Jesus and his disciples from northern Galilee to Jerusalem. Along the way Jesus gave instructions about his identity and what it meant to follow him (discipleship). Today's Gospel explains the basis of our Faith as acceptance of Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the Living God and our Lord and Saviour. It also tells us that Christ Jesus became our Saviour by his suffering, Death and Resurrection. Finally, it outlines the three conditions of Christian discipleship, namely, denying oneself, taking up one's cross and following Jesus. Today's Gospel consists of two sections:

- 1) the Messianic confession of Peter, who acknowledged Jesus as "the Christ (Messiah,) the Son of the living God."
- 2) Jesus' prediction of his Passion, Death and Resurrection, followed by his clear teaching on the three conditions of Christian discipleship: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me."

In Matthew and Mark, Jesus asked two questions about his identity. The incident occurred at Caesarea Philippi, presently called Baniyas, twenty-five miles northeast of the Sea of Galilee. This city was founded by King Philip, the son of Herod the Great, to perpetuate his own memory and to honour the Roman emperor Caesar. The city was a great pilgrimage centre for pagans because it held temples for the Syrian gods Bal and Pan, the Roman God Zeus and a marble temple for the emperor Caesar.

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Jesus realised that if his disciples did not know who he really was, then his entire ministry, suffering and death would be useless. Hence, he decided to ask a question in two parts. The first question was "What is the public opinion?" Their answer was, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." When the people identified Jesus with Elijah and with Jeremiah they were, according to their lights, paying him a great compliment and setting him in a high place, for Jeremiah and Elijah were the expected forerunners of the Anointed One of God. When they arrived, the Kingdom would be very near indeed.

The second question: "What is your personal opinion?" For the first time in their relationship, Peter, speaking for the other disciples, declared publicly: "You are the Christ (Messiah) the Son of the living God." It is evident that Jesus was well pleased with Peter's answer. Jesus first pronounced a blessing upon Peter, the only disciple in the Gospels to receive a personal blessing. However, Jesus was quick to explain to the disciples that he was not a political Messiah who would re-establish the Davidic kingdom after ousting the Romans. Instead, he was the Messiah who would redeem mankind by his suffering, Death and Resurrection. Jesus rebuked Peter when Peter tried to dissuade Jesus from such a course. For Jesus, this was yet another temptation in the guise of a close friend's counsel. It tested Jesus' commitment to the mission which his Heavenly Father had entrusted to him. We need to constantly ask ourselves the question what Jesus means to us. Founder of a religion? Revolutionary Jewish reformer? One of the great teachers? Son of God and personal Saviour? This can perhaps be broken down into other questions: "How do I really see Jesus? Is Jesus a living experience for me, walking with me, loving me, forgiving me, helping me and transforming my life and outlook? What difference does Jesus make in my life? Have I really given my life to him? Are there areas where I have excluded Him, where my life is not noticeably different from the lives of those who see Jesus as irrelevant? Who do we say that Jesus is through our daily life? Who do we say that Jesus is when we are in the presence of those who don't know him, those who aren't interested in him? What does the way we live and behave say about who Jesus is? Is the joy, the love, the peace that we find in Jesus reflected in the way we live our lives?"



### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM



Enquiry Dates for Sacramental Program for 2018-2019

- 19th September St John XXIII Church at 7pm
- 26th September Holy Trinity Church at 5.30pm

For any other enquiry please contact Jen Sherlock,  
Pastoral Associate on: 8264 7590 or  
Email: [pa@paramodcath.com.au](mailto:pa@paramodcath.com.au)

### Readings for the 23rd SEPTEMBER 2018

1st Reading Wis 2: 12, 17 - 20

2nd Reading Jas 3: 16 - 4:3

Gospel Mk 9: 30 - 37

### Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

17th St Robert Bellarmine

19th St Januarius

20th St Andrew Kim Tae-gön,

St Paul Chōng Ha-sang & Companions

21st St Matthew Apostle

### 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:**

Marg Dolman, Charlotte Fussell, Selena (Rose) Quinn, 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, Rita Robinson, Eileen Ryan, Gary Lockyer, Yvonne Summers, Darcy Ridley, Marie Bakaj, Regan Barry, John Cherry, Dudley Dolman, Fr. Michael Walsh, Pat Feutrell, Paul Holmes, Michael Lochhead.



### Catholic Charities 2018 Appeal

September is Catholic Charities Month. Information brochures including a tear off envelope are available at each Mass Centre, for those who wish to donate in this way. These envelopes can be placed on the collection plate at any weekend Mass during September.

**Our Special Collection for Catholic Charities will take place on the weekend of 29th/30th September.**

### Legion of Mary - Rosary Making Day



On Saturday 22nd September from 10am till 2pm at Holy Trinity Church we are having a Rosary making day. All parishioners and children are invited to a lovely fun day. B.Y.O. lunch, coffee and tea provided.



### THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The September edition of the Southern Cross is now available for only \$2.

Please support the parish in purchasing this publication

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.**

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**  
HQ: 1300 729 202 from 9.00am — 1.00pm  
or [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au)



### St Vincent De Paul Modbury Conference



*Creator God, instil in us a sense of true service.  
We pray for the gifts of humility and simplicity as we  
go about our work of proclaiming your love to the world.  
We make this prayer in Jesus name. Amen*

Once again we had requests from 5 families, 10 adults & 1 Child. Some of our clients have had several visits from us this year which makes us sad that we are unable to give them that extra, to make their lives more comfortable.

Our Pantry needs at St John XXIII this week are:-  
Table Margarine, Jam & Cup of Soup Packets.  
Thank-you and God Bless

### St Vincent De Paul Para Hills Conference



This year for our fundraising we are again making gift baskets to sell at our Craft Market on the 3rd November, 2018. If anyone has any spare baskets or suitable items that we could use, we will be very grateful. Items can be left in the back of both churches. Thank you  
*Corrie Bowman*

### REACH OUT GROUP

Tuesday 18th September, 2018  
9.15am Mass at St John XXIII

Reader: Liz Carter  
Offertory: Judy & Ian D  
Communion: Margaret D & Pam R  
Altar Server: Leo

All Welcome

### DEVELOPMENT FUND 2018

Congratulations Michael Flavel  
No. 84  
Drawn by Dud Dolman for Pauline Lai  
Contact Marg Dolman to be included  
in the draw on: 8264 1317



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY SEPTEMBER BABIES

17th Michael McLoughlin  
18th Danielle Ellis  
19th Joan Norris  
20th John Cherry, Meredith Knowles, Michelle Javier,  
Eric Cruz



### Mother of Christ Praesidium Change of Meeting

Please note the Mother of Christ Praesidium has changed from Thursday nights to Tuesday nights from 6.30pm at 23 Carruthers Drive Modbury North  
Please contact Anne Craig on: 0452 216 382  
for further details

### THANK YOU



I would like to thank Fr Manu, Jen, Committee and Parish Staff for the hard work they put into preparation for the Celebration of Priesthood last Sunday.

Thank you to the singers, Michael and Jason, you were superb and thanks to all who have contributed in some way. Many could not come, and that was fine, you were there in spirit.

For all the food that was bought by the Parish and brought by everyone, I thank you.

And thank you for celebrating this great Mystery of Priesthood.

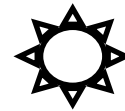
May God be blessed in His sacrament.

Fr Jack



### STAY FOR A CUPPA - Holy Trinity

There will be a cuppa **ONLY** after 10am Mass for next weekend, 23rd September, due to the Hall at Holy Trinity not being available on the 30th.



Cuppa after Masses at St John XXIII will take place the following weekend as normal.



Plenary Council 2020  
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

### WATCH THIS SPACE FOR FUTURE INFORMATION Plenary Council

Access to the Holy Spirit comes through a special gift that all people who are baptised have received at their Baptism when they are anointed with chrism. That gift is called "a sense for the faith" (sensus fidei). The whole Church together has this special gift, what is called "the faithful's sense of the faith" (sensus fidelium).

Through this, Vatican II teaches, the Church is "infallible in believing". So, this "sense of the faithful" is a sacred conduit for finding out what God is asking of us in Australia at this present time.

Over recent weeks, our parish community has been meeting in small groups for Listening and Dialogue sessions in order to contribute our voice to the Plenary Council 2020.

For more information please visit:  
[plenary.council.catholic.org.au](http://plenary.council.catholic.org.au)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!**



# Thank You

Romeo's Foodland on Target Hill Road at Greenwith who donated bread and other goods for our Celebration of Father Jack's 50th Golden Jubilee.

*Celebration Committee*



## R.C.I.A. – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

R.C.I.A. is a process that invites people to a Faith journey that may lead to joining the church or to the completion of initiation into the church.

So the process is for anyone who is:-

- ◆ Not baptised and has no religious affiliation, but is wanting to be a Catholic
- ◆ Already Baptised in another Christian Faith but is wanting to join the Catholic church
- ◆ Baptised Catholic and is wanting to prepare for the other Sacraments of Initiation i.e. Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

Enquiry sessions will begin in this parish on 23<sup>rd</sup> September after 10am mass at Holy Trinity.

Anyone interested or seeking more information please contact: Pastoral Associate, Jen Sherlock 8264 7590 or email [pa@paramodcath.com.au](mailto:pa@paramodcath.com.au)

**The Modbury St Vincent de Paul Conference is hosting an evening on:**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at St. John XXIII Church. Commencing 7pm.**

**The Entertainer is: - RICKY 'O'.**

**He gives tribute to Roy Orbison & Elvis.**

**Plus a host of fabulous 60's songs.**

**Tickets: \$10, Children, under 16 free.**

**Supper provided.**

**Contact: Mary 0474 463 496**



**Come along and join in the fun.  
Tickets are available at all Masses**



**St Francis Xavier's Catholic School  
2018 School Tour Dates**



- Thursday, 20th September, 4.30pm - 5.30pm
  - Friday, 2nd November, 9.30am - 10.30am
- Bookings are essential for the Tours and can be made via the School's website or by telephoning Sonya:  
[www.sfx.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sfx.catholic.edu.au) / 8251 9555

## FLOWERS

*Monetary Donation towards flowers for both churches would be very much appreciated.*

*Donation boxes are at the back of both churches.*

*Thank you*



## Community Garden



*Welcome all to the Community Garden.  
Our next gathering is on the  
22nd September 9.30am to 12 noon.  
St John XXIII Mass Centre.  
Grandparents if you are  
babysitting grandchildren bring them  
along. Don't forget gloves etc.*

## CHILDREN'S PRAYER



All loving Father in Heaven, we ask you to help us through difficult times when our troubles seem almost too much to bear. Give us the strength to carry on and to always do our best. Help us to also help others in need at their difficult times too.  
We ask this in your name, Amen.