



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
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

2nd December 2018

1st Sunday of Advent YEAR C - Violet

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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	3rd	Dec	Legion of Mary (Jnr) & R.E.	4pm - 5pm	Holy Trinity
Tue	4th	Dec	Legion of Mary	12.30pm - 1.30pm	Holy Trinity
Thur	6th	Dec	Christian Meditation	2pm	St John XXIII
Sat	8th	Dec	Sacramental Program	4pm	St John XXIII

OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

Mon	3rd	Dec	Bowls	1pm	St John XXIII
Tue	4th	Dec	Reach Out Group	9.45am	St John XXIII
Tue	4th	Dec	Parish Liturgy Committee Meeting	7pm	
Wed	5th	Dec	Seniors Social Club	1pm - 3.30pm	Holy Trinity
Fri	7th	Dec	Craft Group	9.30am - 12pm	St John XXIII
Fri	7th	Dec	Two Hearts Prayer Group With 9pm and 3am Mass	8pm - 4am	Holy Trinity Holy Trinity
Sat	8th	Dec	Treasure Market	8am - 12pm	St John XXIII
Sat	8th	Dec	Community Garden	9pm - 12pm	St John XXIII

ADVENT: COME LORD JESUS

The word "advent" (the arrival of an important person or thing) is derived from the Latin word "adventus," which means "coming." For Catholics, Advent is the four-week season leading up to Christmas. During Advent we anticipate the coming of Jesus. It's a time full of reflection, excitement, and hope. Advent is a season on the Church's liturgical calendar. We tend to think of Advent only as the season in which we prepare for Christmas, or the First Coming of Christ, it is important that we also remember it as a celebration in which we look forward to the Second Coming of Christ at the end of time and his coming to us in our day to day life through the reception of the sacraments.

We prepare for everything we consider important in life. You wouldn't show up to play in a football game and expect to win if you had not been training. You wouldn't show up unprepared to give a big presentation at work and expect to get the project. We don't expect to excel in exams if we have not studied. Consider the preparation that goes into hosting a barbecue, a dinner party, or a wedding. Now I don't mean the typical Christmas preparations. Buying and wrapping presents. Baking cookies. Planning parties. Putting up the lights, the tree, and other decorations. I mean preparing you. When was the last time you prepared your heart for Jesus' coming at Christmas?

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Too often, we are so busy with the material preparations that we lose sight of the real reason for our activity: The Word made flesh coming to dwell among us. Therefore, we are urged to preserve the spiritual focus of Christmas amidst the prevailingly secular and consumer-driven society. How are we to do this? Maybe the following would help.

1. Read some sort of short, daily devotion
2. Get some quiet time
3. It's OK to say no: You don't have to go to every party you're invited to or schlep to the mall the Saturday before Christmas or watch the endless loop of commercials. So, we need to practice discerning which activities are essential and which can be skipped.
4. Don't forget the Advent music
5. Decorate, even a little
6. Light an Advent wreath
7. Got a young kid or two? Add a Christmas book to bedtime reading list
8. Support an organisation that works for social justice
9. Consider the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
10. Reflect on the "three comings of the Lord (A busy Catholic's guide to Advent: 10 tips for observing the season. Mike Jordan Laskey)

In the midst of the hustle and bustle of the season, let us strive to keep Advent a season of waiting and longing, of conversion and hope, meditating often on the incredible love and humility of our God in taking on flesh of the Virgin Mary. In our shopping and baking, let us remember to purchase and prepare something for the poor. When we clean our homes, let us distribute some of our possessions to those who lack many necessities. While we are decking the halls of our homes, let us not forget to prepare a peaceful place in our hearts wherein our Saviour may come to dwell.

Janu Gumbudramalakal



Anointing of the Sick

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

Tuesday 11th December at St John XXIII Mass at 9.15am.

Wednesday 12th December at Holy Trinity Church Mass at 7pm

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.

Readings for the 9th DECEMBER 2018

1st Reading Baruch 5: 1 - 9
2nd Reading Phil 1: 3 - 6, 8 - 11
Gospel Lk 3: 1 - 6

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

3rd St Francis Xavier
4th St John Damascene
6th St Nicholas
7th St Ambrose
8th The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary

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:

David North, Jenny Sherlock, Elijah Neri, Wayne Collins, Antoinette Pascale, Marg Dolman, Charlotte Fussell, Selena (Rose) Quinn, Phyllis Anthony, Annmarie Thile, Pam Ridley, Reta Lockyer, Michael Pritchard, 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 Feutrill, Paul Holmes, Michael Lochhead.



RECENTLY DECEASED

Andrew Mc Quade



Feast of the Immaculate Conception Saturday December 8th.

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered at Holy Trinity Church at 9.15am with Holy Rosary commencing at 8.45am

Two Hearts Prayer Group Holy Trinity Church

Friday 7th December, at Holy Trinity Church Rosary at 8pm followed by Mass at 9pm and finishes with Mass at 3am on Saturday morning.

The Blessing of the Crib

Have you got a Nativity Scene?

Bring it along for a special blessing!

The Cribs will be blessed on Saturday Night, 8th December and Sunday 9th December.

All families are warmly invited!



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



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE 2018



Next weekend, 8th/9th December is the last opportunity for taking tags from the Giving Tree. All items must be returned by the weekend of the 15th/16th December to enable us to prepare hampers for distribution.

Thank You

REACH OUT GROUP

Tuesday 4th December, 2018
9.15am Mass at St John XXIII

Reader: Maureen Frost
Offertory: Liz Carter & Pam Ridley
Communion: Pat Harvey & Rafael Melegh
Altar Server: Leo North

**Reach Out Christmas Lunch will be at Oasis Café,
Modbury 4th December at 12 noon.**

All Welcome



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2018

Congratulations Dymphna Riordan
No. 49

Drawn by James Bell
Contact Marg Dolman to be included
in the draw on: 8264 1317

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DECEMBER BABIES

4th John Dini Junior
5th Delice Regan
7th Pat Collins



UPCOMING EVENT PARISH FUN NIGHT



Christmas Carol Family Evening
Date: 14th December, 2018
Time: 7pm onwards

Come join in the jubilations and celebrations

- Parish Choirs singing Carols.
- Try to do your dance steps to the tune of Carols together with Santa Claus.
- BBQ for \$2
- Soft Drinks \$1
- Tea & Coffee available.

**Finally try out your
own voices!!!**



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:

**B & C Petherick, Craig Family, Moloney Family
Deagratis Ngendakumana, Forster Family**

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

Security Improvements at Holy Trinity and St John XXIII

To improve security at both churches and to meet our insurance requirement we will be replacing the lock and key on the church door (side aluminium door) at Holy Trinity and changing the key to the meeting room at St John XXIII.

To facilitate an orderly transition to new keys we require all those parishioners who have a key to either premises to register the key with the office

BY FRIDAY 14th DECEMBER, 2018.

Those who have registered their key will be notified when the lock and keys are to be changed and provided with a new key.

However, to help cover the cost of the new keys we will require a \$5 deposit which will be refunded if and when the key is handed back.

This is necessary as the Parish **must** keep an up-to-date record of those who have access to our Parish church buildings.

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.



LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Parish Liturgy Committee Meeting is on:
Tuesday 4th December.

Community Garden

All are Welcome to the Community Garden. Our next gathering is on the 8th December 9.30am to 12 noon, at St John XXIII Mass Centre. Grandparents if you are babysitting grandchildren bring them along. Don't forget gloves etc.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.



Advanced Notice to all Groups in the Parish

Please send in your Diary Dates for 2019 to the Parish Office

NO LATER THAN 12TH DECEMBER.

Parish Groups who do not send in their dates for 2019 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

Sacramental Preparation



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Our next Sacramental Workshop will be on next Saturday 8th 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

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH - HOUR OF GRACE

"The Hour of Grace" on Saturday December 8th 2018

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"

DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR 2019

JOY OF THE GOSPEL FOR ONLY \$10 IS AVAILABLE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

OFFICE CLOSURE

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM THURSDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2018. THE OFFICE WILL REOPEN: TUESDAY THE 15TH JANUARY 2019.

TREASURE MARKET

St John XXIII Catholic Church Car Park
50 Reservoir Road, Hope Valley, SA
Every 2nd Saturday of each month - February to December 8am to 12noon
Next: 8th December 2018
Sellers Fee \$10!

Sellers can set up from 6am - no need to book.
Each seller is allowed up to 4 car spaces for a car and trailer.

Enquiries: 8263 4805 or jarradtc5@gmail.com

PLEASE NOTE

NO DANGEROUS OR UNSAFE GOODS CAN BE SOLD

SELLERS MUST SUPPLY THEIR OWN TRESTLES, TABLES, CHAIRS AND SHADES.

ANY SHADES, COVERS, MARQUEE'S, UMBRELLAS MUST BE SECURED WITH WEIGHTS, SAND BAGS OR WATER CONTAINERS AND ROPE.

NO PEGS OR SPIKES CAN BE USED IN THE CAR PARK

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

#NO TREASURE MARKET IN JANUARY

CHRISTMAS PARTY

A Christmas Party is to be held on Monday 10th December from 4pm - 5pm for all Junior Legionaries, R.E. children and Altar Servers at Holy Trinity Church, Para Hills.

Please contact: Phyllis Truman 8263 9416, Anne Craig 0452 216 382 or Isabel Manul 8395 2532

Thank You.



PLEASE NOTE

There will be no flowers during Advent.

All donations will go towards the Christmas arrangements. We take this opportunity to thank those who donated towards the flowers during the year to beautify our church.



Parish Christmas Carol Night 14th December – East Timor Stall

The parish East Timor committee will be holding a fundraising stall at the event. Items for sale will include biscuits, sweets, hand made items from East Timor and the Holy Land.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

