



PARA HILLS MODBURY CATHOLIC PARISH

Parish Team

FR MANU KUMBIDIYAMACKAL MSFS
(PARISH PRIEST)

JEN SHERLOCK
(Pastoral Associate)

SINDI KINLOCH
(Parish Assistant)

PAULINE LAI
(Finance Officer)

JILL BROKENSHA
(Secretary)

Parish Admin Office

50 Reservoir Rd, Hope Valley 5090
Ph: 8264 7590 or 8264 7093

Email:

office@paramodcath.com.au
bulletin@paramodcath.com.au

Office Hours:

Tuesday-Friday: 9am-2pm

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

9th December 2018
2nd Sunday of Advent YEAR C - Violet

Bulletin Vol.15
Issue 47

**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	10th	Dec	Legion of Mary (Jnr) & R.E.	4pm - 5pm	Holy Trinity
Tue	11th	Dec	Legion of Mary	12.30pm - 1.30pm	Holy Trinity
Tue	11th	Dec	Anointing of the Sick	9.15am	St John XXIII
Wed	12th	Dec	Anointing of the Sick	7pm	Holy Trinity
Thur	13th	Dec	Christian Meditation	2pm	St John XXIII
Thur	13th	Dec	Legion of Mary	6.30pm	
			Mother of Christ Praesidium (see notice in bulletin)		
Sat	8th	Dec	Sacramental Program	4pm	St John XXIII

OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

Tue	11th	Dec	Reach Out Group	9.45am	St John XXIII
Wed	12th	Dec	Seniors Social Club	1pm - 3.30pm	Holy Trinity
Wed	12th	Dec	Beer, Wine & Port Club	7.30pm	St John XXIII
Thur	13th	Dec	St Vincent De Paul		
			Modbury Conference	4.30pm - 6pm	St John XXIII
Fri	14th	Dec	CHRISTMAS CAROLS NIGHT	6.30pm - 9pm	St John XXIII

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.



Prepare the Way of the Lord

The Advent season challenges us to prepare for the celebration of Jesus' first coming. We are also to prepare for Christ's present "coming" to us in God's Word, in the Eucharist, in our neighbours, in the Christian community and in the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit in our souls. Finally, we are asked to be ready to meet Christ as our Judge both at the end of our lives and at the end of the world. The readings today invite us to recall God's saving deeds in the history of Israel, culminating in the coming of the promised Messiah. Baruch, in the first reading, asks the grieving Jerusalem to stand on the heights in order to see her scattered children coming home, with God in the lead. This reminds us that all of us, like Israel in her exile, have been led into the captivity of sin. Hence, we are in need of restoration and conversion by the Word of the Holy One. In writing to his beloved community at Philippi, Paul, in today's second reading, prays that they be filled with joy as they await the day of Christ. Paul reminds us that our remembrance of God's saving deeds during the Advent season is meant to stir our Faith and to fill us with confidence so that, "the One who began a good work in us will continue to complete it," until Jesus comes again in glory. In the Gospel, John the Baptist challenges us to prepare the way for the Lord by a true repentance leading to the renewal of our lives. For us, this command means that we are to prepare a royal road in our hearts for our Saviour.

Preparing "the way" means to create a favourable environment or to make it easy for someone to come to one and operate in one's life. The quotation which John's work fulfils is taken from Isaiah 40:3-5, where the prophet was calling the people to prepare for the Lord's visitation. The preparation on which he insisted was a preparation of heart and of life. John called people to repent as a way of preparing their hearts and lives for the Lord's visit. He is calling us, too, to get ready for something so great that it fills our emptiness with expectation. A smooth road means nothing to God, but a repentant heart means a great deal. Hence, the truly important goal for us is to prepare our hearts to receive the Lord.

The second Sunday of Advent reminds us that we need to prepare the way for the Messiah in our hearts. We have to fill in the "valleys" of our souls which have resulted from our shallow prayer life and a minimalist way of living our Faith. We have to straighten out whatever crooked paths we've been walking, like involvement in some secret or habitual sins or in some dishonest practices at work or at home. If we have been harbouring grudges or hatred, or failing to be reconciled with others, now is the time to clear away all the debris. If we have been pushing God off to the side of our road, if we have been saying to Him that we don't really have the time for Him, now is the time for us to get our priorities straight. We all have to level the "mountains" of our pride and egocentrism. As a society we might have to dismantle unfair housing policies, employment disparity, economic injustice, or racial and ethnic biases. Yes, we need to repent and seek forgiveness from God and our fellow-human beings. John's message calls us to confront and confess our sins. We have to turn away from them in sincere repentance and receive God's forgiveness.

Janet Bumbidramalakal

Readings for the 16th DECEMBER 2018

1st Reading Zephaniah 3:14 - 18a
2nd Reading Phil 4:4 - 7
Gospel Lk 3:10 - 18

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

11th St Damasus I
12th Our Lady of Guadalupe
13th St Lucy
14th St John of the Cross

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 Piñeda, 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.

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.



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



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE 2018



This is the last week to take tags from the Giving Tree. All items are to be placed under the tree by next weekend. Thank you

REACH OUT GROUP

Tuesday 11th December, 2018
9.15am Mass at St John XXIII

Reader: Aggie M
Offertory: Maureen K & Pat H
Communion: Josh H & Margaret E
Altar Server: Leo North

There is the Anointing of the Sick at 9.15am Mass on Tuesday 11th December. Reach Out invites those attending to join us for a special Christmas Morning Tea.

DEVELOPMENT FUND 2018

Congratulations Alex Balayance
No. 12

Drawn by Fr Manu for Dymphna Riordan
Contact Marg Dolman to be included in the draw on: 8264 1317



PARISH FUN NIGHT 14th DECEMBER Christmas Carol Family Evening

Date: 14th December, 2018
Time: 6.30pm onwards
Address: 50 Reservoir Road, Hope Valley
Come join in the jubilation 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!!!



BULLETIN NOTICES

The very last Bulletin for 2018 will be printed on Wednesday 19th December.

If you have any notices to be included in this final Bulletin for the year please send them in by Friday 14th December.

Thank You.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Jill Brokensha, Parish Secretary

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DECEMBER BABIES

10th Rosalind Lucy Bell
11th Katrina Lineage
12th Ann-Marie Lineage
13th Margaret Giebel
14th Frank Gavini, Alice Craig
15th Michael Moss, Sue Air
16th Carmel Lineage



GAS WORKS AT ST JOHN XXIII

The Company that manages the gas pipe network in Adelaide has secured an easement on the front of our property on the section near the Treasure Market sign to install a gas meter and valve cabinet to extend the gas pipe network further along Reservoir Road. This includes digging a trench across the road and along the footpath. This will involve some traffic restrictions near our driveway during the week but not at weekends. The company will also fence off 7 to 8 carpark spaces along the northern fence in the carpark to store equipment and machinery during the works. The works will commence on Monday 10th December and planned to be finished by Friday 21st December. The company is aware of the activities during the week and will minimise any inconvenience as much as possible.

Parish Finance Committee.

PLEASE NOTE

THE LAST MASS TO BE CELEBRATED AT THE MODBURY HOSPITAL FOR THIS YEAR WILL BE ON THURSDAY 13TH DECEMBER

THE MASS WILL RECOMMENCE ON THURSDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2019



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Alleluia Prepare the way of the lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God, Alleluia.

Archdiocesan Commitment Statement – Safeguarding Children and Young People

The Archdiocesan Child Protection Unit has developed a new statement of our commitment to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. This important document reaffirms our dedication to valuing and protecting the children in our community.

Bishop O’Kelly, Apostolic Administrator has endorsed the launch of this statement to be celebrated on Sunday 16th December 2018. The readings for this day invite us to be a *‘herald of hope and joy’* and this commitment to children and young people indeed heralds hope and joy for a future in which our community works together to ensure children are provided with an environment which supports, nurtures, and protects their safety.

Child Protection Unit

BEER WINE PORT GROUP

Beer Wine Port Group’s next meeting/tasting (Wine Night) is this Wednesday, 12th December at 7.30pm in the St John XXIII Mass Centre Meeting Room at Hope Valley.

All are welcome to join us in tasting wines from all over South Australia. Please bring a Plate of Nibbles, Dips, Biscuits etc. and also Please BYO tasting glass.

For all information on BWP activities, including Bus Trips, Dinners, Cruises etc. please contact Greg Dew on: 8265 1566 or 0411 774 510

Parish Review Team Update

The Parish Review Team has been meeting since August and is now ready to commence the Parish Review. They have begun by asking the PFC to complete an evaluation of their work and will be contacting all parish groups early in the New Year to do the same.

We are keen to hear from as many parishioners as possible and so we are asking parishioners, as a first step, to complete a simple survey

The Health of Our Parish’. The survey can be completed in hard copy form or online by using either the QR code below or the following hyperlink:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KZ7HXMK>.

We thank you for your willingness to complete the survey and assure you that your feedback is valued.

OFFICE CLOSURE

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

FREE

Renewing through Advent 2018

Please take home this FREE
Reflection Booklet.

The Booklet is at the back of the Church.



DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR 2019

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

Mother of Christ Praesidium

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

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.



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.



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.

