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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

16th December 2018
3rd Sunday of Advent YEAR C - Violet/Rose

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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



**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

Tue	18th Dec	Legion of Mary	12.30pm - 2pm	Holy Trinity
Tue	18th Dec	Cluster Reconciliation	7pm	St John XXIII
Thur	20th Dec	Christian Meditation	2pm	St John XXIII
Thur	20th Dec	Legion of Mary	6.30pm	
		Mother of Christ Praesidium (see notice in bulletin)		

OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

Sat	22nd Dec	Community Garden	9.30am - 12pm	St John XXIII
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CLUSTER RECONCILIATION

2nd Rite of Reconciliation at St John XXIII 7pm
Tuesday 18th December 2018

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve - Monday 24th December

6.30pm - Family Mass at Holy Trinity

8.30pm - Mass at St John XXIII

MIDNIGHT MASS at St John XXIII

Christmas Day - Tuesday 25th December

9am Mass at Holy Trinity

9am Mass at St John XXIII



OFFICE HOURS CHRISTMAS

MONDAY	17TH DECEMBER	CLOSED
TUESDAY	18TH DECEMBER	9am - 2pm
WEDNESDAY	19TH DECEMBER	9am - 2pm

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

THURSDAY	20TH DECEMBER	CLOSED
FRIDAY	21ST DECEMBER	CLOSED

REOPEN ON TUESDAY 15TH JANUARY 2019



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OUR PARISH WEBSITE: <http://paramodcath.com.au>
ARCHDIOCESE WEBSITE: www.adelaide.catholic.org.au

Joyful Christians

Today is called "Gaudete" Sunday because today's Mass begins with the opening antiphon, "Gaudete in Domino semper" ("Rejoice in the Lord always"). Today we light the rose candle of the Advent wreath, and the priest may wear rose vestments, to express our communal joy in the coming of Jesus, as our Saviour. The theme of the third Sunday of Advent is rejoicing in hope. Advent is a time for joy, not only because we are anticipating the anniversary of the birth of Jesus, but also because God is already in our midst.

Christian joy does not come from the absence of sorrow, pain or trouble, but from an awareness of the presence of Christ within our souls. In today's first reading, the prophet Zephaniah says, "Shout for joy, O Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel." Zephaniah made this prophetic proclamation at the height of the Jewish exile when things appeared hopeless and unbearable. In today's Responsorial Psalm (Is 12:6), the prophet gives the same instruction, "Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel." St. Paul echoes the same message of joy in the second reading, taken from his letter to the Philippians: "Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again, rejoice. In the Gospel today, John the Baptist explains the secret of Christian joy as wholehearted commitment to God's way lived out by doing His will. A sad Christian is a contradiction in terms. According to the Baptist, happiness comes from doing our duties faithfully, doing good for others and sharing our blessings with others in need. John challenges people to generosity and sense of fairness, so that others may have reason to rejoice. Filled with joyful expectation that the Messiah was near, the people ask John, "What should we do?" He tells them to act with justice, charity and honesty, letting their lives reflect their transformation. In other words, John reminds us that membership in the Church, knowing the teaching of the Church and the Bible, being baptised and going to Mass on Sundays are not enough. We must care for others and share our blessings with others.

We need to remember that we are, like John the Baptist, Christ's precursors. Parents, teachers and public servants are also Christ's precursors, carrying out the mission of bringing to Christ those entrusted to their care. All public servants are to remember that they are God's instruments and that they are to lead the people they serve to the feet of Jesus, so that they may know Him personally as Saviour, Lord and Brother.

A nurse is not to hold back compassion from those deemed "not worthy." A teacher is to teach with enthusiasm and love. A salesperson is not to present the product as more valuable than it is, nor to overcharge people for products or services. Leaders are not to hold themselves above others. Anyone who has more of anything than he or she needs should share it. We need to apply John's message of caring and sharing. In the light of John the Baptist's advice, we might consider what we can share with others this Christmas.

What should we do in preparation for Christmas? This is the same question the Jews asked John. His answer, to them and to us, is the same: "Repent and reform your lives," and prayerfully wait for the Messiah. Let us remember that the Mass is the most powerful of prayers. We must be a Eucharistic people, living and experiencing the presence of Jesus in our hearts. Let us spend some time every week in adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Let us forgive those who offend us and pray for them. Finally, let us share our love with others as selfless and humble service.

"Do small things but with great love" (St. Mother Teresa).



Readings for the 23rd DECEMBER 2018

1st Reading	Micah	5:1 - 4
2nd Reading	Hebrews	10:5 - 10
Gospel	Luke	1:39 - 44

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

21st St Peter Canisius

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, 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.



PLEASE NOTE

THERE WILL BE NO MASS CELEBRATED AT THE MODBURY HOSPITAL UNTIL 6TH FEBRUARY 2019



PLEASE NOTE

THERE WILL BE NO BULLETINS PRINTED UNTIL THE WEEKEND OF 26TH/27TH JANUARY 2019

Please send in any notices that need to be placed in the first bulletin by Tuesday 22nd January 2019

Thank You

Jill Brokensha Parish Secretary



THE SOUTHERN CROSS - FREE

The December edition of the Southern Cross is now available and it is Free. Please take a copy home with you.

CHRISTMAS MASS MINISTRY

If you are able to help in any of the ministries during Christmas Masses please place your Name on the Sign Up Sheet at the back of both churches.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and holy one of Israel..

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 place all items under the Giving Tree at St John XXIII.
This enables St Vincent de Paul members to pack & distribute hampers in time for Christmas.
Thank you for your generosity.

DEVELOPMENT FUND 2018

Congratulations Anne Hughes
No. 69
Drawn by Alex Balayance
Contact Marg Dolman to be included in the draw on: 8264 1317



Christmas is coming

Come and be a part of The Nativity Play.
If there are any children between the ages of 4 to 12 years of age that would like to be in the Nativity of the Lord we are practicing on

Monday 17th Dec 4-5.30pm

Friday 21st Dec 4-5.30pm

At Holy Trinity Church 3 James Street,
Para Hills.

Join in the fun.

Phyllis Truman: 8263 9416 or

Jen Sherlock: 8264 7590



WHAT IS HAPPENING AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Our Yellow Recycle Bin has been working overtime lately, we have emptied it 3 times of late. We are in need of drink cans and bottles to finish off our project number 2.

Also A Big Thank You to the volunteers who have been working in the new garden.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Adelaide Diocesan Centre closure over Christmas/New Year

The Diocesan Centre will be closed from December 25 and will recommence normal business hours on January 2, 2019.

BULLETIN NOTICES

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

*Wishing you all a
Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year*

Jill Brokensha, Parish Secretary



Community Garden

All are Welcome to the Community Garden. Our next gathering is on the 22nd 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.



Parish Review Team Update

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:

Any completed Survey Forms can be left at the back of the church.

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

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

DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR 2019

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

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.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Alleluia The spirit of the Lord now upon me has sent me to bring good news to the poor Alleluia.

FREE
Renewing through Advent 2018

Please take home this FREE
Reflection Booklet.
The Booklet is at the back of the Church.

SECURITY

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE
ANY VALUABLE ITEMS
VISIBLE IN YOUR CAR
WHILE ATTENDING
MASS AT EITHER
CENTRE.**



CHILDREN'S PRAYER

As Christmas draws closer,
help us to remember anyone
who is sick or lonely at this time of the year;
the homeless and the needy;
those who are hungry or at war.
May the peace and joy of Christmas
Reach out and touch their lives.



STAMPS AND DRINK CAN RING PULLS

We are only collecting Stamps and Ring Pulls
from drink cans.

Thank you Anne-Michelle & Olive.



RELIGIOUS ITEMS, CARDS AND STATUES ARE
ON SALE AFTER 10AM MASS EVERY SUNDAY AT
HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH, PARA HILLS
VISIT OUR DISPLAY CABINET WHICH CAN BE
FOUND IN THE ROOM AT THE REAR OF THE
CHURCH



The Bones's
Catholic Store

**THE MEANING OF THE
TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS**

From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

1. The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.
2. Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.
3. Three French hens stood for faith, hope and love.
4. The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.
5. The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.
6. The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.
7. Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit: Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.
8. The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.
9. Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.
10. The ten lords a-leaping were the ten commandments.
11. The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples.
12. The twelve drummers drumming symbolised the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

