



# 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

31st March 2019  
4th Sunday of Lent - 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*



**MODBURY HOSPITAL  
Thursday MASS 11am**

**HOLY TRINITY  
Para Hills**

**Wednesday 7pm  
Thursday 9.15am  
Friday 9.15am  
(Adoration Before Friday  
Mass commencing 8.30am)  
Saturday 9.15am  
Sunday 10am**

## Prayer Meetings and Devotions

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

<b>Mon</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>Apr</b>	Legion of Mary (Junior)	4pm - 5pm	<b>Holy Trinity</b>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Apr</b>	Prayer Circle	11am	<b>St John XXIII</b>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Apr</b>	Legion of Mary	12.30pm	<b>Holy Trinity</b>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Apr</b>	Liturgy Meeting	7pm	
<b>Wed</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>Apr</b>	St Joseph Devotion	6.30pm - 8pm	<b>Holy Trinity</b>
<b>Thur</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>Apr</b>	Christian Meditation	2pm - 3pm	<b>St John XXIII</b>
<b>Thur</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>Apr</b>	Bible Study	7pm	<b>St John XXIII</b>
<b>Thur</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>Apr</b>	Legion of Mary	7.30pm	
			Mother of Christ Praesidium (see notice in bulletin)		
<b>Fri</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>Apr</b>	Stations of the Cross	7pm	<b>Holy Trinity</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>Apr</b>	Two Hearts Prayer Group	8pm - 4am	<b>Holy Trinity</b>
			With 9pm and 3am Mass		<b>Holy Trinity</b>

## *OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK*

<b>Mon</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>Apr</b>	Bowls	1pm	<b>St John XXIII</b>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Apr</b>	Reach Out	9.45am	<b>St John XXIII</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>Apr</b>	Seniors Social Club	1pm	<b>Holy Trinity</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>Apr</b>	Craft Group	9.30am - 12pm	<b>St John XXIII</b>

## From a World of separation to a World of Reconciliation

The fourth Sunday of Lent marks the midpoint in the Lenten preparation for Easter. Traditionally, it is called Laetare Sunday (Rejoice Sunday). It is a sign of what liturgical authors call "anticipatory joy"; a reminder that we are moving swiftly toward the end of our Lenten fast, and the joy of Easter is already on the horizon. This Sunday is set aside for us to recall God's graciousness and to rejoice because of it. The Gospel communicates the joy of the young son's "coming home," where he discovers and is healed by the reality of his father's forgiving love. It is also the story of a loving and forgiving father who celebrates the return of his prodigal son by throwing a big party in his honour, a banquet celebrating the reconciliation of the son with his father, his family, his community and his God. It is really the Parable of the Forgiving Father, the story of Divine love and mercy for us sinners, a love that is almost beyond belief.

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Acknowledging the allegation that he mingled with the sinners, Jesus outlines the three aspects or dimensions of repentance, by presenting three characters in this parable: 1) the repentant younger son, 2) the forgiving father and 3) the self-justifying elder son. This is a double-edged parable. The lesson of Divine mercy to sinners is shown by the Father's reception of the returned younger son. A stern warning is given to the self-righteous people by presenting the dialogue between the father and his older son.

The repenting son: Awakened by his sufferings, he gathered enough courage to return to his father and confess his sin, thus becoming the model for repentant sinners. He had resolved to become a "hired servant" of his family, thereby regaining a measure of honour and independence, but with a social status matching his guilt and failure. Moreover, he would be able to take care of his father for as long as the father lived.

The father in the story represents God the Father. Although the story of the prodigal son is often given as an example of repentance, it is actually the story of how God forgives and heals the repentant sinner. Like God, the father in the parable was ready to forgive both of his "sinful" sons even before they repented.

The self-justifying elder son: The unforgiving elder son represents the self-righteous Pharisees. He had no feelings of sympathy for his brother. He played the part of a dutiful son, but his heart was not in it. He was resentful, bitter and angry. He levelled a series of allegations against his brother, whom he viewed as a rival. Instead of honouring his father by joining him in accepting his brother and playing an appropriate role at the meal, the elder son publicly insulted and humiliated his father (vv. 28-30). Jesus includes this character in the story to represent the scribes and Pharisees who began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

We need to accept the fact that we all have wandered far from the Father's love and realise the fact that this lent is a time to "pass over," from a world of separation to a world of reconciliation. The story of the prodigal son asks each of us an important question: Will you accept the Father's forgiveness and partake of the banquet, or will you remain outside? Lent is a time to transform hatred into love, conflict into peace, death into eternal life.

*Janukumbidramalakal*



**LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
The next Liturgy Committee Meeting  
Tuesday 2nd April at 7pm

Readings for 7th April 2019

1st Reading	Isaiah	43:16 - 21
2nd Reading	Philippians	3:8 - 14
Gospel	John	8:1 - 11

#### 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:

Sylvia Gisi, Asher Caudle, David North, Elijah Neri, Wayne Collins, Antoinette Pascale, Marg Dolman, Charlotte Fussell, Selena (Rose) Quinn, Phyllis Anthony, Pam Ridley, Reta Lockyer, Michael Pritchard, John MacGrath, Ken Robinson, 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, 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, Dudley Dolman, Fr. Michael Walsh, Pat Feutrill, Paul Holmes, Michael Lochhead.

#### Recently Deceased

John Cherry, Monsignor Denis Edwards

#### Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

2nd	St Francis of Paola
4th	St Isidore
5th	St Vincent Ferrer

**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

**Caritas**  
AUSTRALIA

Fourth Sunday of Lent

31<sup>st</sup> March 2019



Michaela is a 21-year-old trainee at Purple House, a dialysis center in the Central Desert for people suffering from kidney disease. The Aboriginal-controlled service gives patients the opportunity to stay connected with their culture. They do this through traditional healing practices and income-generating activities, such as making bush balms and soaps. With the support of Caritas partners, Michaela is helping to build a social enterprise, a connection to culture and a new outlook for the chronically ill.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help lift communities in Indonesia out of poverty, and give them hope to protect our common home.

Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

**The Caritas Australia Project Compassion boxes and envelopes for Lent are available for collection at the back of the Church**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

**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



*Lord your timeless lesson sings out in the voice of constant waves, in the wind through the trees and in the harmonies of life. Wash clean our ears to hear you, make us listen now, for we need your great wisdom to assist us in our life. Amen.*

Another relatively quiet week with only two calls, one struggling with paying a \$200 power bill, and the other making a second call for the year needing assistance with food.

Our pantry stocks are looking reasonably good, but we would appreciate any donations of:

Pasta sauce, canned mixed vegetables, canned peas/beans and coffee.

Our freezer was boosted this week with a donation of left over scones from the March Fair at St. Francis Xavier School, Wynn Vale. The school is conducting a clothing drive through Lent.

***It will greatly help if any or all of these items could be placed in the Vinnies' collection basket.***

### REACH OUT GROUP

Tuesday 2nd April, 2019  
9.15am Mass at St John XXIII

Reader: Aggie M.  
Offertory: Pam R. & Pat C.  
Communion: Pat H. & Rafael M.  
Altar Server: Leo N.

#### **Please Note**

***After Mass Jen Sherlock will be giving a talk on Reconciliation - All welcome to attend.***



**At 12noon all welcome for Lunch at "The Highlander Hotel", 647 North East Road, Gilles Plains. Phone: 8261 5288.**



### DEVELOPMENT FUND 2019

Congratulations Jo Treadwell  
No. 82  
Drawn by Olive McGovern

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

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY APRIL BABIES

1st Patrick North  
3rd Scott Keegan, James Callery,  
Julie Lesniewski



### STATIONS of the CROSS

**Stations of the Cross on Friday Nights during Lent at HOLY TRINITY Church Para Hills, at 7-00pm**



### FIRST SATURDAY MASS

April 6<sup>th</sup> 2019, 9.15am  
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH  
Holy Rosary for PEACE in the world.  
Commencing at 8.45am  
with Acts of Consecration,  
to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and  
the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
with the Sacrament of Penance.  
Please bring a SINGLE flower  
for Our Holy Mother  
*"In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph"*  
( Our Lady of Fatima 1917 )

### Please Note Change of Mass Times During Lent at Holy Trinity

During Lent an extra Mass will be celebrated at Holy Trinity Church on Thursday mornings at 9.15am.



### NOVENA OF THE HOLY CLOAK OF ST JOSEPH HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

To pray for all Families, the Priesthood and for the Protection of the Unborn  
Wednesday 3rd April  
The Novena and Rosary beginning at 6.30pm followed by Mass at 7pm concluding with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction.

*"I put all my desires, cares and wishes for you in the Sacred Heart. I know it protects and guards you."*  
(St Mary of the Cross MacKillop)

### Easter Triduum

Our celebration of the events of Holy Week are a celebration of our commitment to the central event of our faith. On Holy Thursday, we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, Christ's giving of himself at the Last Supper and in his death. Jesus' giving of himself is completed in the events of Good Friday, when he surrenders to the will of the Father. The events of Holy Week are connected with each other and come to fulfilment in the great feast of Easter, that all hope of Christians is illumined in the fact that Jesus is risen. We strongly encourage all members of our parish community to celebrate all three parts of the Triduum, beginning with Holy Thursday at Holy Trinity.

Regards  
Therese Meyers  
[on behalf of the Liturgy Committee]

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**



### Two Hearts Prayer Group Holy Trinity Church

Friday 5th April, at Holy Trinity Church  
Rosary at 8pm followed by Mass at 9pm  
and finishes with Mass at 3am on  
Saturday morning.

### PRAYER CIRCLE

Prayers in the Chapel at St John XXIII  
on Tuesday 2nd April from 11am - 11.30am.  
All Welcome to come and pray and reflect.



**STAY FOR A CUPPA**  
Thanks to some of our wonderful  
volunteers, we will be having a  
cuppa after all Masses  
**This Weekend** Please join us.

### SUNDAY 7TH APRIL 2019

#### ST. JOSEPH'S OLD SCHOLARS ANNUAL MASS

Most have a connection with a Josephite School/  
College as an old scholar and/or with  
St. Mary MacKillop. Please join us for Mass at  
2.00 p.m. in St. Joseph's Convent Chapel, Kensington.  
Devonshire afternoon tea (\$5) will follow in Bethany  
(adjacent to Chapel). All welcome..



### Quiz Night for East Timor – May 4th Holy Trinity Church Hall

Our parish East Timor Committee invites you to  
book a table (8-10 people) at our annual Quiz  
Night to help raise funds for urgent projects in  
Maliana diocese, East Timor.

The Quiz Night is always a fun night with  
numerous prizes to be won.

Posters and booking sheets are in the foyer of  
both Mass Centres.

Donations of new items for the raffle and  
auction are appreciated. We would also  
appreciate goods or vouchers from businesses  
you may know. A donation box will be left in  
the parish office.

Enquiries: Lea Crosby 8263 8377

East Timor Committee.

### *Legion of Mary*

### *Mother of Christ Praesidium*

Please note the Mother of Christ Praesidium  
is on Thursday nights 7.30pm at  
23 Carruthers Drive Modbury North  
Please contact Anne Craig on: 0452 216 382  
for further details

### LENTEN STUDY OF THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Father Jack has prepared a study on Luke's gospel.  
The sessions are on every Thursday of Lent starting at  
7 pm.

Sessions will finish at 9pm sharp.

Come along to St John XXIII Catholic Church  
50 Reservoir Road, Hope Valley.

All are welcome.

Bring your bible and notebook.

***On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April, a retreat will be led by  
Annette Heinemann following the themes of the  
Lenten study***



### No flowers during Lent.

All donations will go towards the Easter  
arrangements. A big Thankyou to the  
loyal supporters of flower donations to keep  
our churches beautiful during the year.

### Entertainment Books

To enjoy the bonus offer of 'Early Bird vouchers', you  
can pre-order and pay for your Entertainment Books  
before 6<sup>th</sup> April. Contact Lea Crosby for further details  
8263 8377.

The Entertainment Membership is great value with lots  
of instant savings. It more than outweighs the price of  
\$70. There is something for everyone –  
casual and fine dining, adventure and family activities.  
New to Entertainment Books: Virgin Australia,  
Cellarmasters, Entertainment Traveller, Lorna Jane.  
This year, Entertainment Books is celebrating 25 years  
of helping communities and causes.

East Timor committee

### 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, STATUES ARE ON  
SALE AFTER 10AM MASS EACH SUNDAY AT  
HOLY TRINITY MASS CENTRE, PARA HILLS.

VISIT OUR DISPLAY CABINET WHICH CAN BE  
FOUND IN THE ROOM AT THE REAR OF THE  
CHURCH

### SECURITY

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