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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

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24th March 2019
3rd Sunday of Lent - 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
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**

Mon	25th Mar	The Feast of the Annunciation	9.15am	St John XXIII
Mon	25th Mar	Legion of Mary (Junior)	4pm - 5pm	Holy Trinity
Tue	26th Mar	Legion of Mary	12.30pm	Holy Trinity
Thur	28th Mar	Christian Meditation	2pm - 3pm	St John XXIII
Thur	28th Mar	Bible Study	7pm	St John XXIII
Thur	28th Mar	Legion of Mary	7.30pm	
		Mother of Christ Praesidium (see notice in bulletin)		
Fri	29th Mar	Stations of the Cross	7pm	Holy Trinity
Sun	31st Mar	Divine Mercy	3pm	Holy Trinity

OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

Mon	25th Mar	Bowls	1pm	St John XXIII
Mon	25th Mar	Parish Finance Council	7.30pm	St John XXIII
Wed	27th Mar	Seniors Social Club	1pm	Holy Trinity
Wed	27th Mar	Beer Wine & Port Group	7pm	St John XXIII
Fri	29th Mar	Craft Group	9.30am - 12pm	St John XXIII



Lenten Retreat Gospel of Luke

Saturday 13th April 2019, 9am - 4pm

Mass-9.15am

BYO lunch

Holy Trinity Church

3 James Street Para Hills

Signup sheets are at the back of each church

CALL TO REPENTANCE

On this third Sunday of Lent, the church provides us another moment of grace to straighten us on our journey. Today, we celebrate the Lord who frees us from our slavery to sin, if only we listen to His warning to repent. Hence, our central theme today is repentance. At times, we are tempted to view repentance as something unimportant. On the contrary, today's gospel tells us that it is an important step to salvation. Repentance is, feeling sorry for the wrongs we committed, and a firm resolve not to deliberately commit them again. Sincere repentance provokes God's compassion, mercy and love.

In our second reading, Paul kindly reminded us of the consequences of deliberately going contrary to God's will. He carefully traced the death of the Israelites to their inability to please God. That is to say, because they sinned against God. Hence, Paul concluded by warning us that: "All these happened as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age." In his letter to the Romans he puts it directly: "The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life" (Rom 6, 23.) In today's gospel, Jesus was very direct in his words when he said: "Unless you repent you will perish." One might say that this is too harsh to come from Christ who is merciful and compassionate. The truth is that when Jesus speaks this way, it does not diminish his compassion and mercy. Rather, he does so because he actually cares for us and sees what we cannot see. He simply warns us of the negative consequences of living a sinful life and wants us to repent and live a better life. This Sunday, the good news is that we are given the opportunity to learn from the failures of our ancestors. We are given another opportunity to call upon the Lord who is "merciful, compassionate and love." Jesus wants us to take a bold and positive step towards amending our way of life. This is a call to repentance for the times we neglected and failed both God and our neighbours; for the times we chose evil over good; and for those moments we despaired and displayed remarkable lack of faith in God. The patient, compassionate and loving Father is ready welcome us back. Our repentance then, attracts God's mercy, compassion, forgiveness and thus brings us salvation. It brings about healing and restoration of hope for a better future. So, if we sincerely repent of our sins, God will not only forgive us, but He will heal us.

Finally, compassion means to suffer with, and also to love with. Therefore, God's compassion and mercy for us is always associated with his love. Just as God knew how miserable the Israelites were in Egypt, He knows how miserable we are under the slavery of sin. He is aware of our enslavement by both habitual sins of omission and commission. He also knows the efforts we are making to live good lives and how we often fail. So, this Lent, Jesus is ready to suffer with us so that we might be free from the slavery of sin. Through our repentance, His compassion, mercy, and love we would be healed and restored to life this season and beyond.



THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Mass will be celebrated for the
Feast of the Annunciation at St John XXIII,
50 Reservoir Road, Hope Valley 9.15am

Readings for 31st March 2019

1st Reading	Joshua	5:9 - 12
2nd Reading	2Corinthians	5:17 - 21
Gospel	Luke	15:1 - 3, 11 - 32

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

25th THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

PROJECT COMPASSION



Caritas
AUSTRALIA



Third Sunday of Lent 24th March 2019

Peter goes to a boarding school in the Solomon Islands which has experienced water shortages for 60 years. Previously, students would have to walk kilometres each day in search of clean water,

which was particularly challenging for Peter who is living with a disability. With Caritas Australia's support, the school has created a new reliable water system. With more free time and fewer illnesses caused by dirty water, Peter can fulfil his hope of focusing on his studies, providing him with brighter future.

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 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

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

A quieter week with only three calls, but including one from a mother of four who has been moved into temporary accommodation with a minimum of furnishings.

Our pantry stocks are looking reasonably good, but we would appreciate any donations of margarine, rice, jam and tea bags.

With the concept that a "hand up" is the purpose of the assistance visit, and is designed to help the recipients through to their next payment, donated foodstuff in smaller quantity packs is most acceptable.

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

REACH OUT GROUP

Tuesday 26th March, 2019
9.15am Mass at St John XXIII

Reader: Jos H.
Offertory: Ian. & Judy D.
Communion: Maureen K. & Margaret E.
Altar Server: Leo N.
All Welcome



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2019

Congratulations Olive McGovern
No. 83
Drawn by Margaret Giebel
Contact: Marg Dolman 8264 1317
to be included in the draw.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

The next meeting for the Parish Finance Council is on the 25th March, St John XXIII Meeting Room at 7.30pm.



STATIONS of the CROSS

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



There will be 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.

LENTEN STUDY OF THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Father Jack has prepared a study on Luke's gospel. The sessions will be 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 13th April, a retreat will be led by Annette Heinemann following the themes of the Lenten study

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.



PASSING OF PARISHIONER JOHN CHERRY.



The Funeral for John Cherry will be held at Holy Trinity Catholic Church
3 James Street, Para Hills on Tuesday 26th March with Rosary at 1.30pm and Mass at 2pm, refreshments in the Church Hall after the Mass.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARCH BABIES

26th Ken Randell
27th Robert Javier
28th Joanne Weaver
29th Joseph Gavini, Odessa Palmer
30th Eugene Augustine, Crystal Forrester



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: *Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory and praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!*

Children's Prayer



Loving God in heaven, help me to see my faults, help me to stand strong after falling. Thank you God for being there in my darkest moments, and giving me countless chances to change my ways. During this lent help me to understand your love for me and others more deeply.

STAY FOR A CUPPA



Thanks to some of our wonderful volunteers, we will be having a cuppa after all Masses **Next Weekend** Please join us.

BEER WINE PORT GROUP

Beer Wine Port Group's next meeting/tasting is this coming Wednesday, 27th March at 7.30pm in the St John XXIII Mass Centre Meeting Room at Hope Valley.

Everybody welcome, including fellow Parishioners in the Para Hills area and new Parishioners to join us in tasting great wines from the very wonderful Clare Valley

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

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



Legion of Mary ACIES Celebrations

Legionaries of Our Lady of the Holy Trinity Mother of Christ Presidia Para Hills invite all the Legionaries and Auxiliaries to celebrate the ACIES at Para Hills on Wednesday 27th March 2019.

Commencing with Rosary at 6.30 pm, followed by Mass at 7 pm and shared supper in the hall after.

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



THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The March edition of the Southern Cross is now available. Only \$2
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DIVINE MERCY AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

The next Divine Mercy Eucharistic Adoration will be on Sunday, 31st March at 3pm at Holy Trinity Church., 3 James Street, Para Hills.

Entertainment Books

To enjoy the bonus offer of 'Early Bird vouchers', you can pre-order and pay for your Entertainment Books before 6th 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.



Quiz Night for East Timor – May 4th

Our annual parish Quiz Night fundraiser for Maliana Diocese, East Timor will be held at Holy Trinity Church Hall on May 4th at 7.30 p.m.

Donations of new items would be appreciated.



Further information and booking sheets will be made available in the coming weeks.

East Timor Committee.

SECURITY

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