



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
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

15th September 2019
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year C Green

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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	16th Sep	Religious Education for Children	5pm	Holy Trinity
Tue	17th Sep	Legion of Mary	12.30 pm	Holy Trinity
Thur	19th Sep	Christian Meditation	2pm - 3pm	St John XXIII
Thur	19th Sep	Legion of Mary	7.30pm	
Mother of Christ Praesidium (6 Metcalfe Ave Modbury Heights)				

OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

Mon	16th Sep	Bowls	1 - 3.30pm	St John XXIII
Tue	17th Sep	Reach Out	9.45am	St John XXIII
Tue	17th Sep	Prayer Reflection	11am - 12noon	St John XXIII
Tue	17th Sep	Sacramental Inquiry Night	7pm	St John XXIII
Wed	18th Sep	Senior Social Club	1pm	Holy Trinity
Wed	18th Sep	Sacramental Inquiry Night	8pm	Holy Trinity
Fri	20th Sep	Craft Group	9.30am - 12noon	St John XXIII
Sat	21st Sep	Working Bee	9am - 12noon	St John XXIII
Sat	21st Sep	Legion of Mary (Rosary Making Day)	10am - 3pm	St John XXIII

Archdiocesan Parish Pastoral Visitation Team

We thank the Archdiocesan Visitation Team for having been with us throughout the week. They attended each Mass last weekend and were able to speak with many parishioners after each Mass. The Team was with us all day on Tuesday where they met with several different parish groups and also visited St Francis Xavier Regional School and Gleeson College.

Fr Philip Marshall, Deacon Tim Grauel and Mrs Teresa Lynch of the Visitation Team look forward to continuing the conversation with us at the Q & A to be held in the Holy Trinity Hall following the 10am Mass this weekend. We encourage as many parishioners as possible to come along and join in the conversation.

Tea and Coffee and finger food will be provided.

The Wonder of God's Love

Chapter 15 of Luke's Gospel has been called "the Gospel within the Gospel," because it is the distilled essence of the Good News about the mercy of our forgiving Heavenly Father. The whole chapter is essentially one distinct parable, the "Parable of the Lost and Found," with three illustrations: the story of the lost sheep, the story of the lost coin and the story of the lost son. These parables remind us that we have a God Who welcomes sinners and forgives their sins whenever they return to Him with genuine contrition and resolution. The parable of the Prodigal Son is one of the most quoted and most versatile of all the stories in the Gospels. And it is so because at various times in our lives it is easy to identify with one or all of these three characters. Maybe, our motives for identifying with them can be mixed, such as when we prefer to put ourselves in the shoes of the generous father. He has been deeply wronged, and his youngest son has been a keen disappointment. We've all been there. And there is more than a hint of disappointment to be found in the eldest son, who complains that he has not gotten proper recognition from the father. We've all been the aggrieved elder brother. But unlike the father, are there times when we've preferred to stay on in our grief and refuse to turn the page and move on? If the truth be told, most of us have a hard time imagining ourselves doing horrible things for which we need to repent. Repentance and change of life are generally what other people need to do, and each of us, without much trouble, could compile a list of friends and neighbours who are in need of a healthy dose of repentance. The parable illustrates the wonder of God's love and unconditional forgiveness. God seeks out the sinner and forgives him unconditionally. Jesus recounts the story of the elder brother as his response to the accusation by the self-righteous Pharisees that he was the friend of sinners. If you want to describe the elder son by one word you would call him a gentleman. He is a man of honour, solid, hard-working, consistent, disciplined, and sober; a perfect gentleman. In the elder son we see the virtues, as well as the vices, of middle-class morality. What are the vices of middle-class morality? Arrogance, better-than-thou attitude, intolerance toward those who do not meet up to our standards, insensitivity and an unforgiving spirit. The elder son exhibits these vices in the way he refuses to welcome his lost and found brother, his father's explanation and invitation notwithstanding. For him it is a matter of justice, but for God that is nothing but self-centeredness and unwillingness to forgive. The elder brother thus, represents the self-righteous Pharisees who would rather see a sinner destroyed than saved. He reflects the Pharisees' attitude that obedience to Mosaic Law is a duty, not a loving service. Like the Pharisees, the elder brother lacks sympathy for his sibling and levels accusations against him. As a self-righteous person, he refuses to forgive.

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Readings for next Sunday, 22nd Sep 2019

1st Reading	Amos	8:4-7
2nd Reading	1Tim	2:1-8
Gospel	Luke	16:1-13

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

16th	Sts Cornelius & Cyprian
17th	St Robert Bellarmine
19th	St Januarius
20th	Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Paul Chông Ha-sang & Companions
21st	St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

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:**

Patricia Kopf, Darcy Ridley, Paul Holmes, Dudley Dolman, Father Peter Milburn, Maria Hand, Emma Gammon, Asher Caudle, David North, Elijah Neri, Wayne Collins, Antoinette Pascale, Marg Dolman, Charlotte Fussell, Selena (Rose) Quinn, Phyllis Anthony, Reta Lockyer, John MacGrath, Ken Robinson, Graham Armstrong, Mary Redmond, Graham Speed, Marlen Piineda, David Truman, Bruce McAndie, 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.

Recently Deceased

Greg Dew, Elizabeth Masefield

Thus, his grudge becomes a sin in itself, resulting in his self-exclusion from the banquet of his father's love. That is what we all do when we sin. We exclude ourselves from the banquet of God's love. The call today, is to mend all our broken relations. First of all to be like the son who returns with repentance to the father so that we respond to God's love with all earnestness. Secondly, be like the Father who welcomes back the sinning younger son and having thrown a party to celebrate his return, goes out to encourage the elder son to join the celebration. We have to finish the parable in our lives. Will we end up as the younger son who returned or as the elder son, or allow the attitudes and love of the father to take over more and more in our lives? Let us then pray, "Loving Father, help me to let go of all in my life that does not reflect your welcome and love for others.



CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Dear Lord, thank you for your gift of forgiveness.

You continue to love me in spite of my faults and failures.

Help me to demonstrate forgiveness and love today, even to those who have hurt me. Amen

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I will rise and go to my father.

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.



Back to "normal" providing food and clothing in home visits in response to four calls for assistance. Our refresher training session this week was also attended by members of the TTG Conference.

Pantry needs this week are:

Coffee, Margarine, Tinned Corn,
Tinned Spaghetti and Soap

If you can, please put any or all of these in the basket. We appreciate the assistance this provides us in keeping the pantry stocked against the assistance demand. .

Thank you and God Bless

REACH OUT GROUP

Tuesday 17th September 2019
9.15am Mass at St John XXIII
Followed by a cuppa.
All Welcome

Reader: Maureen Frost
Offertory: Cathy De Luca & Pat Collins
Communion: Mary Mattner and Margaret Emery
Altar Server: Ian Dalwood

For information about Reach Out please call
Maureen Kenny Ph: 8396 7682 or M: 0418 821 859



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2019

Congratulations Kathryn Hudson
No. 2
Drawn by Alex Balayance

Contact: Barbara Mathews 8258 8806
to be included in the draw.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Enquiry Dates for Sacramental Program
2019-2020

17th September St John XXIII Church
at 7pm

18th September Holy Trinity Church
at 8pm (after 7pm Mass)

For any other enquiry please contact Jen Sherlock,
Pastoral Associate on: 8264 7590 or
Email: pa@paramodcath.com.au

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SEPTEMBER BABIES

16th Margaret Penny
17th Michael McLoughlin
18th Danielle Ellis
19th Joan Norris
20th Meredith Knowles, Michelle Javier, Eric Cruz



Working Bee St John XXIII

There will be a Working Bee on
Saturday 21st September 9am - 12noon
to reglue the top row of blocks on the retaining wall
near the Presbytery at St John XXIII.

This will entail removing the blocks, chipping back
some dirt, regluing and replacing the blocks, and
then replacing the dirt. We need a few able bodied
people with spades, shovels and pickaxes to help
do the job. If you can help please come along on the
morning with your tools and with enough help the
task should not take too long

Holy Trinity

There will be a Working Bee at Holy Trinity on
Saturday 28th September 9am - 12noon
To clean up the weeds around the property
and especially the big carpark.

Come along on the morning and bring your
gloves, spades and any other tools you may need

Parish Craft Market 2nd November 2019



Plant Stall

Donations of potted plants for our
Plant Stall are needed.
It's not too late to pot up those plants,
cuttings or bulbs!

Please bring them along on Friday 1st November
or on Saturday 2nd in the morning.



Book Stall



Books of all kinds would be appreciated
including fiction, non-fiction, biographies,
childrens' books and magazines.



Bric-a-Brac

Want to declutter, sort out
items you no longer want?
Please consider sending
your items along for the stall!
Items can be left at the parish office.



Lea Crosby
for Craft Market committee



Attention all Eucharist Ministers

If you currently have a Pyx
please return it to either of the Mass centres
or the Parish Office when not in use,
as it may be needed by other Eucharistic Ministers
who are visiting people within our community.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!**



Catholic Charities 2019 Appeal

September is Catholic Charities Month. Information brochures including a tear off envelope are available at each Mass Centre, for those who wish to donate in this way. These envelopes can be placed on the collection plate at any weekend Mass during September.



Legion of Mary Rosary Making Day

On Saturday 21st September from 10am till 3pm at Holy Trinity Church Hall we are having a Rosary making day. Parishioners of all ages are invited to a lovely fun day. B.Y.O. lunch.



The Dernancourt Catholic Community Invites you to celebrate 125 years of Oblate Missionary Work in Australia Mass concelebrated at 7pm, Friday 20th September 2019 Saint Pius X Church, 1 Avoca Street, Dernancourt Main Celebrant: Fr Philip Marshall, Administrator Delegate Homilist: Fr Christian Fini OMI, Oblate Provincial Supper will be served in the adjoining hall after Mass

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON

TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE OBLATE MISSION Tuesday 5th November 2019 from 12:30pm, St Pius X Dernancourt. Chicken and salads plus sweets \$25 per head. BYO drinks and glasses. Sweep tickets available from 11.30am. Contact Dernancourt Parish Office on 82612428 or Carmel on 0421 270 164 for tickets.



OLSH College Enfield Old Scholars Reunion 1951-80

Lunch Wednesday September 25th 12pm Hampstead Hotel Collingswood Seniors Menu Bookings: 0409701135 or 0439098306



THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The September edition of the Southern Cross is now available. Only \$2 Please Support Your Catholic Newspaper

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DVD Library every 3rd Sunday of the month at Holy Trinity.

Please note the library will not be open this weekend due to the Parish Pastoral Visitation, but will return next month on 20th October.

after 10AM MASS

WE ARE ALL CALLED TO HOLINESS DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE

Altar Servers Meeting

Altar Servers are asked to attend one of the following meetings on 28th/29th September after Saturday 9.15am & 6pm mass Sunday 10am mass

These meetings will give us an opportunity to update contact information and have fittings for Altar Servers albs.

For more information

Jen Sherlock 8264 7590 or pa@paramodcath.com.au

Are you a key board player or guitarist?

We have a relatively new parishioner, who has volunteered to help with leading the singing at the 6pm Mass on occasions.

While he has sung 'a cappella', he is hoping to find a musician to accompany him.

If you would be able to assist in this way please contact the parish office.

Craft Market 2019 – Vinnies Stall

Vinnies will again be selling baskets at this year's Craft Market. All of the proceeds from those sales went to assist the work of St Vincent de Paul locally –

We are still seeking donations of goods to make up various gift baskets.

There is a box at the back of each church for you to place your donations of gifts in.

We are very grateful for your ongoing support of the work of St Vincent de Paul in our parish. Corrie Bowman

St Vincent de Paul Concert

The annual St Vincent de Paul concert will be held on Friday 18th October please put this date in your diaries and support Vinnies.

The funds from the evening go towards providing hampers & toys for Christmas.

The group this year are called "Bangers and Mash" and have had great reviews from retirement villages, nursing homes, hospitals, just to name a few.

So we hope you will again support us on this night.

Tickets will be on sale after Masses from this weekend.