



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

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Therese Meyers 0421 533 761

22nd September 2019
25th 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	23rd Sep	Religious Education for Children	5pm	Holy Trinity
Tue	24th Sep	Legion of Mary	12.30 pm	Holy Trinity
Thur	26th Sep	Christian Meditation	2pm - 3pm	St John XXIII
Thur	26th Sep	Legion of Mary	7.30pm	
		Mother of Christ Praesidium (6 Metcalfe Ave Modbury Heights)		
Sun	29th Sep	Divine Mercy	3pm	Holy Trinity

OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

Mon	23rd Sep	Bowls	1 - 3.30pm	St John XXIII
Mon	23rd Sep	Parish Finance Council	7.30pm	St John XXIII
Tue	24th Sep	Reach Out	9.45am	St John XXIII
Wed	25th Sep	Senior Social Club	1pm	Holy Trinity
Fri	27th Sep	Craft Group	9.30am - 12noon	St John XXIII
Sat	28th Sep	Working Bee	9am - 12noon	Holy Trinity
Sat	28th Sep	Garden Group	9am - 12noon	Holy Trinity

Archdiocesan Parish Pastoral Visitation

With Grateful Thanks

Many thanks to all of the wonderful parishioners who helped to set up,
clean up and/or contribute food for the
Archdiocesan Pastoral Parish Visitation events over the last two weeks.
The events were a great success, with many groups and individuals taking up the
opportunity to chat with Visitation Team Members and reflect upon the parish –
our successes, our shortcomings and our hopes for the future.

*If you took any photos during the various events we would be grateful
if you could forward an electronic copy to the parish office.*

*The Visitation events would not have been the success they were without
your continuing generosity which is much appreciated.*

Be Smart in the Pursuit of the Kingdom

There is a lot of talk in modern times about devaluation. People complain all the time about the shrinking purchasing power of the money in their pockets, about what their ten-dollar note could have bought, even as little as five years ago. But in a real sense money is only devalued by the use we make of it. "Use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends," Christ told his disciples, "and so make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity." We may well be depressed at how little it can buy on High Street, but in the poor back streets of this world, its value never fluctuates.

Oscar Wilde once described a cynic as "one who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing." A Christian should be the reverse. One who has no interest in the price of anything but knows the value of everything.

Writing to Timothy, his disciple, St Paul quotes the proverb which says, "The love of money is the root of all evil." Note, it does not say that money is the root of all evil, but rather the "love of money" is. Of course, money is necessary, and always was, as a means of exchanging goods in every complex organised society. But through excessive love of money a person can become its slave. Money can become a substitute for God in one's life, to the extent that in one's efforts to acquire more of it one can become, in Christ's own words, "choked by the riches and pleasures of life and fail to reach spiritual maturity" (Lk 8:13).

Life is something far more precious than the food we take, the clothes we wear, or the riches we acquire. Earthly possessions are things which are on loan to us. After a brief life span, we have to relinquish our hold on them and leave them behind. "Naked I came from my mother's womb," Job said (1:21), "and naked shall I return; the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away." Wisdom, in the sense of being smart or shrewd as we see in today's parable of the dishonest servant, is not an end in itself. One can be smart and use one's smartness to do mean things. Many con artists and terrorists are smart people who use their smartness to create unhappiness in the world. Today's parable challenges us to be smart in the pursuit of the kingdom of God just as godless people are smart in their pursuit of selfish goals and ambitions. Jesus uses the example of a smart manager in his master's business to teach us the need to be smart in the Lord's service. We are challenged to imitate the manager's shrewdness, not his dishonesty. "The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly" (Luke 16:8)

Events in our world show that we live in difficult and precarious times, like the manager in the parable. The manager faced squarely the truth of his helplessness and vulnerability and did something about it. Why do we keep on telling ourselves the lie that we are safe and secure and that nothing can ever happen to us?

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Readings for next Sunday, 29th Sep 2019

1st Reading	Amos	6:1, 4-7
2nd Reading	1Tim	6:11-16
Gospel	Luke	16:19-31

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

23rd	St Pius of Pietricina (Padre Pio)
26th	St Cosmas & Damian
27th	St Vincent de Paul
28th	St Wenceslaus, St Laurence Ruiz & Companions

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

cont.

We do not have to wait, like the dishonest servant, for a last-minute display of smartness to fix our eternal concerns. The time to be smart is now. The smart manager used what he could not keep to get what he needed so badly, friendship with his business associates. We should likewise invest all our temporal and spiritual resources to gain the only thing that matters in the end: the kingdom of God. Remember the saying you cannot serve both God and money at the same time.



Social Justice Sunday

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 29 September.

This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world'.

It shares Pope Francis' challenge to us to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world'.

It points out that we are called not just to be inhabitants of this world, but active citizens shaping it.

For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Office for Social Justice website

(www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)

Follow us on Facebook: @socialjusticeACBC

or Twitter: @JusticeCatholic

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor.

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.

We've had a busier week providing food, furniture (Wardrobes for a single mother of two handicapped children who has just re-located from Dernancourt) and clothing in home visits in response to six calls for assistance.

There was a Northern Region meeting of Vinnies conferences this week at Clearview – the quest for a successor to the out-going Regional President continues. On the good news side, funding for the Children's' Social Equity Fund (CSEF) has been replenished allowing us to subsidise, to 80%, primary school children costs of school and other activities.

Pantry needs this week are:

Coffee, Margarine, and Tinned Fruit.

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



CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Lord, help us to be truthful and honest with each other, and to be guided by your goodness. Amen

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



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.

REACH OUT GROUP

Tuesday 24th September 2019
9.15am Mass at St John XXIII
Followed by a cuppa.
All Welcome

Reader: Margaret Dunn
Offertory: Barbara Sorrell & Pam Ridley
Communion: Pat Harvey and Margaret Emery
Altar Server: Leo North

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

Working Bee 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

DIVINE MERCY AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

The next Divine Mercy Eucharistic Adoration will be on Sunday, 29th September at 3pm at Holy Trinity Church, 3 James Street, Para Hills.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

The next meeting for the Parish Finance Council is on the 23rd September, 2019 St John XXIII Meeting Room at 7.30pm.

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.



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2019

Congratulations Sheila Clark
No. 62
Drawn by Ann Cotton
for Kathryn Hudson

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SEPTEMBER BABIES

24th Sean Conlon, Gary Staker
25th Jean McGowan, Renee Dini,
Ken Robinson
26th Marg Robinson
27th Michael Burke, Andrea Randell, Cathy Hargreaves
28th Helen Zmarek, Christopher Wilks, Rita Robinson,
Maud Brown
29th Chris O'Reilly



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. 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.

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 this weekend.

Can you help?

A parishioner who has been attending 6pm mass at St John XXIII is seeking a lift. She lives at the Tea Tree Gardens Retirement Village on Grand Junction Road. If you can help her even if not every week please contact the parish office.



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 Collinswood Seniors Menu
Bookings: 0409701135 or 0439098306



THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The September edition of the Southern Cross is now available.
Only \$2

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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

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.

Garden Group

Next gathering - Saturday 28th September will be at Holy Trinity from 9am - 12 pm.

Please contact Jen Sherlock on: 8264 7590 or email: pa@paramodcath.com.au



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