



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

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(Secondary) 8282 6600
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3rd November 2019
31st 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

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

PRAYER MEETINGS AND DEVOTIONS

Mon	4th Nov	Religious Education for Children	5pm - 6pm	Holy Trinity
Tue	5th Nov	Prayer Circle	11am - 12noon	St John XXIII
Tue	5th Nov	Legion of Mary	12.30pm	Holy Trinity
Wed	6th Nov	St Joseph Devotion	6.30pm - 8pm	Holy Trinity
Thur	7th Nov	Legion of Mary	7.30pm	
		Mother of Christ Praesidium (6 Metcalfe Ave Modbury Heights)		
Sat	8th Nov	Sacramental Program	4pm	St John XXIII
Sun	10th Nov	Couples for Christ Meeting	2pm	St John XXIII
Sun	10th Nov	Legion Of Mary(N.E.Curia, Cry room)	2pm	Holy Trinity

OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

Mon	4th Nov	Bowls	1pm - 3.30pm	St John XXIII
Tue	5th Nov	Reach Out	9.45am	St John XXIII
Tue	5th Nov	Liturgy Committee (Private Residence)	7pm	
Wed	6th Nov	Senior Social Club	1pm	Holy Trinity
Fri	8th Nov	Craft Group	9.30am - 12noon	St John XXIII
Sat	9th Nov	Treasure Market	8.00am - 12noon	St John XXIII
Sat	9th Nov	Garden Group	9.00am - 12noon	St John XXIII

Seeking out and Saving the Lost

Today's Gospel presents the beautiful story of the instantaneous conversion of the tax-collector, Zacchaeus. God's grace led him to a moment of conversion. The account describes how Jesus recognized Zacchaeus for exactly what he was, a lost sinner in need of a Saviour, and how God's grace worked in Zacchaeus to lead him from idle curiosity to repentance, conversion and restitution. The gospel story reminds us that though we might seem insignificant, yet it does not diminish the love, mercy, and salvation of God for us. All it takes is one divine encounter with Him for a transformation to take place. The context of the gospel is interesting. A rich ruler came to Jesus asking how he might be saved (Luke 18). But he went away sad after learning that he would have to sacrifice his riches. When the Apostles wondered if any man with possessions could be saved, Jesus assured them, "What is impossible for mortals is possible for God" (18:18-27).

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This account leads naturally to our Gospel lesson, the story of Zacchaeus, a rich man who found salvation when he surrendered himself to the grace of God.

The rich ruler was too attached to his possessions to give them to the poor. The repentant Zacchaeus, on the other hand, voluntarily pledged to give half his possessions to the poor and to make fourfold restitution to any one he might have cheated. The story of Zacchaeus reinforces the lessons of the fifteenth chapter of Luke in which a lost sheep and a lost coin are found, and a lost son is embraced. It also demonstrates the fact that nobody is beyond the possibility of conversion.

It was Passover time, which meant that tens of thousands of Jewish pilgrims were coming down from Galilee, by-passing Samaria and coming to the toll booth at Jericho to pay their taxes. Bible scholars tell us that two or three million people showed up for the Passover. Jesus also made this trip, coming from Galilee in the north, to Jerusalem in the south, by way of Jericho. Since Jesus had become very famous by that time, people passing through the customs-house at Jericho wanted to see him. Naturally, Zacchaeus was curious to see the new rabbi from Nazareth who, people said, welcomed tax-collectors and sinners as his friends. Zacchaeus might even have heard that a former tax-gatherer, Levi, was one of Jesus' disciples. Therefore, despite the expected ridicule he might receive from the crowd, he resolved to get a look at Jesus. To escape the crowd and get a clear vision of Jesus, he climbed a sycamore tree and sat hidden in its leafy branches. Jesus noticed him, however, and cheerfully called, "Zacchaeus! Come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house!" They went off together, the sinner and the Son of God. Just as Zacchaeus had exposed himself to ridicule by climbing a tree, so Jesus exposed himself to criticism by visiting Zacchaeus' house. A mere glance and a few words of acceptance from Jesus changed this man from the sinner the community thought him to be into a man to whom Jesus had brought salvation. The presence of Jesus gave to Zacchaeus the twin gifts of Grace and Justification.

Like Zacchaeus we need to accept the Divine invitation for repentance. Jesus takes the initiative of knocking at the door of our souls, asking for entry. We have one thing in common with Zacchaeus: like him, we are all sinners and therefore we need salvation. For this we need to go through the process of discipleship: seeking, meeting, undergoing conversion, and following Jesus just as Zacchaeus did. We are all sinners to a greater or lesser degree. Jesus is inviting each one of us to total conversion today through this Gospel lesson. We need to come before the Lord with humility and confess to Him all our weaknesses. Let us remember that Jesus loves us in spite of our ugly thoughts, broken promises, sullied ideals, lack of prayer and Faith, resentments and lusts. He will put us back on the straight road to Heaven. We will become again true "sons and daughters of Abraham." In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, in the confessional, Jesus ministers to us individually, just as he interacted individually with Zacchaeus. As Zacchaeus did, we need to come down, to leave the perches of our pride and allow Jesus heal and make us whole.



Readings for next Sunday, 10th Nov 2019

1st Reading	2 Mc	7:1-2, 9:1-4
2nd Reading	2 Thes	2:16 - 3:5
Gospel	Luke	20:27-38

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

4th	Nov	St Charles Borromeo
9th		Dedication of Lateran Basilica

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

Patricia Mary Carey, Sharyn Francese



CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Lord Jesus, make our hearts more loving
and ready to forgive others
just as you forgive us. Amen

Memorial Mass

On Friday the 29th November 2019
at St John XXIII
we will be holding our
Annual Memorial Mass
at 7.30pm, followed by
a shared supper

All Parishioners Welcome



We welcome to our community,
those families who are preparing for their
children's baptism during November.

Please show your support by making them
feel welcome and remembering
them in your prayers.

We also welcome with joy all those children who were
baptised into our community during October.

Harper Grace Bavey

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

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 quiet week with only three calls,
covering 6 adults and 2 children.

Requests for Christmas hampers will be taken on the
call line from November 4th onwards,
and the Giving Tree will be in place after
our November meeting.

Our Christmas Appeal will be on the weekend of
November 9/10 and your support, as ever,
is greatly appreciated.

Stamped envelopes will be available for donations,
and tax receipts will be provided.

Our immediate needs in the pantry are
Sugar, Tinned Meat, Tinned Carrots
and Breakfast Cereal

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 5th November 2019
9.15am Mass at St John XXIII
Followed by a cuppa.
All Welcome

Reader: Margaret Dunn
Offertory: Pat Harvey & Judy Dalwood
Communion: Cathy DeLuca & Pam Ridley
Altar Server: Leo North

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



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2019

Congratulations Grace Healey
No. 70

Drawn by Ursula Moore

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY NOVEMBER BABIES

- 4th Nov Lynlee & Susan Thalbourne
- 5th Nov Linda Molloghan, Brendan Truman,
Carmen Fenech, Michael Callery
- 6th Nov Patrick Lum
- 7th Nov Tania DeCeglie, Ann Stanton
- 8th Nov Matthew Knowles



Many thanks to the wonderfully eager team who
came along to the working bee at St John XXIII
last Saturday to help prepare the
Centre for the Craft Market.

Windows were left sparkling, spiders bereft of a
home and the gardens neat and tidy
thanks to their many efforts.

Thank You - Volunteers Weekend Dinner /BBQ

We will be holding a BBQ to show our appreciation for
all the wonderful work our many volunteers
do within the parish.

Sunday 24th November 2019

at 5pm in the Holy Trinity Church Hall.

All Masses on the weekend of the 23rd/24th November
will be dedicated to our Volunteers.



**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 6th November
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)*

Liturgy Assistants Roster January to March 2020

The liturgy assistants roster for January to March 2020
will be drawn up soon. If you have any information that
affects the roster, or you are aware that you will not be
available for any reason for any ministry for which you
have volunteered, could you please pass that
information either to the parish office or directly to
Therese Meyers by phoning 0421 533 761
or by emailing theresemeyers@gmail.com
by Friday 15 November 2019.

The 2020 AFL Draw is already available!

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING
The next Liturgy Committee Meeting
Tuesday 5th November at 7pm
Contact Therese Meyers on 0421 533 761

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! God loved the world so much, he gave his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Alleluia!**



November

The Month of Remembrance

November is the month when we as the church remember those of our family, friends and parishioners who have died. We especially remember those who have gone to their heavenly reward this past year.

During November Fr Manu will pray and offer intentions for the beloved deceased family and friends of:

The Ellul Family, M L Bossy, Trish Guazzelli, Hehir Family, Domenic Trimboli, Louella Walker, Maureen Frost, Araceli Manuel, Emilia Pudelek, Joanne Chow, Mr & Mrs Henry Gilbert

"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be freed from their sins." 11 Machabees 12:46

If you wish to have a Mass said for your deceased relatives and friends during the month of November, please fill in the envelopes in your planned giving pack and place in the collection plate at Mass or drop off to the Parish Office.

If you do not have a pack of envelopes there are spare envelopes in both foyers to use for November Masses.

SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND FOR THOSE WHO STAY AT HOME.

Fr Jack is taking another pilgrimage this year with a group of 15 pilgrims.

The pilgrims are leaving on 15th November. Copies of the journey are available at the back of the church today for those people who would like to follow from home and pray for us.

If you can, light a candle everyday and say a prayer for us. We promise to light a candle in each of the churches we visit and pray for you that your Spiritual journey may be blessed.

With thanks, Fr Jack.

GARDEN GROUP

Next gathering - Saturday 9th November will be at St John XXIII from 9am - 12 pm.

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

TREASURE MARKET

Second Saturday of each month

8am to 12noon

Next: 9th November 2019

St John XXIII Centre

Sellers \$10—Buyers free!

PLEASE SEND SMALLER GOODS OUR WAY, THEY CAN BE LEFT ON THE SHELVES IN THE MARKET WALKWAY

OR IN THE BOX AT THE BACK OF ST JOHN XXIII CHURCH, ALSO IN A BOX IN THE CRY ROOM AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.

All monies raised from the Market are donated to the Parish.

WE CAN NO LONGER ACCEPT LARGE ITEMS SUCH AS TVs, MATTRESSES, SOFAS, LOUNGE CHAIRS & WARDROBES AS WE ARE NOT ABLE TO SELL THEM.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Sacramental Preparation



Our next Sacramental Workshop will be on next Saturday 9th of November at 4pm at St John XXIII.

Please bring the "Who am I am and who is God" booklet to the workshop.

Bring along a plate of food to share at the end of the session.

We ask our Parish Community to pray for the children as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

2020 Columban Calendars

The 2020 Columban Calendars are available for purchase at the back of the church. The cost is \$9 each.

St Francis Xavier's School

4 Carignane St, Wynn Vale

St Francis Xavier's School warmly invites you to celebrate the following occasions with us next term. This is an opportunity for all in our parish community to pray and participate in our celebrations together. Please sign in at the front office and you will be guided to the hall ready for our Masses and liturgies.

Week 5 - Monday 11th November Remembrance Day Prayer Service 10:45am on basketball courts

Week 8 - Tuesday 3rd December St Francis Xavier's Day Liturgy at 9:15am Xavier Hall Hosted by Year 5

Wednesday 11th December End of Year Mass at 9:15am in Xavier Hall

CANS FOR KIDS & UKES4 CHARITY BENEFIT CONCERT

Venue: St John XXIII

50 Reservoir Road, Hope Valley

Date: Friday, 15th November 2019

Time: 7:00pm to 9pm

Supper Available – Gold coin Donation

Tickets: \$10 each

Seniors and Members : \$7.00 each

THE SOUTHERN CROSS



The November edition of the Southern Cross is now available.

Only \$2

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