



# PARA HILLS MODBURY CATHOLIC PARISH

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## Holy Trinity Church

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## 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  
Carignane St,  
Wynn Vale 5127

**Gleeson College**  
(Secondary) 8282 6600  
40-60 Surrey Farm Drive,  
Golden Grove 5125

## Parish Child Protection Officer

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1st December 2019

1st Sunday of Advent YEAR A - 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  
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	2nd Dec	Religious Education for Children	5pm - 6pm	Holy Trinity
Tue	2nd Dec	Prayer Circle	11am - 12noon	St John XXIII
Tue	2nd Dec	Legion of Mary	12.30pm	Holy Trinity
Thur	5th Dec	Legion of Mary	7.30pm	
		Mother of Christ Praesidium (6 Metcalfe Ave Modbury Heights)		
Fri	6th Dec	Two hearts Prayer group	8 pm - 3am	Holy Trinity
Sat	7th Dec	Sacramental Program	4pm	St John XXIII
Sun	8th Dec	Legion of Mary (N.E. Curia, Cry Room)	2pm	Holy Trinity

## OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

Mon	2nd Dec	Bowls	1pm - 3.30pm	St John XXIII
Tue	3rd Dec	Reach Out	9.45am	St John XXIII
Wed	4th Dec	Liturgy Committee (Private Residence)	7pm	
Wed	4th Dec	Senior Social Club	1pm	Holy Trinity
Fri	6th Dec	Craft Group	9.30am - 12noon	St John XXIII
Sun	8th Dec	Plenary Council Meeting	11am	Holy Trinity



## ***PLEASE NOTE***

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
NEXT FRIDAY, 6TH DECEMBER.**

## **Come, Lord Jesus**

We begin the season of Advent. The word "Advent," means "coming." So, in Advent we celebrate the various comings of Jesus, the Word incarnate and God on earth. We commemorate his coming at Bethlehem two thousand years ago, his Second Coming at the end of the world, and his coming to us in our lives at the time of our reception of the sacraments. The Church urges us to open our hearts to receive him with faith, hope and love. Today marks the beginning of that season in the church year when we anticipate and await the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. In the words of the apostle Paul, we "wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 1:7). We do not only await his coming as the Christ child in a

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manger in Bethlehem but we also wait for his coming again in great glory so that we will be made "guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 1:8).

The Advent season gives us ample opportunity to think about the first coming of Jesus Christ to earth, as well as his second coming, the day and time of which we are unaware.

Our reading today from Isaiah also reminds us that there is a need for a penitential reckoning during the season of Advent. Advent is not Lent, but there must be a time of reflection on the sinfulness of humanity during this season. This penitential aspect is illustrated well, I think, by the Roman Catholic custom, that purple or violet is the liturgical colour of Advent. Advent must bring to mind the sinfulness of humankind and our need for the Saviour of the world. In Isaiah's words, "We have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is not one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you" (64:6-7a). Notice how Isaiah moves from the collective whole (all of Israel) to the more personal "not one" and "himself." This suggests that we must be collectively and individually aware of our sins and repent.

We have made the advent wreath which is so special to Christians. The circle of the wreath reminds Christians of God, His eternity and endless mercy, which has no beginning or end.

The green of the wreath speaks of the hope that Christians have in God, the hope of newness, of renewal, of eternal life. The four outer candles represent the period of waiting during the four Sundays of Advent. The four traditional advent themes:

The Candle of HOPE: The first candle is the candle of 'Hope', so prayers on this day focus on hope.

This candle represents the 'Patriarchs' such as Abraham and David.

The Candle of PEACE: The second candle is a symbol of God's 'Peace'. This candle reminds Christians of the Prophets who foretold that the Messiah would be born.

The Candle of LOVE: The third candle represents 'Love' and stands for John the Baptist who baptised Jesus.

The Candle of JOY: The fourth candle symbolises 'Joy' and when this candle is lit Christians remember Mary the mother of Jesus who was joyful when the angel Gabriel told her she was to have a special baby.

So, may this Advent season cause us to remember that God came down from heaven for us. May we remember that God is still present to us, not only in hindsight by looking back to the babe in Bethlehem, but right here and right now in the Eucharist and in the body of Christ gathered together as his church. May we use this advent season to remind ourselves that we are saved by the grace of God. Finally, may we allow Jesus the Saviour to mould us into a precious vessel for his use. Give ourselves to him who gave himself for us. So that our hope, peace, love and joy will be in full during this season of advent and we will carry it along in all our celebrations and especially in our daily lives. May this Advent season be blessed, and may it bless us.



## Readings for next Sunday, 1st Dec 2019

1st Reading	Is	11:1-10
2nd Reading	Rom	15:4-9
Gospel	Mat	3:1-12

## Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

3rd	Dec	St Francis Xavier
4th		St John Damascene
6th		St Nicholas
7th		St Ambrose

## Our Community's Prayer Petitions

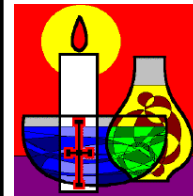
**PLEASE NOTE: THE NAMES ON THE SICK LIST WILL REMAIN FOR TWO MONTHS ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED.**

**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:**

Anthony Tuanqui, Margaret Pitt, 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 Pineda, David Truman, Bruce McAndie, Rosa Maria Santos, Sean Molloy, Betty Roper, Imperia De Ionno, Julie Reimann, Imelda Schulz, Maddison Calleja, Janice Forrester, Jim Marlow, Gerry Canavan, Jayden Lee, Audrey Athayde, Marie Boulton, Sr. Marleen Dewar OLSH, Kay Kennedy, Rita Robinson, Eileen Ryan, Gary Lockyer, Yvonne Summers.

## Anointing of the Sick



We will have the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick on the following dates:

**Tuesday 10th December at  
St John XXIII Mass at 9.15am.**

**Wednesday 11th December at  
Holy Trinity Church Mass at 7pm**

Parishioners, 65 years and upwards would be prime candidates but obviously younger people who may have health issues, be they physical, emotional etc., may like to present themselves also.

If you are younger and there is nothing really of concern, you don't need to receive the Sacrament of Anointing at present.

***If there are people at home who require anointing but not able to attend, please call the office to arrange a visit from Fr Manu.***

## Please Note

**There will not be a Mass celebrated at Modbury Hospital this coming Thursday 5th December.**

The last Mass to be celebrated at the Modbury Hospital for this year will be on Thursday 12th December

This Mass will recommence mid February 2020

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Let us go rejoicing to the house 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.*

We're continuing to make house calls  
until December 13th, and they haven't stopped  
coming in – 11 requests last week.

But our focus is now on the Giving Tree as we  
accumulate the makings of the Christmas hampers  
through your generosity.

We're taking requests for the hampers also  
until December 13th and our list presently is  
approaching 20; last year it grew to 40.

St Francis Xavier is also conducting a Christmas food  
appeal that should greatly help in filling the hampers.

The Christmas cards are now all sold  
sorry if you missed out.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

### REACH OUT GROUP

Tuesday 3rd December 2019  
9.15am Mass at St John XXIII

Reader: Barbara Sorrell  
Offertory: Judy Dalwood & Ian Dalwood  
Communion: Margaret Dunn & Pam Ridley  
Altar Server: Leo North

After the 9.15a.m. Mass Reach Out  
will be hosting their Christmas Morning Tea.

All welcome to come and join us.

The Multicultural Singing Group will be  
entertaining us. Could also be a "surprise" visitor!!

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



### DEVELOPMENT FUND 2019

Congratulations Angela Zakarias  
No. 71

Drawn by Alex Balayance

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

### **CHRISTMAS MASS MINISTRY**

As with all of our regular Masses we will need  
Liturgy Assistants for the Christmas Masses.  
The Rosters are now up at the back of the Church.  
If you are able to help in any of the ministries  
please add your name to the rosters.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!**

## Carols Night 2019

Hosted by ParaMod Youth

Friday 13th December  
6.30pm

St John XXIII

Over 8 groups performing + Surprise Guest  
Christmas Raffle and light refreshments  
will be available on the night.  
Come join us for a free and fun filled evening



Plenary Council 2020  
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

### Plenary Council 2020

**'Listen to what the Spirit is saying ...' Rev 2:7**

#### What's next in our parish?

We will convene two sessions where parishioners will be  
able to join a discussion group on one of the Listening and  
Discernment themes. There will be tea, coffee and finger  
food available. You will be able to choose either or both  
(should you want to discuss more than one of the themes)  
of the following sessions:

- 30<sup>th</sup> November at St John XXIII following 6pm Mass
- 8<sup>th</sup> December at Holy Trinity following 10am Mass.

Each Discernment session is expected to result in a  
response that we can summarise and submit via the  
Plenary Council website. The Australia wide responses  
will be used to 'flesh out' the agenda for discussion at the  
Plenary Council in October 2020

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Our next Sacramental Workshop  
will be on next Saturday  
7th of December at 4pm  
at St John XXIII.

Please bring the "The Sacraments" 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.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY DECEMBER BABIES**

2nd Dec	Mark Agar
4th Dec	John Dini Junior
5th Dec	Delice Regan
7th Dec	Pat Collins





## Christmas is coming

Come and be a part of The Nativity Play.  
If there are any children between the ages of 4 to 12  
years of age that would like to be in the Nativity play  
at the Christmas Eve Family Mass  
we will be practicing on  
Friday 20th Dec 5-6pm  
Monday 23rd Dec 5-6pm

At Holy Trinity Church 171 Kesters Road, Para Hills.

Join in the fun.



## Modbury Community & Craft Group



Would like to invite all Parishioners to our  
Christmas Craft sale  
on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 10am  
in St John XXIII Church Centre

On the day we will also be hosting a very special guest,  
Sr. Sally Duigan . (sister of Catherine Kerslake)  
Sr. Sally is the Coordinator the Holy Family Centre  
in Limpopo, South Africa,  
for 75 children ranging in age from 0 to 18 years old.  
Sr. Sally will be talking about the lives of  
the children in her care.

The Craft Group over many years has helped to  
financially support Sr. Sally and her centre.  
We look forward to enjoying your company.

### JOY OF THE GOSPEL

#### DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR 2020

AVAILABLE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE  
FOR ONLY \$10



#### Two Hearts Prayer Group Holy Trinity Church

Friday 6th December, at  
Holy Trinity Church. Rosary at 8pm  
followed by Mass at 9pm  
and finishes with Mass at 3am on  
Saturday morning.

#### LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Liturgy Committee Meeting  
Wednesday 4th December at 7pm  
Contact Therese Meyers on 0421 533 761

#### THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The December edition of the  
Southern Cross is now available.

Only \$2

Please Support Your Catholic Newspaper

## Notice to all Parish Groups

**Our Christmas Bulletin is well  
under way and we ask that you  
submit any notices  
or brief Christmas messages before  
3pm Tuesday 10th December 2019.**

**Also please submit your  
Diary Dates for 2020  
as soon as possible so they  
can be placed in the Parish Diary.  
All dates must be submitted  
in writing either by email at  
bulletin@paramodcath.com.au  
snail mail or dropped off  
to the Parish Office.**

**Thank you**

### End Of Year Christmas Party

For all RE Students and all Altar Servers  
Holy Trinity Hall 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019 5-6pm  
Please bring a plate of food to share.

### PLEASE NOTE

There will be no flowers during Advent,  
all donations will go towards the  
Christmas arrangements. We take this opportunity to  
thank those who donated towards the flowers during  
the year to beautify our church.



### TREASURE MARKET

Second Saturday of each month  
8am to 12noon

Next: 14th December 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.