



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
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Golden Grove 5125

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22nd December & Christmas 2019
4th Sunday of Advent YEAR A - Violet

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**We acknowledge the Kaurna people as the custodians of this region.
Let us share and learn together for reconciliation and justice.**



**We wish You All a
Very Happy Christmas
and a Bright and
Prosperous New Year.
God Bless You**

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve

Tuesday 24th December

Holy Trinity Church - 6.30pm Family Mass

St John XXIII Church - 8.30pm Mass

St John XXIII Church - Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Wednesday 25th December

Holy Trinity Church - 9am Mass

St John XXIII Church - 9am Mass

OFFICE CLOSURE

**Please Note that the Parish Office will close
on Friday 20th December 2019
and reopen Tuesday 21st January 2020**

Wish you all a Blessed Christmas.....

Dear Parishioners,



I take this time to wish you and your families a happy and holy Christmas. As we gather to celebrate Christmas, another year has passed with many events, public and private, touching our lives and those of the people in our parish in different ways. No doubt this year has brought joys and sadness in different measure to each person all colouring our memories of 2019.

Despite all that traditionally we see Christmas as a time of peace and joy, a time to celebrate with family, with friends and loved ones. I do hope that your Christmas will have something of that peace, joy and celebration.

Christmas is an opportunity to thank all who give generously of their time and talents in making this Parish such an energetic, faith-filled community that it is at present. I have already mentioned all that in the bulletin that we published on the volunteer's weekend. There have been so many blessings that I thank God for this past year. I thank God for Fr. Peter and Fr. Jack who enrich us with their pastoral services to the parish. Thank you very much for the prayers, support, financial contributions, genuine love and concern of so many of you faithful parishioners. Specially, may I mention the names of Jen, Sindi and Pauline, our excellent team in the parish office, whose cheerful availability and hard work help us tremendously in being what we are. May God bless you for your goodness! Christianity is never a "spectator sport" in which we simply sit back, watch and cheer. Rather, it involves active participation and a life commitment, which I have experienced in the way you get involved in the various activities of the parish. A word of thanks to all for the greetings, gifts prayers and support that was so personal for me as I celebrate this seventh Christmas in Australia, away from home and my homeland. Let me tell you most honestly, that I am so privileged to be in Para Hills Modbury Parish this last seven years.

As our parish stands in need of more help in the coming years, maybe the Christmas message this year is a challenge for all of us to become more involved. It is not only a question of giving more; it is also a question of giving more of ourselves. Yes, that's what God was doing when he got involved with us and our world at Christmas. Christmas belongs to believers, to those who believe that Jesus Christ, Son of God, was born of the Virgin Mary to reconcile us to one another and to the Father. This is why He came. God will fill us with His peace if there is room in our lives for Him.

Thank you for helping us along the journey. May you be blessed with peace and joy at this Christmas. As we adore the Christ Child in the manger at Christmas, may we be moved by the great love and humility that God showed to us in the birth of His Son! Be assured of my daily prayers and Masses for all of you. Have a blessed and peace-filled Christmas and a bright prosperous New Year.

Fr. Peter

Readings for next Sunday, 29th Dec 2019

1st Reading	Sir	3:2-6, 12-14
2nd Reading	Col	3:12-21
Gospel	Mat	2:13-15, 19-23

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

23rd Dec	St John of Kanty
25th	The Nativity of the Lord
26th	St Stephen, The First Martyr
27th	St John, Apostle & Evangelist
28th	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
29th	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
1st Jan	Mary the Holy Mother of God
2nd	St Basil the Great & St Gregory
3rd	The Most Holy Name of Jesus
5th	Feast of the Epiphany
7th	St Raymond of Penyafort
12th	The Baptism of the Lord
13th	St Hilary
17th	St Anthony Abbot
20th	St Fabian and St Sebastian
21st	St Agnes
22nd	St Vincent
24th	St Francis de Sales
26th	The Conversion of St Paul

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:**

Anne Van Der Arend, Gerry McConnell, 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 Piineda, 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.

Altar Servers

On behalf of the parish, the Legion of Mary would like to thank all Altar Servers for their loyal and dedicated service during 2019.

We wish you and your families a very Holy and Blessed Christmas and look forward to your continued service in 2020.

Merry Christmas!



RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.



Vinnies

good works



With Christmas celebrations upon us, there are two major thoughts coming to mind.

One is that there are a lot of people for whom Christmas is a struggle and we see the signs of this as we make over two hundred visits to homes and families who have requested assistance for a variety of reasons. We hope that our assistance in the form of food, grocery vouchers, clothes and furniture helps them through a hard time. We also hope the Christmas hampers go some way to bring the joy of Christmas into their lives.

The second is that we're acting on behalf of all parishioners when we visit, taking your charity to those in need. All conference members are extremely aware that we can't function without your generosity in supporting the food basket, the fundraisers and the appeals we have in Winter and Christmas. There is great support as well from our parish school, St Francis Xavier's, for our food appeals.

Thank you all for your support and Merry Christmas.

Michael Bone
President

The St Vincent de Paul Para Hills Conference



We wish to thank all those who contributed to our Christmas hampers. Thirty of these containing traditional foods and some gifts for children were delivered on the 13th and 14th December.

We wish you all an abundance of blessings for Christmas and the coming year.

Helen Zmarek,
President



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

As a result of some long-standing ministry members having to retire, the parish is in urgent need of people to assist with visiting and taking Holy Communion to parishioners who are sick and or housebound.

The need is especially great at the Holy Trinity end of the parish.

If you are able to assist with this ministry we ask that you contact Jen Sherlock in the parish office on 8264 7590.

We thank all of those who have been fulfilling this ministry and wish all those who have been visiting the sick and housebound a happy and holy Christmas.

Community Garden Group

The parish Community Gardening Group have gathered each fortnight over the last year at St John XXIII in the second week and at Holy Trinity in the fourth week of the month. This year at St John XXIII we have built a prayer area and placed a statue of Our Lady in a paved area. The garden has grown with the help of our community group and many hours of pulling weeds and moving earth. We now have nine fruit trees in the garden area of St John XXIII and new ideas are developing for the Holy Trinity garden in the New Year to come.

If you have a green thumb or you would like to try to develop one you would be most welcome to join us in the garden.

All the very best for a joy filled and peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Prayer Circle will recommence on Tuesdays in the Chapel from 11am - 11.30am at St John XXIII on Tuesday 7th January 2020



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! A virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us. Alleluia!



PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL REPORT

CHRISTMAS 2019

The Parish Finance Council has three roles –

1. Set the Parish budget and monitor finances throughout the year
2. Oversee Work Health and Safety (WHS)
3. Manage Parish property and maintenance

While our planned giving has been down a little this year other income has been up, so our income has met our budget predictions. Overall expenditure has stayed within budget so our finances for 2019 remain in the black with a small surplus.

The Catholic Church is a self-insurer for WHS so the Parish must adhere to and keep up to date with church safety policies and take corrective action where necessary to ensure safety for all parishioners, parish volunteers and workers.

To maintain our Parish properties, the PFC has managed or undertaken, with the help of a number of dedicated volunteers, the following key tasks –

- * A new air conditioner for the St John XXIII meeting room.
- * A new rainwater tank and pump at Holy Trinity and re-plumbing of pipes to service the hall toilets.
- * A new water line at Holy Trinity to improve pressure in the kitchen and separate the water supply from the rental house.
- * Raised the SA water meter at Holy Trinity and reworked the taps and watering systems for the gardens.
- * A replacement air conditioner for the rental house.
- * Installed new LED lights and heaters for St John XXIII carpet and kitchen areas.
- * Installed a new data projector at Holy Trinity.
- * Liaised with gas company for the new easement and pipe works at St John XXIII including a new Saturday Market sign.
- * Refit and glued retaining wall block at St John XXIII.
- * Installed a new shelf in the Craft Group storeroom at St John XXIII to increase storage space.
- * Repaired broken water pipe due to tree roots at St John XXIII driveway.
- * Upgraded confessionals with glass doors at both Holy Trinity and St John XXIII to meet new Archdiocesan requirements.
- * Approved purchase of an EFPTOS machine to facilitate payments to the Parish such as baptisms, RE and Sacramental Programs and funerals.
- * Oversaw carpark line marking and other features in church buildings to ensure safety for all.

As the year draws to a close it is time to reflect on what has been achieved within the Parish and to appreciate what we have so we can celebrate Christmas and the birth of Jesus in a meaningful way.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.



Communion of the Sick



The ministry of prayer and communion for the sick, elderly or infirm who cannot come to Mass anymore is available in our community. I have been fortunate and privileged to be part of this ministry for nearly twenty years. It is indeed an

honour to be invited to share prayer and communion in people's homes or nursing homes.

If someone in your family would like a personal visit for prayer and communion don't hesitate to give the office a call, and if you would like to join our dedicated team of Ministers of the Sick, please ring Jen on 82647590.

May Jesus bless you this Christmas and throughout 2020.

Jos Hensing



Liturgy Committee 2019

The Parish Liturgy Committee meets every month, to consider aspects of the liturgical life of our parish for which it has some responsibility, especially aspects of the Sunday liturgies at both Mass centres – Holy Trinity and St John XXIII. The core group of committee members is attentive to the second of the archdiocesan 'Eight Gospel Characteristics of a Healthy, Vibrant, Renewing Parish', that Eucharistic liturgies are prayerful and fully participative. The committee strives to ensure the Sunday liturgies not only run smoothly but more importantly that they help nourish the spirit of each member of the community. Items for discussion this year have included the rosters of liturgy assistants, music, training for various groups of assistants, various special celebrations, including the Easter Triduum, Christmas and Multicultural/Migrant Sunday, and promoting the opportunities for liturgical silence. As a parish, we are blessed with so many people willing to volunteer for ministries and roles assisting with liturgy. Thank you for your faithfulness, thank you to those 'new' liturgy assistants in the past year and a very special thank you to those who have come to the end of their faithful service. The liturgy committee welcomes feedback on any liturgical issue and invites anyone who would like to join us, and we wish each member of our parish community a very blessed and joy-filled Christmas.

Therese Meyers
Liturgy Committee



DEVELOPMENT FUND

Winner this week—22nd December 2019

Congratulations to Leo North (No. 53)

Drawn by Pauline Lai

Winner next week—29th December 2019

Congratulations to Fr Manu (No 40)

Drawn by Brenda Whitehead



CHRISTMAS DRAW 2019

Congratulations
to Susan Barnett (No 21)

Drawn by
Sindi Kinloch

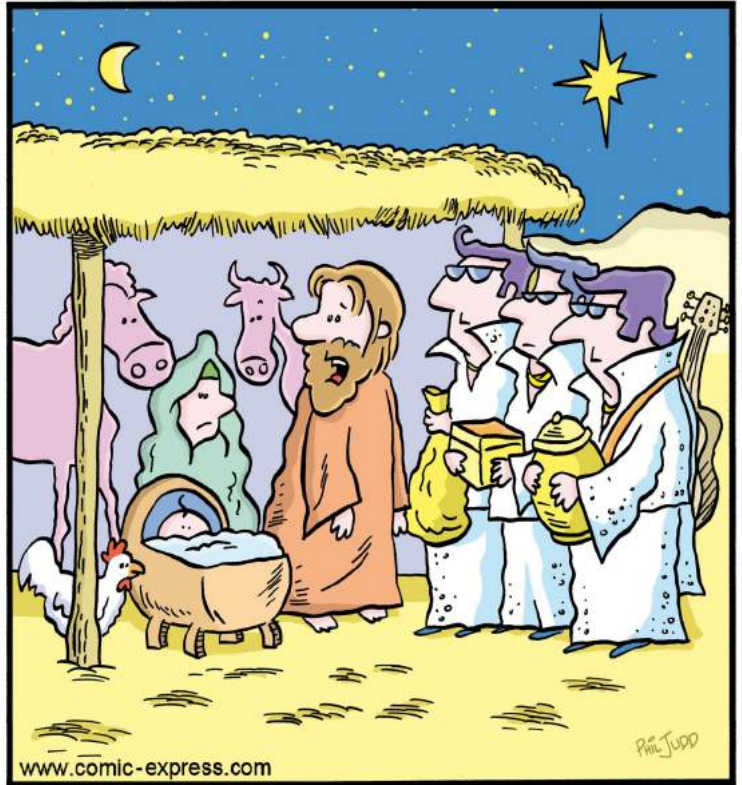
This year, 2019, the Development Fund has financed a carpet runner for the centre aisle at Holy Trinity, a new vacuum cleaner, and flowers for Easter and Christmas at both St John XXIII and Holy Trinity churches.

Contact Barbara Mathews on 8258 8806 to be included in the draw. We have a few spare numbers. Be in it to win it!

A Happy and Holy Christmas to All



Chuckle Corner



"They say they are three kings."

Sacramental Program

Sacramental Preparation



There are twenty-three children in the Parish Sacramental Program who are preparing to receive the Sacraments in 2020. Children will participate in five workshops as they prepare themselves for these blessed events in their lives. The workshops recommence at 4pm on Saturday 8th February at St John XXIII Church.

We are looking forward to the children's Presentation on Saturday 22nd February 2020 at the 6pm Mass at St John XXIII and at the 10am Mass on the 23rd February.

The Sacramental Program Team would like to thank families for coming along and wish the students, their families and all parishioners a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Christmas Day Appeal for the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry

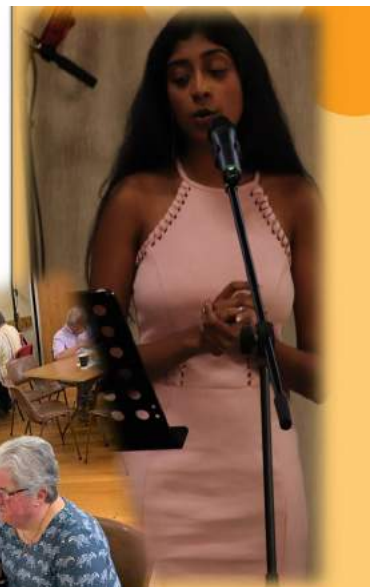


Again this year we will be conducting the annual Christmas Day Appeal collection for the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry (ACM) with special collections to be taken up at all Christmas Masses.

This Christmas Day Appeal for the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry has been an important tradition in this archdiocese, and a vital source of support for our ministry to Aboriginal people through the Otherway Centre and its services. For over 25 years ACM has offered a welcome and a growing range of programs and services from its base at the Otherway Centre located at 80 Payneham Road Stepney.

We ask that you continue to support this appeal generously, and that you remember the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry in your prayers and celebrations this Christmas. Your support is essential for the continued outreach of the Otherway Centre to Aboriginal people in the Archdiocese of Adelaide.







We thank God for a year filled with Prayer, Fun and Activities

Life as a Seminarian

(An Introduction to Josh)



Thank you for kindly welcoming me into your parish. While I am here, Fr Manu and I thought it would be beneficial to provide a small insight into this mysterious process of seminary formation. Like most seminarians for the Archdiocese of Adelaide, I am being formed at Corpus Christi College, Melbourne, and have completed my first of seven years. At the seminary, the community of approximately fifty young men is formed together through four pillars: spiritual, intellectual, pastoral and human.

Spiritual formation includes learning about and praying the Liturgy of the Hours, meditation, daily Mass, rosary, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and learning about different methods of prayers and forms of spirituality. Our intellectual formation primarily takes place a short walk away at the Catholic Theological College where we study with members of religious orders and lay people. Our studies include Philosophy, Church History, Ancient Languages, Biblical Studies, Systematic Theology, Moral Theology and Canon Law. Pastoral formation exposes us to a range of environments, including schools, aged care facilities, hospitals and day centres for the homeless. Finally, human formation focusses on our psychological development, along with other facets such as physical health and singing ability (I might need more than seven years for this!)

I would like to thank all of those who have been praying for our seminarians and ask for your ongoing prayers. You will all certainly be in my prayers, especially over this Christmas time. May you all have a blessed and merry Christmas!

Josh McDermid

Many thanks

The Parishioners would like to express their gratitude to Josh McDermid our seminarian who has been with us for the past two weeks sharing in our preparations and celebration of Christmas.

We wish Josh all the very best and God's blessings as he continues his formation.



From the RE Team

The RE team would like to thank all the families who have been coming to the RE class each Monday of the school term. And also a very big thank you to all those parents who have stayed and helped with the classes.

The RE team is looking forward to seeing all the children back in class next term commencing on Monday, 3rd February 2020, from 5pm—6pm in the Holy Trinity Hall.

Have a very merry and joy filled Christmas and a Happy New Year



The Seniors Social Club
would like to wish everyone
Christmas blessings of
Peace Joy Love and Hope



We will resume again on
Wednesday February 5th 2020



A Christmas Message from Gleeson College



A "full house" celebrated the annual end-of-year Presentation Evening held in the Dame Roma Mitchell Centre on Wednesday evening. It was a wonderful community event for our College, as we enjoyed a moving liturgy together, then congratulated our 2019 Award Winners, presented our 2020 Student Leaders and were thoroughly entertained by the musical, dance and vocal talents of our amazing Performing Arts students.

From Gleeson College, we wish the members of the Para Hills Modbury Parish Community a safe, happy and Holy Christmas.

Shannon Bertram APRIM, Gleeson College—Member of PPC



The Legion of Mary



The Legion of Mary began in our parish at Holy Trinity in May 2000. We now have two praesidia: Our Lady of the Holy Trinity and Mother of Christ

We meet once a week for prayer, spiritual direction and to report on work done. Our main aim is the spirituality and sanctification of members. Included in our work is: visitation of the sick and lonely in private homes, nursing home visitation with Holy Communion, church cleaning, doing the Altar linen training and organising of Altar servers, flower arrangement, looking after the church garden, transport, promotion of the Rosary and helping with Children's Liturgy.

Both Praesidia have a combined meeting once each four months on a Saturday to plan for the months ahead. We have nine Active members, forty-four Auxiliaries who support us with their prayers, and one Probationer. Our Spiritual Director is Fr. Manu. If you are interested in knowing more about the Legion of Mary, please collect a leaflet pack from the back of the Church.

We wish all parishioners a Happy and Holy Christmas.



NEW YEAR MASSES

31st Dec Tuesday: St John XXIII, Vigil Mass at 7pm
1st Jan Wednesday: Holy Trinity, at 9.15am.

Please note there will be no evening Mass at Holy Trinity on 1st January

DVD Library



We would like to wish all parishioners a Happy and a Holy Christmas.

Thank you to those who have used the DVD library during the year for your ongoing support and encouragement of us.

We look forward to seeing you again on the 3rd Sunday of each month, commencing on the 19th January 2020.



Peter and Anne Vander Arend

Have You Enjoyed our Cuppa After Mass?



Help is Needed if Cuppa's are to continue

Thanks to a small group of volunteers we have been able to enjoy a cuppa after Masses at the end of every month.

Due to volunteer numbers dropping we are seeking more people who can help out particularly after the 6pm & 8am Masses. If you would like to help out and are available to go on the roster at any of our Masses (especially the 6pm or 8am Mass) please contact the Parish Office in the New Year.





Parish Pastoral Council Report

2019 has come and gone so quickly. It has been a busy year for the parish, with the most significant items on our agenda being the Plenary Council and the Parish Pastoral Visitation.

Council members were very impressed with the level of Parish participation in the first round of Plenary Council discussions about the question "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?". Discussion groups were held at both Holy Trinity and at St John XXIII. In November and December, we had groups involved in the second round of Listening and Discernment and have submitted three items for national action and two for Local action.

As part of their Plenary Council discussion regarding local actions, our youth nominated two members to represent them on the Parish Pastoral Council. We were delighted to welcome Ashwin Benny and Diana Panicker onto the Council as youth representatives.

Much of the Council's work in 2019 was involved with the Diocesan Parish Pastoral Visitation (PPV). The PPV Team spent two weekends and the long Tuesday (12 hours) with us in September. During their visit they met with several of our parish groups and many individual parishioners. We received positive feedback from them about Parish Renewal and where the parish is meeting the eight Gospel pathways of the renewal program. Two areas for improvement that have been identified and actioned are the sharing of parishioners' stories in the parish bulletin and the improvements made by the RE Team to the education of children preparing for the sacraments.

Following the PPV the Council was busy with the preparation for our Annual Craft Market which was once again a great success. The Council particularly thanks the efforts of our Market Coordinator, Lea Crosby, and her committee for all their hard work. We are also very grateful to the many parishioners who contributed before and on the day of the market to make it such a great success, not only financially, but most importantly as a community event for the parish.

A real highlight of our year has been the strengthening of our parish connection with our regional Catholic schools, St Francis Xavier's Primary School and Gleeson College which was a result of shared planning meetings held by the leadership teams of the school and the parish. We look forward to a continuation of this growth.

I would like to thank all members of the Parish Pastoral Council for their willingness to give their time to serve God and to serve the parish. I encourage all parishioners to think about how you can use your gifts and talents to serve the needs of our parish.

The PPC wishes all parishioners a very Happy and Holy Christmas.

Carolyn Ost

Thank You ...

A big thank you from the 'Cuppa' teams at Holy Trinity and St John XXIII to:

Those parishioners who have generously contributed in cash to support our expenses.

All our talented bakers & shoppers who bring offerings to make sure our table has plenty.

The willing volunteers who offer their time to set up and clean up each month.

Our parishioners for supporting this community gathering each month with your presence.

Have a blessed and beautiful Christmas and New Year!



From the Paramod Youth...

2019 saw the Paramod Youth group involved in a variety of activities including the Parish Craft Market



and the Annual Carols night. For the Craft Market, the youth group was given the responsibility of operating the drinks stall and assisting with basic requirements such as set up and pack up. Carols Night was held for a second consecutive year in 2019 and more than eight different groups performed on the night. Invitations were extended to the Northern Deanery and to all members of our parish community. Due to the assistance of several youth volunteers, and the support from the parish office and Fr Manu, it was a huge success. We look forward to your presence at the 2020 Carols Night and wish you a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

Ashwin Benny



Pastoral Associate Report 2019

As Pastoral Associate of this parish, it strengthens my faith to see all of us working and sharing our faith and love of God, and I must thank all of you for helping in large and small ways to make this journey of faith joyful to be part of.

This year brought us a lot of joy and there were also moments when we experienced sadness. As a community we joyfully welcomed thirty families who celebrated baptisms and seventeen who celebrated the sacraments of confirmation and first Holy Communion. This is something that our community looks forward to each year. We have shared in the sorrows of those who have lost loved ones during the year.

Our two RCIA members needed to move back to New South Wales to look after family members. We are happy that they will continue their RCIA program over there in New South Wales. Please keep Maria Martino and Jesse Collins in your prayers as they continue their spiritual journeys in a new community.

This year we started a new Religious Education program at the end of July, which runs each Monday 5 - 6pm during the school term. The class has grown to twenty five children from ages 4 - 12. We will resume the RE Program after the holidays in the second week of the new school year.

The Parish Sacramental Program began in October with twenty - three children and we are looking forward to their Confirmations on 2 June 2020 and First Holy Communions on 13 - 14 June 2020.

We, as a community of faithful Catholics, have a growing number of community members who cannot come to Mass and need Holy Communion taken to their homes. We need more members from the community who are able to take Holy Communion to people's homes. If you feel the calling to help, please contact the office and talk with me.

In closing, thank you to the parish community for helping, listening to God's word and for simply being part of one of the largest families in the world.

Merry Christmas! May God bless each of us with good health and faith, and bring us joy, love and hope in the coming year.

Jennifer Katherine Sherlock



During this Christmas Season may you be blessed with the *Spirit* of the season

which is **peace**.

the *Gladness* of the season

which is **hope** and

the *Heart* of the season

which is **love**.

The St Francis Xavier's School Community wish you all a blessed and safe Christmas.

We look forward to celebrating with you in 2020 and to continuing to build connections of faith together.



Rita Campbell APRIM

MODBURY COMMUNITY & CRAFT GROUP



'On behalf of the Modbury Community and Craft Group I wish to thank the parishioners of Para Hills Modbury Parish for their support of our raffles and functions this year.

We had a very successful year because of your support.

We extend to each of you Christmas Blessings of Joy Hope and Peace'

Craft Group resumes on 31st January 2020.



**Mary Bryant
Coordinator**

EAST TIMOR COMMITTEE



Since 2001 our parish has generously supported our brothers and sisters in the Maliana diocese in East Timor. Donations have been sent to support restoration and repair work in schools and churches and for their farming communities, young people, catechists and the poor. Maliana diocese is still in great need of funds including support for those who have lost their homes in recent fires.

The parish East Timor Committee thanks parishioners, their families and friends for your ongoing prayerful and financial support that is very much appreciated by the Bishop, Caritas Maliana and communities in the Maliana diocese. Wishing you a blessed Christmas season.

Lea Crosby



We wish Fr Manu safe and happy travels when he takes his well deserved annual holidays

THE SOUTHERN CROSS



The December edition of the Southern Cross is now available.

Free for December

Please Support Your Catholic Newspaper



Please Note:

Changes to times for Mass and Devotions

Due to Fr Manu being on holidays in the new year:

There will be **NO** Mass celebrated at Modbury Hospital until Thursday 13th February 2020.

There will be **NO** Adoration before Friday morning Mass as of 10th January.

Adoration will resume on Friday, 7th February 2020.



PARISH BULLETIN

The next parish bulletin will be published on 26th January 2020.

Messages for publication in that bulletin must be received at the Parish Office by 2.00pm Tuesday 21st January.



DIVINE MERCY AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

The next Divine Mercy Eucharistic Adoration will be at 3pm Sunday, 26th January 2020

TREASURE MARKET

Second Saturday of each month
8am to 12noon

Next: 11th January 2020

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.

Mark Your Diaries



January

20th Office Reopens
24th Feast of St Francis de Sales
26th Australia Day

February

22nd Presentation of Sacramental Children St JXXIII
23rd Presentation of Sacramental Children HT
26th Ash Wednesday

April

9th Holy Thursday
10th Good Friday
12th Easter Sunday
25th ANZAC Day

May

22nd Reconciliation Sacramental Children St JXXIII

June

2nd Confirmation at St John XXIII
7th Feast of the Most Holy Trinity
13th First Holy Communion St John XXIII
14th First Holy Communion Holy Trinity

August

15th The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

October

11th Feast of St John XXIII
17/18th Volunteers Weekend

November

1st All Saints
2nd All Souls
7th Annual Parish Craft Market
27th Memorial Mass

December

11th Annual Christmas Carols Night

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DECEMBER BABIES

24th Gail Martin
25th Ursula Moore
26th Natalie Green, David Truman (Senior)
27th Ashwin Benny
29th Michael Marafioti, Jamie Watkinson
30th Kelly Longshaw
31st Manuel Cruz

JANUARY BABIES

1st Christine Rogers, Susanne Orschulok, Andrew Finch
2nd David Truman (Jr.), Rachel Kenny
4th Julie Spencer
5th Anthony Knowles
6th Rebecca Lee, Mateusz Ball
7th Denise Palmer, Jo Dempsey
8th Joshua Bock
9th Joy Knowles
12th Lawrence Grima
13th Benjamin Rogers, Jane McConnell, Nicholas Viceban
16th Maureen Frost
17th Theresa Norris
21st Kevin Burke, Christine Andrew
22nd Heather Hage
23rd Jason Viceban
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