



# PARA HILLS MODBURY CATHOLIC PARISH

## Parish Team

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## Holy Trinity Church

171 Kesters Road, Para Hills 5096

## St John XXIII Church

50 Reservoir Rd, Hope Valley 5090

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY  
CELEBRATED AT**

**10AM MASS**

### 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,

## Parish Child Protection Officer

Therese Meyers 0421 533 761  
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23rd February 2020  
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A - 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  
Thursday 9.15am  
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

Sun	23rd Feb	Divine Mercy	3pm	Holy Trinity
Mon	24th Feb	Religious Education for Children	5pm - 6pm	Holy Trinity
Tue	25th Feb	Legion of Mary	12.30pm	Holy Trinity
Wed	26th Feb	Ash Wednesday	9.15am	St John XXIII
Wed	26th Feb	Ash Wednesday	7pm	Holy Trinity
Thur	27th Feb	Legion of Mary	7.30pm	
		Mother of Christ Praesidium (6 Metcalfe Ave Modbury Heights)		
Fri	28th Feb	Stations of the Cross	7pm	Holy Trinity

### OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

Mon	24th Feb	Bowls	1pm	St John XXIII
Mon	24th Feb	Parish Finance Council	7.30pm	St John XXIII
Tue	25th Feb	Reach Out	9.45am	St John XXIII
Wed	26th Feb	Seniors Social Club	1pm	Holy Trinity
Fri	28th Feb	Craft Group	9.30am - 12noon	St John XXIII



### ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

26TH FEBRUARY 2020

ST JOHN XXIII 9.15AM  
HOLY TRINITY 7PM

**Please Note Change of Mass Times at Holy Trinity During Lent**  
During Lent an extra Mass will be celebrated at Holy Trinity Church  
on Thursday mornings at 9.15am.

### STATIONS of the CROSS

**Stations of the Cross on Friday Nights during Lent  
at HOLY TRINITY Church at 7-00pm**

## Be Loving; Be Holy

The Scripture Readings of today speak of the essence of holiness. The Readings also tell us how this holiness needs to be shown in our lives. In the First Reading of today from the Book of Leviticus, God tells the people of Israel through Moses, to be holy, for He, their God is holy. It is not a suggestion; it is a command, an exhortation, a demand in the strongest terms that God's people work to be worthy of their God and thus, to be different from the Gentiles. The divine nature is that God is holy, and his holiness consists of his unconditional and magnanimous love, care and concern, mercy and forgiveness towards every human being. So, it follows that in order to be holy, we have to be kind & loving, merciful & forgiving and compassionate to our neighbours. This is what God wants us to be when He calls each one of us to be holy, to be spiritually perfect. Listening to the voice of the Lord, we thus realize what holiness entails: bearing no hatred in one's heart, foregoing revenge and holding no grudge, towards our fellow humans. All this is summed up in "Love your neighbour as yourself." Indeed, the merciful God gently guides his chosen people on the path of holiness.

The Gospel Reading of today from St Matthew is the continuation of what we read last Sunday. These are the moral teachings of Jesus, where he raises the bar and gives us a new standard - "It was said ..... But I say to you." Last Sunday, Jesus' teaching was about anger & killing, adultery & lust and about taking oath. This Sunday we hear him teaching about retaliation and love. In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus prescribes forgiving love as the Christian trump card. Even limited vengeance has no place for Jesus; he condemns even the mild form of retaliation: "You have heard that it was said; an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you, offer no resistance to the one who is evil....". Similarly, in his teaching about love, Jesus says: "You have heard that it was said; you shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." Here we are presented with the most radical section of the Sermon on the Mount. It has to do with retaliation versus loving one's enemy. Jesus presents once again the basic principle and its application. He tells his disciples how their righteousness must surpass that of the scribes and Pharisees. It is quite obvious that Jesus is raising the bar and giving us a new standard of morality for our spiritual perfection, for our holiness; "that you may be children of God." Also, that this new standard is founded upon God Himself; "for He makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust." He again reminds his hearers that more is expected of his disciples than has been laid down in the Old Testament. Here Jesus is not asking us to do something impossible and unreasonable. He tells us to open our eyes and see the reality and discover the most sensible way of relating ourselves with the people around us.

The passage concludes with Jesus saying, "Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." This obviously

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Readings for next Sunday, 1st March 2020

1st Reading	Gen	2:7-9; 13:1-7
2nd Reading	Rom	5:12-19
Gospel	Mat	4:1-11

## Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

26th Feb Ash Wednesday

## 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, 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.

## Recently Deceased

Zelda Smith, Phillip Smith, Michael Szysz, Jim Grantham, Veronica Nahimana, Mario Simionato, Imelda Schulz

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is an ideal, a goal to be aimed at. And the perfection intended is not total perfection but rather to aim at that total impartiality of a God who extends his providential care and love equally to all. Love within one's group or fellowship is merely a natural and universal human trait. But by implementing this kind of love, a forgiving love, the disciples are called to be partakers in the divine perfection. Jesus did, not only preach and teach the above to the people, but he himself lived them in his life. He loved everybody, was kind and merciful towards sinners, was full of compassion towards the sick, suffering and downtrodden. He even forgave those who crucified him: "Forgive them Father, for they do not know what they are doing." He invites each one of us to do the same.

Let us then pray today that we through God's grace keep striving towards holiness, towards spiritual perfection by doing God's will in our life, so that Holy Spirit really dwells in us and that we truly become the children of God.



## PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

**The next meeting for the Parish Finance Council is on the 24th February in the St John XXIII Meeting Room at 7.30pm.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is kind and merciful.**

### 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.*

Our visit rate is dropping back to normal;  
The assistance went to 7 adults and 6 children  
through 5 calls, with some requesting assistance  
with clothing, and furniture.

Our immediate needs in the pantry are  
Margarine, Jam, Tinned Peas and Pasta Sauce.  
It will greatly help if any or all of these items could be  
placed in the Vinnies' collection basket.

Thank you and God Bless

#### REACH OUT GROUP

Tuesday 25th February 2020  
9.15am Mass at St John XXIII  
Followed by Reach Out meeting and a cuppa.  
All Welcome

Reader: Bob Barry  
Offertory: Jenny Zupp & Cathy DeLuca  
Communion: Gwen Barry & Pam Ridley  
Altar Server: Jos Hensing

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



#### DEVELOPMENT FUND 2020

Congratulations Olive McGovern  
No. 83  
Drawn by Olive McGovern

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



#### STAY FOR A CUPPA

Thanks to some of our wonderful  
volunteers, we will be having a cuppa  
after all Masses this weekend  
Please join us.

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY FEBRUARY BABIES**

26th Feb Gary Lockyer,  
Odette Dotter,  
Helen Podgorski  
27th Feb Sean Freeman  
28th Feb Letitia Geesing



### Youth Mass

prepared for youth by youth

ParaModYouth are pleased to invite all the youth  
of the parish to our first Youth Mass.

6pm, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March  
Holy Trinity Church  
171 Kesters Road  
PARA HILLS

We encourage families to bring their young  
people along to the Mass - all are welcome

We plan to celebrate a Youth Mass  
on the third Sunday of every month.

#### **Liturgy Committee 2020**

Liturgy is the centre of Christian life for the Church and  
is at the heart of all parish life.

The purpose of the liturgy committee is to ensure that  
liturgical celebrations are planned to lead to  
'the active and full participation' of parishioners.

Responsibilities include discerning the liturgical and  
prayer needs of the worshipping communities,  
coordinating liturgical celebrations that are seasonal  
and extraordinary, evaluating liturgical ministries and  
ensuring compliance with Church directives.

The committee has a number of faithful members who  
have met their original commitment of three years.  
At this stage in the life of the committee, we would like  
to invite other members of the parish to join us in our  
responsibilities. Broader representation on the  
committee of those connected to liturgy could broaden  
the activities of the committee.

If you or someone you know would like to see how the  
committee functions, you are welcome to join us at the  
next or any liturgy committee meeting on the first  
Wednesday of the month, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

We are delighted to have each Eucharistic community  
represented on the committee; feel free to speak to any  
of the members about our activities and responsibilities.

Therese Meyers  
Chairperson

#### **PROJECT COMPASSION**

Each year Project Compassion brings thousands of  
Australians in solidarity with the world's poor to help  
end poverty, promote justice, and uphold dignity.  
The annual Lenten-time event raises both funds and  
community awareness about important global  
issues, and Caritas Australia's role in  
empowering the world's most vulnerable people.

**The Caritas Australia Project Compassion  
boxes and envelopes for Lent are now  
available for collection at the back of the Church**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Whoever keeps the word of Christ,  
grows perfect in the love of God. Alleluia!**

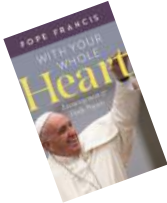


### Faith on Fire Seminar Catholic School of Evangelisation

Catholic School of Evangelisation invites you to  
a  
Faith on Fire Seminar  
with guest speaker Fr Santosh Pereira MSFS  
on Saturday February 29th  
10am – 3pm  
1A Stuart Road, Dulwich.  
BYO – lunch. Coffee and tea provided.

### Lent & Easter Reflection Booklets

We have Lent and Easter Reflection Booklets  
available for sale at the  
back of the Church.



\$5

\$6.50



### Friendship Bowls Group St John XXIII

We are a small group of people who enjoy a friendly  
game of indoor carpet bowls, if you would like to join  
us you would be made most welcome!  
We play on Mondays at 1pm till 3.30pm.  
For further information contact  
Judy Dalwood on 8264 3342  
or Kath Hampton on 8265 3484

### There will be no flowers during Lent.

All donations will go towards the Easter arrangements.  
Thankyou to all those who have helped to keep our  
churches beautiful during the year.



### DIVINE MERCY AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

The next Divine Mercy Eucharistic  
Adoration will be on Sunday, 23rd February  
at 3pm at Holy Trinity Church,  
171 Kesters Rd, Para Hills.



### THE SOUTHERN CROSS

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

### Latest News from Caritas Maliana

"We finally completed the water tank project under  
your funding.  
It is ready to be used by the local farmers, it will be a  
multi-function tank where water can be collected.  
New Sacks of rice for the rice farmers of Holihut-  
Maliana have been provided.  
Many thanks for your significant support as we  
designed our project based on their needs. it took  
two months to finalise because of the distance and  
bad roads to transport sands, stones, bricks, ce-  
ments and other materials.  
Our thanks and prayers for your generous team."

Please have a look at the Maliana notice board in  
the foyer at St John XXIII. There are several photos  
of the projects that parishioners and friends have  
supported.  
East Timor committee.



World Day of Prayer

**AUSTRALIA**

World Day Of Pray

This year in our local area  
the World Day of Prayer is being held at  
Trinity Lutheran Church,  
1215 Grand Junction Rd Hope Valley  
at 1.30pm on Friday 6th March 2020  
followed by afternoon tea.

The theme this year is to "Pray for Zimbabwe"  
and the guest speaker is Lionel Frost.  
Everyone is welcome.  
Enquiries Denise Polinson 8251 1748

### Volunteer Briefings

The Archdiocesan Child Protection Unit offers briefings  
which all volunteers in the parish are required to undergo  
every three years. The purpose of the briefings is to  
enable our parish to be a community that provides a safe  
environment for all. It also allows us to meet our legal  
obligation as volunteers to be educated in keeping  
children safe.

If you are a volunteer in any aspect of parish life and  
have not yet undertaken such a briefing, or if your last  
briefing was more than three years ago, you are required  
to participate in a briefing to be eligible to continue as a  
volunteer.

DATE	TIME	PARISH	VENUE ADDRESS
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	7:00pm- 8:30pm	Kensington	4 High St, Kensington Mary Mackillop Precinct, Bethany Centre
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	10:00am- 11:30am	Gawler	1 Parnell Square Gawler

To register for a Volunteer Briefing please contact the  
Child Protection Unit either via email at  
[childprotection@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:childprotection@adelaide.catholic.org.au)  
or by phone on 8210 8159