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### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

CELEBRATED AT  
10AM MASS

### BAPTISMS

BOOKINGS TO BE MADE  
THROUGH THE PARISH OFFICE.

### 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

THERESE MEYERS: 0421 533 761  
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The Resurrection of the Lord, Year A - White

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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.**



*Dear Parishioners,  
We would like to wish you a very Happy Easter.  
May this Easter Sunday inspire you to new hope,  
happiness, prosperity, and abundance,  
all received through God's divine grace despite the  
difficulties and struggles faced at the moment.  
We wish that you Celebrate this Easter  
with hearts filled with love and peace.  
Easter brings Life, Easter brings fun,  
Easter brings Happiness,  
Easter brings God's endless blessings.  
Happy Easter to you and your family.  
May God be with you this Easter and the days ahead.*

*With lots of love and prayers,  
Fr Manu Kumbidiyamackal  
And Parish Staff.*



## Happy Easter: Life Never Ends and Love Never Dies

My dear Parishioners,  
Let me first and foremost wish you a HAPPY EASTER. May the fullness of life given to us through the resurrection of Jesus be with you always. Easter is the greatest and the most important feast in the Church for three reasons. Firstly, the Resurrection of Christ is the basis of our Christian Faith. It is the greatest of the miracles, for it proves that Jesus is God. That is why St. Paul writes: "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain; and your faith is in vain" (I Cor 15: 14). "Jesus is Lord, He is risen!" (Rom 10:9), was the central theme of the preaching of the apostles. Secondly, Easter is the guarantee of our own resurrection. Jesus assured Martha at the tomb of Lazarus: "I am the Resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me will live even though he dies" (Jn 11:25-26).

Thirdly, Easter is a feast which gives us hope and encouragement in this world of pain, sorrows and tears. It reminds us that life is worth living. It is our belief in the Real Presence of the Risen Jesus in our souls, in His Church, in the Blessed Sacrament and in Heaven that gives meaning to our personal as well as our communal prayer, strength to fight against temptations and freedom from unnecessary worries and fears. As we celebrate Easter 2020, finally the world is united. We are united in fear of what tomorrow will bring, of not knowing if our societies will withstand the devastating impact of the Coronavirus pandemic. Even though we are celebrating Easter, the festival of life, still we feel as though we are in the garden of Gethsemane with the disciples and our faith is being badly shaken. Many of us are suffering and are almost feeling helpless. The pandemic is making the suffering of vulnerable people; migrants and refugees, the elderly, the sick, the poor and unemployed even deeper. We pray that our leaders rise to the challenge of promoting unity and a shared responsibility in all of our countries. In the midst of loss, uncertainty and suffering, something incredible is happening: we are noticing the bonds which form our human family. Bonds that we previously took for granted or ignored. As we live in isolation and we all become marginalised and vulnerable, the global suffering we are seeing has made it startlingly apparent to us that we need other people and other people need us too. It is as though the stone that covers the tomb is slowly being

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rolled back to allow a light of recognition. This light heralds Easter and the Risen Christ. There are also, changes that would have been unthinkable three months ago actually happening: air quality has improved in a number of countries and warring parties in some others have called ceasefires. These may be temporary, but they remind us that seemingly irresolvable human problems aren't eternal. We are reminded that Jesus stayed in the tomb for a brief time before rising to eternal life. Death does not have the final say when you make space for hope.

I feel immense gratitude towards all those who trustingly open their hearts and give themselves fully to bring the lights of love and hope into people's lives at this dark time. The health care workers and all those leaders who plan for a lasting solution to bring humanity out of the power of pandemic and all those who by sharing what they own, however small they be, bring comfort into the life of those who suffer and are in difficulties are in my prayers as our communities face this enormous challenge. All of YOU my dear parishioners, thank you very much for keeping the parish and supporting the needs of the parish as one of your priorities. I thank God for the gift of each of you and pray that God continue to shine in your lives with love, peace, joy and fullness of life. May God keep you safe. The answer to this crisis lies in all of us and in our unity. As people around the world face Easter without the possibility of physical communion, without the possibility of celebrating the Eucharist physically together, we have a time of slow down where we can reflect deeply on what "Body of Christ" means for each of us. In the darkness of this crisis, the light of Christ will shine. Jesus is truly risen! He will not die again. May Jesus rise for people around the world through our love!

Yes, Easter gives us the joyful message that we are a "Resurrection people." This means that we are not supposed to lie buried in the tomb of despair, discouragement, or doubts. Instead, we are expected to live a joyful and peaceful life, constantly experiencing the living presence of the Risen Lord in all the events of our lives and even amidst the boredom, suffering, pain and tensions of our day-to-day life. Our awareness of the all-pervading presence of the Risen Lord in and around us, and the strong conviction of our own resurrection should help us to control our thoughts, desires, words and behaviour. Our conviction about the presence of the Risen Lord in our neighbours and in all those with whom we come into contact should encourage us to respect them, and to render them loving, humble and selfless service. We need to become transparent Christians witnessing the love of Christ by showing others through our lives the love, mercy, compassion and spirit of self-sacrificing service of the Risen Jesus living in our hearts. Let us then, live lives of love in the power of Jesus' Resurrection as we celebrate Easter in the difficult circumstances this year. Let us pray for the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to change the things we can and the wisdom to know the difference. Let us pray to find the deeper meaning of this challenge that is facing the whole of humanity and which is calling us to faith and to resurrection.

Once again, I wish you all an Easter full of life, love and peace.

God bless you all

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

## 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 looking at pantry re-stocking this month against the possibility of doing modified home visiting next month – some conferences are using Year12s with licences to do deliveries.

Furniture pick-up and delivery has been put on hold with the warehouse reduced to a skeleton staff.

The Vinnies shops are all closed as so many volunteer staff are in the higher risk category.

If you're de-cluttering, there will be a closure of the Vinnies collection bins this week, and appropriate notices posted on bins to discourage donating. Many thanks for your support.

### Spam Emails

Please note that parishes and priests do not solicit donations by email.

We have had reports of people being approached via email by people falsely claiming to be priests or parish representatives. If you should receive such an email please do not forward, respond to, or donate via any links contained in them.

### Parish Bulletin

To help to keep you up to date with developments the Parish Bulletin will continue to be published weekly and posted online on the Parish Website <http://paramodcath.com.au>

If you would like to receive the bulletin via email please contact us at [bulletin@paramodcath.com.au](mailto:bulletin@paramodcath.com.au)

### Bulletin Articles

We would like to publish some stories from our parishioners about how this time of church closures and isolation from our parish community is affecting you and your faith.

If you have a story to share please email it in to [bulletin@paramodcath.com.au](mailto:bulletin@paramodcath.com.au)

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY APRIL BABIES

13th Apr	Trish Augustyn
14th Apr	Claude Mills, Ian Mills, Damian Bowman
18th Apr	Michael Bock



### Readings for next Sunday, 19th April 2020

1st Reading	Act	2:42-47
2nd Reading	1 Peter	1:3-9
Gospel	John	20:19-31

### Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

19th Apr Divine Mercy Sunday

### 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:**

Antonio (Tony) Pascale, Pat Collins, Ruby Brokensha, Anne Van Der Arend, Gerry McConnell, Margaret Pitt, Patricia Kopf, Darcy Ridley, Paul Holmes, Father Peter Milburn, Maria Hand, Emma Gammon, Asher Caudle, David North, Elijah Neri, Wayne Collins, Antoinette Pascale, Marg Dolman, Charlotte Fussell, 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, Marie Boulton, Sr. Marleen Dewar OLSH, Kay Kennedy, Rita Robinson, Gary Lockyer, Yvonne Summers.

### Recently Deceased

Dudley Dolman, Patrick Healy, Selena Rose Quinn

### Collections

We would like to thank all our parishioners who so generously support our Priests and Parish. We are all going through some difficult times and the parish requires your continuous support so that we are able to go on as the bills keep coming in.

If you can help in any way it is very much appreciated.

If you would like to contribute online please visit our website [paramodcath.com.au](http://paramodcath.com.au) and use the link to make your contributions to both the presbytery fund (1st collection) and to the parish (2nd collection).

Once you click the link

- Choose the parish. Scroll down and choose Para Hills /Modbury and click submit.
- Once you have done this please make sure that you have filled in all the required fields.
- Choose first collection from the payment type for presbytery collection.
- Choose "general" at the payment type if you are making a donation for the second collection.
- \*Please fill in your planned giving number in the space provided so that we will know from whom the debit comes.
- Click next
- Enter verification code
- Click next
- You will have the option to print or email a receipt for your records
- Click finish

Contributions can also be dropped off at the Parish office using the mail slot next to the office door.

Please mark envelopes clearly as 1st or 2nd collection.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!**



### **COVID-19 PHONE COUNSELLING NOW AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT**

People struggling to cope with the chaos and fear surrounding COVID-19 can now access free phone counselling by appointment from Centacare Catholic Family Services.

In response to the health emergency, Centacare has increased capacity to provide telephone support for mental health concerns, family stress due to job loss, social isolation and other challenges arising from the coronavirus pandemic.

People do not need a mental health care plan to access the short-term support. Rather, they can phone Centacare direct and book an appointment for a telephone counselling consultation.

**To book an appointment please phone Centacare on 8215 6700.  
For more information, please contact Elizabeth Rowe 0437 062 302.**

### **Coronavirus Protocols**

**Due to the restrictions on all gatherings, which have been put into place in response to the Coronavirus outbreak, all Parish activities are suspended until further notice.**

**We ask that you do not access any of the Parish buildings for any reason without prior permission. We also ask that if you do enter any of the Parish buildings that you fill in the sign in sheets provided.**

**We regret the inconvenience this may cause, but our priority at this time is to minimise the risk of spreading the Coronavirus in our community.**

**The Parish office will continue to be staffed for the time being, but this may change at short notice, therefore we ask that all queries are made over the phone or via email.**

**We greatly appreciate your cooperation at this difficult time.**

### **Message from Maliana, East Timor**

Thanks for your email. Corona has become a threat to the whole world. Here in Timor people are living in fear of being infected by that virus which will put the country in a big big trouble.

We do understand of and fully realize our and/your situation in this pandemic, we pray that it will end soon. However we thank you for supports that we have received. Thanks to your generous teamwork.

God bless and protect Para Hills Modbury Parish. Our warm regards to your parish Priest, our benefactors and the community.

Kindly,  
Francisco, Caritas Maliana

### **Masses Online & On Television**

**We will be streaming Masses for all of the Easter Liturgies  
Please visit our parish website for the link or go to youtube.com and search for Para Hills Modbury Catholic Parish  
To find our channel.**

**Also visit the Archdiocese website for links to information, prayers and other streamed Masses.**

**The following Easter services will be broadcast on free to air television on Channel 44, a community television station, at the following times:**

**Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper,  
6.30pm - 7.30pm  
Good Friday - Passion of the Lord, 3pm - 4pm  
Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil, 6pm - 7pm  
Easter Sunday, 9am - 10am**



### **Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!**

Thank you for supporting us this year as we demonstrate how love and compassion for our global community can transform lives. You will be helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and share their strengths with their communities to lift themselves out of poverty. When we Go Further Together in love and compassion, the whole world thrives.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2020 Lenten appeal.  
[www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion)  
#projectcompassion  
1800 024 413

**Project Compassion Boxes and Envelopes can be returned to the Parish Office during office hours.**

### **Sale of Entertainment Books**

Due to the current pandemic, the parish East Timor committee's only fundraiser for now is the sale of Entertainment Books.

If you would like to purchase one, digital versions are the only ones available now. Please refer to the Entertainment Book website for information and ordering. You will need to quote 'Para Hills Modbury Catholic parish' as the charity. \$14/book will be given to the parish for Maliana diocese.  
Kind regards East Timor committee



### **THE SOUTHERN CROSS**

The Easter edition of The Southern Cross is available online at  
[www.thesoutherncross.org.au](http://www.thesoutherncross.org.au)