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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

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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.**



## I am the Good Shepherd

A shepherd was herding his flock in a remote pasture when suddenly a brand-new BMW advanced out of a dust cloud towards him. The driver, a young man in a Broni suit, Gucci shoes, Ray Ban sunglasses and YSL tie, leans out the window and asks the shepherd, "If I tell you exactly how many sheep you have in your flock, will you give me one?" The shepherd looks at the man, obviously a bit confused, then looks at his peacefully grazing flock and calmly answers, "Sure, Why not?" The young man parks his car, whips out his MacBook pro computer, connects it to his iPhone pro's hotspot. He surfs to a NASA page on the internet, where he calls up a GPS satellite navigation system to get an exact fix on his location which he then feeds to another NASA satellite that scans the area in an ultra-high-resolution photo. The young man then opens the digital photo in Adobe Photoshop and exports it to an image processing facility in Hamburg, Germany. Within seconds, he receives an email on his Palm Pilot that the image has been processed and the data stored. He then accesses an MS-SQL database through an ODBC connected Excel spreadsheet with hundreds of complex formulas. He uploads all of this data via an email on his blackberry and, after a few minutes, receives a response. Finally, he prints out a full-colour, 150-page report on his hi-tech, miniaturized HP LaserJet printer and finally turns to the shepherd and says, "You have exactly 1,586 sheep." "That's right. Well, I guess you can take one of my sheep.," says the honest shepherd. He watches the young man select one of the animals and looks on amused as the young man stuffs it into the trunk of his car. Then the shepherd says to the young man, "Hey, if I can tell you exactly what your business is, will you give me back my sheep?" The young man thinks about it for a second and then says, "Okay, Why not?" "You're a consultant." says the shepherd. "Wow! That's correct," says the young man, "but how did you guess that?" "No guessing required." answered the savvy shepherd, "You showed up here even though nobody called you; you want to get paid for an answer I already knew; to a question I never asked; and you don't know crap about my business.....now give me back my dog."

Today we celebrate the good shepherd Sunday. We also celebrate the world day of prayer for vocations. The Church recalls the relationship between God and His people as described in the image of Shepherd and Sheep. The Gospel Reading of today is chosen from Chapter 10 of St. John's Gospel, where Jesus speaks of himself as the "Good Shepherd." Today, in fact, we listen to the first and the beginning part of that chapter. In recent times, this day has also become known as "Vocations Sunday," a day when our Church prays especially for new shepherds and pastors to lead the Christian communities.

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Now, we are in the Easter Season and today's Liturgy continues to hearten us with the presence of the Risen Lord in our midst, contemplated as Shepherd and Guardian of the sheep. The First Reading from Acts of the Apostles portrays Peter proclaiming how to return to the Lord's flock, by personal repentance, the purification of Baptism and by receiving the Holy Spirit. The Responsorial Psalm for today, beautifully introduces that theme : "The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want." Second Reading from his 1st Letter, Peter seems to echo the words of Isaiah 53 as he recalls how we had all gone astray like sheep, each taking his own way. Jesus Christ takes on himself the task of reuniting the sheep, as shepherd and guardian of our souls. The Gospel Reading of today tells us that Jesus is also the "gate for the sheep" because he is the way to salvation. As sheep gate, he leads us to eternal life.

The image of Jesus, as a shepherd, established itself early in the outlook of the first Christians. In the Second Reading from the 1st Letter of Peter, a metaphor is also used, this time for Jesus himself. Jesus is called 'the shepherd and guardian of souls.' In the reading today, Peter tells that Jesus suffered for us so greatly and completely that by his wounds we were healed. We were like sheep that had lost their way, but now we have been brought back to follow Christ, who showed us the redemptive meaning of suffering.

The Gospel Reading of today from St. John Jesus gives two comparisons. He compares himself to the Shepherd and to the Gate. The first title represents his ownership and the second title represents his leadership. The first is a warning against people who would want to steal the sheep and the second focuses on the relationship between the sheep and their shepherd. Jesus is the Gate, the door through which the sheep have an access to the shepherd. The central image, too, is not so much that of the shepherd as of the gate. In fact, later on in the passage, Jesus says, "I am the gate for the sheep," and the shepherds who come in and out are pastors who are faithful to Jesus. Anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate is dangerous and should be avoided. The true shepherd knows which ones belong to him and calls them out one by one. The sheep recognize the shepherd's voice and stay with him. They will not follow others, even if called by them. It is a free relationship. They follow, not because they are forced to but by their own choice. The passage ends with one of Jesus' most beautiful statements, "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." To follow Jesus is not, as some seem to fear, to live a half-life, a life filled with endlessly dire warnings of 'Don't!' It is to live life more abundantly.

The Scripture Readings of today are intimately linked with the second theme of this Sunday. Not only is it "Good Shepherd Sunday," it is also "Vocations Sunday." It is obvious that our Church today is in great need of good shepherds, totally committed to the Way of Jesus. So, the Church invites us to reflect on the meaning of God's call and asks us to pray for good vocations. Now, "Vocations Sunday" is not for a few selected, it is for all of us here. We need to emphasize very strongly that every single baptized person has a 'vocation'. Everyone is called by God to play a specific role in the Christian community and in the wider community.

*Janakumbudramateka*



God, in Baptism you called me by name and made me a member of your people, the Church. Help all your people to know their vocation in life, and to respond by living a life of holiness.

For your greater glory and for the service of your people, raise up dedicated and generous leaders who will serve as sisters, priests, brothers, deacons, and lay ministers.

Send your Spirit to guide and strengthen me that I may serve your people following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name I offer this prayer. Amen.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
MAY BABIES**

3rd Apr      Nikki Woodlands  
8th Apr      Sandra Vella  
9th Apr      Josephine Fenech



**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:**

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, Marg Dolman, Antoinette Pascale, 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**

T. M Luka, Antonio (Tony) Pascale

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL

HQ: 1300 729 202 from 9.00am — 1.00pm  
or [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au)



Readings for next Sunday, 10th May 2020

1st Reading	Act	6:1-7
2nd Reading	1 Peter	2:4-9
Gospel	John	14:1-12

### Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

### 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.

**For those who are unable to come to the Parish Office Contributions can also be dropped off at Holy Trinity Church on Sundays 10am - 11am**

### Masses Online & On Television

**We will continue to stream weekend Masses on our YouTube channel.**

**Please visit our parish website for the link or go to [youtube.com](http://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.**

**Sunday Mass is also screened on Channel 10 at 6am every Sunday morning.**

## From Our Youth

### Growing In Faith In Quarantine Days

In the light of current world circumstances and federal rules such as social distancing and self-quarantine. "Churches around the world have had to cancel Sunday services". Many of us have to start living differently now; personally, for me, I had to come back home from interstate and continue my studies online.

I know others who can't go to work due to the new federal rules. Our daily lives have completely changed one way or another, the things we took for granted are no longer possible. In comparison to other countries who are in the midst of intense lockdown, we are quite fortunate. Its times like this which will ultimately test us and our faith. It might seem like we are now limited to online mass and podcasts, but quarantine provides us with an opportunity to spend more time with God.

Personally, one of the things I have been engaging more often now is Rosary. I have been fortunate to have a group of friends my age who share the same faith as me; due to current limitations we decided to do an online rosary session were each session we have an intention; last week we prayed with the intentions of the speedy recovery of people affected by COVID 19. This week we praying with intention of for our first responders, essential works from all industries and medical professionals. Right now, is the best time for us Christians to be closer with God. Quarantine does not have to be a time of isolation and loneliness; it can be a time we can utilise to understand the scriptures better and praying for people who need it the most. "As Christians, we know that spirituality is not just about avoiding wickedness. It is also about doing good. Every crisis is an opportunity to do good".

Let's take this opportunity to do good no matter how big or small it matters in the eyes our God.

Jefin John

### 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 thank Jefin and Haleigh for contributing to our Parish Bulletin this week. If you have a story to share about how this time of church closures and isolation from our parish community is affecting you and your faith please email it in to [bulletin@paramodcath.com.au](mailto:bulletin@paramodcath.com.au)

### Project Compassion

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2020 Lenten appeal.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and mine know me. Alleluia!**



# Kids Corner

## “Prayer to Know My Vocation”

God, my Father,  
 You created me with a specific purpose  
 for my life; this is my vocation.  
 By following Your plan, I will be happy on Earth,  
 earn the reward of Heaven,  
 and help others do the same.  
 Please help me to hear, understand, and follow  
 Your call with my whole heart,  
 especially when it seems most difficult.  
 Mary, Mother of God and my Mother,  
 pray for me to know and accept God’s will for my life.  
 Amen.



20 My lockdown days.

My lockdown started on 28/3/20. I missed my last two weeks of Term 1. But I had online schooling. I like online schooling because no need to rush in the morning. But I missed the playtime with my friends. I spend lockdown with my Mum, Dad and sister. It was a relaxing time. I sleep, read, Draw, and watch T.V and play games. Every day I pray for the sick people. I like my grandma to come to my house, but she can't because there is no flight from India. I

I also missing church mass and religious Study with my friends and Jen.

During this lockdown time I missing all my friends and park playing on the slide, Swing and monkey bars. I wash my hands many times that is fun and it kills germs.

I would like to thank all the nurses, doctors and police officers for looking after the people.

Written by: Haleigh Abraham (2.C) <sup>Year</sup>



I miss this park.

### Modbury Community & Craft Group Wool Run

For many years members of the of the Modbury Community & Craft group have supported the work of the Adelaide Day Care Centre for Homeless Persons by knitting and crocheting beanies and scarves.

With the current ban on gatherings we have decided to do a wool run to get supplies of wool and patterns out to people who would like to help out with making beanies and scarves.

If you love to knit or crochet and need some wool to be delivered to you please contact Helen Podgorski on 0422 862 229

In a few weeks time a date will be organised for the completed beanies and scarves to be dropped off at the St John XXIII Mass centre.

If you have wool that you would like to donate it can be dropped off to the parish office during office hours.



Centacare

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

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.**