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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
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WYNN VALE 5127

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(SECONDARY) 8282 6600
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10th May 2020

5th Sunday of Easter, 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.**

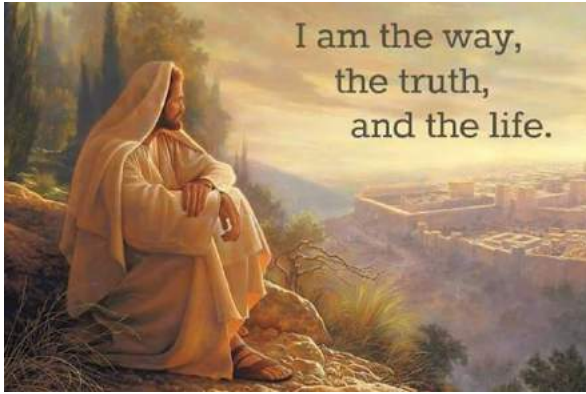
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

God our Creator, we pray:
for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility;
for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;
for those who are tired, stressed or depressed;
for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family;
for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty;
for those whose children have physical,
mental or emotional disabilities;
for those who have children they do not want;
for those who raise children on their own;
for those who have lost a child;
for those who care for the children of others;
for those whose children have left home;
and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.
Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender,
and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good,
living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others.
Amen.

*We would like to wish all Mothers a
Happy and Blessed Mother's Day*



Jesus: Our Way, Our Truth and Our Life



One day one of my friends was visiting another friend who lived in the country. Before the visit was to occur, there arose a telephonic conversation between both of them.

Are you visiting us tomorrow? Do you need directions?

Asked the first one.

I'm all set. I have the address, a GPS, and a GPS override.

Replied the other.

What's a GPS override? Was the question from the other side.

My wife the other friend replied.

We all have heard of a GPS but do we have a GPS override in a JPS (Jesus Positioning system) is the question addressed to each of us today.

During the 2nd World War, in Malaya, a prisoner happened to escape from the prisoners' camp. He was assisted by a native fellow who led him through a thick forest and from there to freedom and back home. The native fellow walked ahead and the man followed him from behind. With great difficulty they were finding their way through thorns and bushes, and ups and downs, and twists and turns, and the man got very tired. He then asked the native fellow, "Are you sure this is the way?" The native fellow looked at him, and in broken English he said, "There is no way. I am the way. If you want to be free and go home, then you have to just follow me."

In the same way, in the Gospel Reading of today Jesus says to us - "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me." as we journey with him through our earthly life in the midst of our problems and difficulties, sufferings and pains, disappointments and discouragements, stress and strain to the House of our Heavenly Father, and we have to just follow him. The Gospel Reading of today from St. John, is taken from the Farewell Discourse at the Last Supper, and addresses concerns of the disciples that would arise because of the departure (i.e. death) of Jesus soon to occur. The disciples are aware that Jesus is about to leave them. There is a heavy air of gloom and anxiety as the enemies of Jesus close in around him. "Do not let your hearts be troubled," are the encouraging words he speaks to them. "Trust in God still, and trust in me" is a call to total faith in the Father and in him. Trusting in God means accepting and facing reality. It means dealing with our problems knowing that even in worst-case scenarios, God will not allow us to be crushed and lost. We do our best with the proper means available to us and God will take care of the rest. The passage also assures them that Jesus will return and take his followers with him. The imminent departure of Jesus is presented not as a loss but as a preparation for the future.

Then he gives them this great teaching: "I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me." Jesus has now been with them for three years and they have seen him teaching and working among the people. So, "You know (they have learned how to) the way to the place where I am going," they are told. Thomas, the man who likes to confront and the one with the very literal mind, protests, "Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" He is clearly thinking in geographical terms. In fact, Jesus was speaking about going and coming in a different sense with a different level of meaning altogether. However, we can be grateful to Thomas for drawing out of Jesus one of the great sayings of St. John's Gospel, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

"I am the way, the truth, and the life (Jn 14:6)"; "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father" (Jn 14:9)! This is the core of our Christian faith: to experience God in Jesus. Everything else is mere decoration.

Thomas-a-Kempis in his book titled *Imitation of Christ* wrote in the 15th century, "Without the Way, there is no going. Without the Truth, there is no knowing. Without the Life, there is no living." The world today, as ever, needs the Way, the Truth and the Life. Are we ready to set our priorities right?

All of us are familiar with this piece from history. John Henry Newman had faced much adversity in his life. In 1816 his father's bank was shut down as a result of the financial collapse that followed the Napoleonic Wars. In 1821 nervousness and anxiety caused him to graduate with third-class honours. Then, in 1828, his sister suddenly passed away as his family continued to struggle financially. Newman was 33 years old when he found himself on a boat from the Sicilian city of Palermo to Marseille, France. Newman, who was recovering after being dangerously ill with a fever, was on the boat to return to his native England when he penned the lyrics to "Lead, Kindly Light." The context that Newman was recovering from a frightening illness in the middle of the sea gives insight to the lyrics. History testifies that Newman overcame his challenges and eventually become an important religious leader in England. What guided him was his prayer to Jesus "Lead kindly light". It is the prayer of a faithful Christian trying to make sense of things, even in the midst of a pandemic like covid 19.

Do we let Christ guide us through life and point us to the ultimate victory that is ours in eternity? Our primary response to God's self-revelation should be one of faith, faith in the one who cares about us, about our well-being and needs, about our joys and sorrows. God has a place for us.

Janakumbudramakal

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.



Readings for next Sunday, 10th May 2020

1st Reading	Act	8:5-8, 14-17
2nd Reading	1 Peter	3:15-18
Gospel	John	14:15-21

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

12th May	Sts Mereus & Achilleus, St Pancras
13th May	Our Lady of Fatima
14th May	St Matthias, Apostle

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:

Jason Mittiga, 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

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](https://www.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 Free-To-Air TV Channel 10 at 6am every Sunday morning Channel 44 at 4pm Sunday afternoon.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MAY BABIES

10th May	Elizabeth Lumsden, Caroline Augstyn
13th May	Nigel Lambert
14th May	Kylie Air



From A Health Worker

As a nurse working in the front lines of the COVID-19 Pandemic here in Adelaide it certainly has been a different experience. Many of the staff have been anxious and a little scared, not about caring for the patients – because that is what we do, but about the impact of the virus on themselves or their families.

We keep coming to work knowing that our patients need us but at the same time very aware that this virus could have a big impact on each person we know. It is certainly something different to anything we've known before. It's been wonderful though seeing everyone working together to try to ensure that the best of care is being provided to our patients, even though we're working in this strange situation. We've closed wards and the usual activity of the hospital has been reduced, so in some ways it has been strangely quiet – however we've been using this time to ensure that we are getting additional training done to be prepared for the expected high numbers of patients in the Intensive Care Unit. We've all been trained in the correct ways of putting on and taking off the protective clothing, including the hospital grade masks, goggles, gowns and gloves that we need to wear for protecting ourselves and others. There has been lots of attention about not having enough equipment however due to the small numbers of patients here we have been able to get through until the supplies have been increased. The most obvious thing is that we can't get together as a group for lunch or for meetings. We have been socially distancing – only 4 people in a lift – and we have become clever at using technology for getting together. Hand gel is everywhere in the hospital and we have nurses working at the entrances to ensure anyone – staff and visitors – are screened to ensure that they are healthy to work or visit. We have lots of new policies and procedures that have been put in place to ensure that those patients in the hospital who are sick for other reasons are well cared for, while those patients who do come in with the COVID-19 virus are managed and cared for carefully so that we don't pass the virus on to others.

We've been amazed at the generosity and the support from the community, with many cards and well wishes coming in and lots of special gifts (mostly food & chocolates) coming to the staff in ICU or the Emergency department. We're really not Super heroes, but all of us are doing a super job! The community has been so good at sticking to the rules here in SA – making sure we're staying at home except for essential travel, making sure that we are keeping our distance from each other when we are out, washing our hands and not gathering in large groups – which has all made a great difference to the outcomes for us all. The reality is this virus is not going away anytime soon – it's impacted all our lives in one way or another, travel plans have been cancelled or delayed, family visits are limited, shopping can be a bit of an issue. So we have to trust God that there is some sense in all of this and look out for each other.

Marie Haydon

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

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 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



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.

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

Bulletin Articles

We thank Marie 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

Kids Corner

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

We are filled with God's spirit

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Aramaic
faith
Greek
life
message
Philip
rooms
seven
Spirit
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way

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.