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**CHILDREN'S LITURGY  
CELEBRATED AT  
10AM MASS**

## BAPTISMS

BOOKINGS TO BE MADE  
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## MARRIAGES

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

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6th 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.**



## I will not Leave You Orphans

An attorney was on vacation in a small farming town. While walking through the streets, he noticed that a car was involved in an accident. As expected, a large crowd gathered. The attorney was eager to get to the injured, but he couldn't get near the car. Being a rather clever person, he started shouting loudly, "Let me through! Let me through! I am the son of the victim."

The crowd made way for him. Lying in front of the car was a donkey. Now that is our earthly advocate. The gospel for this weekend speaks of a heavenly advocate, the paraclete that Jesus promised who will not leave us orphans.

The Gospel, from the "Last Supper Discourse," of Jesus describes the gift he will send, the Holy Spirit, who will live as the Paraclete, the Divine Advocate, in those who obey Jesus' commandments, especially the commandment of love. It is the last supper, disciples were fed, their feet washed and the betrayer had left. It is night, dark, and Jesus announces he is leaving. The one for whom they left everything now says he is leaving. "We do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" "Show us the Father." "Are we left alone? How do we move forward and rebuild? Who will go with us? What's next?" These questions trouble the hearts and minds of the apostles. So, the promise of Jesus that he would send the Holy Spirit and he will be always with them becomes very important for the future life and ministry of the disciples.

Jesus promised his disciples that he would send the Paraclete; the Comforter. To Jesus, real love is something difficult, and it must be expressed not as sentiment or emotion but as real obedience to God. So, we weak human beings need the daily assistance of a Divine Helper in the Person of the Holy Spirit to practice real love. The Greek word used in John's Gospel for this Helper is Parakletos. For the Greeks, the word parakletos meant a lawyer, a legal assistant, a courtroom advocate. Jesus is telling us that the Holy Spirit is our Advocate Who speaks up for us when we're accused, judged, or wrongly condemned, and our Witness Who testifies on our behalf. Parakletos can also refer to a person who comforts, counsels or strengthens us in time of need. The Holy Spirit gives us Life, stands by us, defends us, strengthens us, and consoles us. Jesus was the first Paraclete sent by the Father. "But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one" (1 Jn 2:1). Since Jesus' presence as a Paraclete was limited in time and place, he assured his disciples of "another Paraclete" in the Person of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit assists us in our inadequacies and enables us to cope with life in the true Christian spirit. Thus, Jesus assures his

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disciples that he will not leave them orphaned. "I will not leave you orphaned." At some point, we all want or even need to hear these words. They speak directly to some of our greatest fears and challenges; abandonment and isolation, loneliness, vulnerability. They remind us that we are not destined to walk this earth without an identity or direction. We do not stand alone. To be sure there are seasons of life, moments, when the transitions, changes, and tragedies can leave us feeling as orphans. Whether spoken or unspoken the questions begin. What will I do now? Where do I go? What happens next? Who will love, nurture, and guide me? Who stands on my side? What will become of me? Those are the orphan's questions. Anyone who has ever loved and lost: a spouse, a child, a friend, security, hope, knows the orphan's questions. The fear of being left alone, points to the deeper reality that by ourselves we are not enough. It is not, however, because we are deficient. It is rather because we were never intended or created to be self-sufficient. We were never intended to stand alone as individuals. We were created to love and be loved, to live in relationship as persons giving themselves to each other, to dwell, abide, and remain within each other even as the Father is in Jesus and Jesus is in the Father; the antithesis of being orphaned. "I will not leave you orphaned" is the promise. Regardless of the circumstances of our lives, storms, death, separation, we have never been and will never be left alone by God. How strange that must have sounded to the disciples. In the same conversation, Jesus tells them that he is leaving and coming. Leaving and coming sure sound like opposites. Leaving and coming. Presence and Absence. That is what Jesus has set before us in today's gospel. That tension confronts us with the question of whether Jesus, for us, is a past memory or a present reality, a sentimental story that makes us feel good or a living experience that challenges, guides, and nurtures our life. According to Jesus the answer to that question is determined by love that is revealed and fulfilled in keeping his commandments. The commandment to love others as ourselves. Is our love growing, expanding, transformative of ourselves and the world? If so Jesus is probably for us a present reality and we know the fulfillment of his promise that we are not left orphaned. If, however, we are not loving so much. If we remain self-enclosed and isolated we relegate ourselves and each other to the orphanages of this world. Jesus' promise is still real and he remains faithful we simply have not claimed it for ourselves. Every time we expand the boundaries of our love we push back the orphanages of this world creating space within us where the Father and Jesus make their home. Over and over, day after day, regardless of what is happening in our lives that is Jesus' promise. We have not been abandoned. Do not abandon yourselves or others to the orphanages of this world. Love with all that you are and that you have even as the Father and Jesus love us with all that they are and that they have.



**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, 24th May 2020

1st Reading	Act	1:1-11
2nd Reading	Eph	1:17-23
Gospel	Mat	28:16-20

**Saints/Feast Days Of the Week**

18th May	St John I
20th May	St Bernadine of Siena
21st May	St Christopher Magallanes & Companions
22nd May	St Rita of Cascia

**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:**

Lil Buckley, 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

**Installation of  
 Archbishop-Designate Patrick O'Regan**



The installation of Archbishop-Designate Patrick O'Regan will be held in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral at 10.30am on Monday, May 25 with only a small number of clergy and representatives of the Archdiocese in attendance due to the coronavirus restrictions.

The installation ceremony and Mass will be live streamed via the Archdiocesan website [www.adelaide.catholic.org.au](http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au) and on YouTube and Facebook.

It will be replayed on Channel 44 the same day at 5.30pm.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

# A Message From Your Parish Pastoral Council

These are indeed strange times we are living through as we continue to be in largely uncharted territory trying to overcome the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Like groups everywhere, the PPC has been unable to meet. We can appreciate that the situation is improving and, praise God, see signs of hope on the horizon. However, as a parish community we are still faced with challenges we have never faced in living memory.

In what are incredibly different and difficult times for our Church and for our parish, we are encouraged to seek out whatever opportunities arise for us to deepen our faith and to continue to be part of our faith community in action. We are grateful for opportunities to participate in celebrations of our parish Mass online and for online opportunities for prayer and reflection. We thank Fr Manu and all of those who are making this possible for us. We thank all of those members of our parish who are making contact with elderly and isolated members of our community.

It is easy to be impatient for a return to normality, but let us be the ones who express patience with our political leaders, both state and federal, who are making the important decisions about what activities are permitted while at the same time prioritising the community's well-being need. They need our support and our prayers. Let us also offer our prayers and thanks to the many wonderful people who continue to work in the health, aged-care, and teaching professions, even while putting themselves in danger.

Even as we are living through this time of isolation from friends and family, coping with social distancing and the postponement of our favourite activities we continue to be a hope filled people of God. We know that God is with us and we trust in our God. We are confident that God will lead us safely to whatever our new community life will look like.

*Then I saw a new heaven and a new Earth. The first heaven and the first Earth disappeared, and the sea vanished. And I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, like a bride dressed to meet her husband. I heard a loud voice speaking from the throne saying: "Now God's home is with mankind! He will live with them and they will be his people. God himself will be with them and he will be their God. He will wipe all tears from their eyes. There will be no more death, no more grief or crying or pain. The old things have disappeared." Then the one who sits on the throne said, "And now I make all things new!"*  
(Rev 21: 1-5a)

We thank God for the time that families have been able to spend together as they work in isolation, but we look forward to the time when, as a community, we can celebrate the sacraments together. We especially look forward to being able to celebrate the lives of those parishioners or friends and family of parishioners who have died over this time of isolation. Together we pray that this virus and the anguish it has brought us will end soon and we will see the dawn of a new day for our parish community and for our world.

Carolyn Ost  
Chair Parish Pastoral Council

## 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.

## Coronavirus Protocols

Due to the COVID 19 restrictions all social activities in our Parish buildings remain suspended until further notice.

However, with the easing of some restrictions in the last week, our Mass centres are now able to be open for private prayer.

Please keep in mind that we are required to limit the numbers of people in the church at one time to 10.

You will be required to practice

- social distancing, by remaining at least 1.5metres from each other
- good hand and respiratory hygiene

We ask that if you enter any of the Parish buildings you fill in the sign in sheets provided which will assist with contact tracing if required.

Our priority at this time is to continue to minimise the risk of spreading the Coronavirus in our community.

We greatly appreciate your continuing cooperation during this difficult time.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY MAY BABIES

17th May Fr Jack Boog



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. 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](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**



## THE SOUTHERN CROSS

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

## 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)

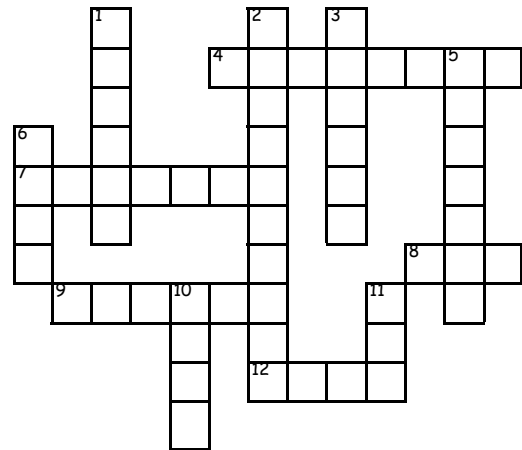
## Bulletin Articles

We thank Carolyn 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)

## Kids Corner

### The Spirit will keep on living in you

Jn 14:15-21



#### Across

- 4: Jesus said that he would c \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_  
to his disciples (two words)  
7: children without living parents  
8: it comes before two  
9: the first person of the Trinity  
12: not false

#### Down

- 1: the people of this world cannot \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the Spirit  
2: those who had faith were given  
the \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (two words)  
3: humans  
5: an order to do something  
6: the opposite of hate  
10: assist  
11: you do this with your eyes

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## A Prayer for Healing and Help



Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbours from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. Amen.

(Courtesy: Sydney Catholic Schools)

## 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.

**To book an appointment please phone Centacare on 8215 6700.**

**For more information, please contact Elizabeth Rowe 0437 062 302.**