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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

171 KESTERS ROAD,
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ST JOHN XXIII CHURCH

50 RESERVOIR RD,
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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
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GOLDEN GROVE 5125

PARISH CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER

THERESE MEYERS: 0421 533 761
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31st May 2020
Pentecost Sunday, Year A - Red

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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.

Coronavirus Protocols

With the easing of some restrictions we will be resuming Masses from Monday 1st June. Please see below for times. At this time we are required to limit the number of parishioners to 20 at St John XXIII and 28 at Holy Trinity (20 in the Church and 8 in the Cry Room)

To help regulate the numbers parishioners will need to book in for all Masses being celebrated from Wednesday 3rd June.

You will only be able to book for yourself and your immediate household members.

To book please call the Parish Office on 8264 7590
Tuesday - Friday 9am - 2pm

When attending Mass you will be required to

- Provide your full name and a contact phone number to assist in contact tracing. A sign in sheet will be provided before Mass begins.
- Practice social distancing, by remaining at least 1.5metres from each other. To assist with this some pews at Holy Trinity will be blocked off and at St John XXIII only the required amount of chairs will be placed. We ask that you do not move chairs.
- Practice good hand and respiratory hygiene. Hand sanitiser will be available at the entrance of the Churches.
- Limit your movements within the Church as much as possible.

If you need to enter any of the Parish buildings outside of Mass please 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. If you have flu like symptoms or are feeling unwell please do not attend Masses.

We greatly appreciate your continuing cooperation during this difficult time.

MASS TIMES

ST JOHN XXIII
Hope Valley

Monday 9.15am
Tuesday 9.15am
Thursday 9.15am
Saturday 6pm
Sunday 8am

HOLY TRINITY
Para Hills

Wednesday 7pm
Friday 9.15am
Saturday 9.15am
Sunday 10am

Strengthened by the Holy Spirit: Pentecost

Today the church celebrates the feast of Pentecost, the feast of the Holy Spirit. Both the Jews and the Christians now celebrate Pentecost, though not for the same reasons. Along with the Feast of the Passover and the Feast of Tabernacles, Pentecost was one of the major feasts of the Chosen People. The word Pentecost is Greek for pentecostes which means "fiftieth." The feast received this name because it was celebrated fifty days after the Feast of the Passover. Another name for the Jewish Pentecost is Shebuot or "The Feast of Weeks" (the "week" of seven Sabbaths between Passover and Pentecost, in thanksgiving for the Passover freeing of the Chosen People from Egyptian slavery and their return to the Promised Land). Originally, this feast was a thanksgiving festival for the completion of the harvest. Later, the Jews added to the Feast of Pentecost the element of Yahweh's Covenant with Noah, which took place fifty days after the great deluge. Still later, they made this feast an occasion to thank God for His Sinaitic Covenant with Moses, which occurred fifty days after the beginning of the Exodus from Egypt. For Christians, Pentecost marks the end and the goal of the Easter season. It is a memorial of the day the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles and the Virgin Mary in the form of fiery tongues, an event that took place fifty days after the Resurrection of Jesus. The Paschal mystery: The Passion, the Death, the Resurrection, and the Ascension of Jesus; culminates in the sending of the Holy Spirit on Jesus' disciples. The feast also commemorates the official inauguration of the Christian Church with the apostolic preaching of St. Peter, which resulted in the conversion of 3000 Jews to the Christian Faith. Pentecost is, thus, the official birthday of the Church.

Today when we ponder on the gift of the Holy Spirit into the life of each one of us it is a big question to ask whether we have let the Holy Spirit control our lives or let something else to take control of us. I often think that the disciples in that Upper Room, after the Ascension and before Pentecost, held a long, long Pastoral Council Meeting. The task had been assigned. They were to go into the whole world telling about the Good News of the Resurrection, baptizing those who believed. They were to be "witnesses." It's a pity we don't know what they talked about at that first meeting:

- The accounts were in disarray after Judas had gone.
- Someone must have said that there was no way they could afford to go into the entire world.
- Someone else may have suggested that it was dangerous to go outside the Upper Room. They were the chosen: Who would do the work if they were killed or thrown in prison?
- Perhaps another disciple said that they were no good at evangelisation, or they were too old, too tired, too poorly educated to speak of what moves them towards God.

The Upper Room must have felt so safe, so comfortable. And then something extraordinary happened. They were all attacked by what seemed to be wind and fire, the ancient symbols of God's presence. That energy, that being set on fire with confidence, thrust them out into the street, where they were soon accused of being drunk at ten o'clock in the morning. As we read in the Gospel, all this had been promised, that the Holy Spirit would be received. All those fears and doubts, all those reasonable objections to Jesus' command evaporated. The Church was on the move. The Church was intended to be on the move. It was not intended for Upper Rooms. It was intended for the street, for people, and places everywhere.

The Holy Spirit wasn't given so individuals could have a form of "spirituality" just for them. Holy Spirit wasn't given to an elite group so that they could practice a religion close to their political opinions, left, right, or centre. The Holy Spirit was given to the Church to enable it to be the Church. In the power of the Spirit, the Church is enabled to put things together and to be together. The Holy Spirit doesn't guarantee that the decisions we make together are wise or good. The Holy Spirit guarantees that the Church and the Church's mission will go on and on until kingdom come. It is the truth of kingdom which is, and is to come, into which the Spirit leads us. The Spirit was involved in Jesus' conception as a human being and in Jesus' baptism, anointing, temptation, teaching, miracles, death, and resurrection.

Since Pentecost, the Holy Spirit has, in His fullness, indwelt all believers, illuminating their understanding and application of God's Word as well as empowering them for sanctification.

Holy Spirit fills them, seals them, communes with them, fellowships with them, intercedes for them, comforts them, admonishes them, sanctifies them, and enables them to resist sin and to serve God.

As Christians every one of us is to be controlled by the Holy Spirit. Rom 8:9, You, (CHRISTIAN) however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.

We need to be Spirit-filled Christians who acknowledge our weaknesses, asking for the strengthening, anointing and guidance of the Holy Spirit every day. Let us repeat St. John Henry Cardinal Newman's favourite little prayer,

"Come Holy Spirit:"
"Come Holy Spirit:"
Make our ears to hear
Make our eyes to see
Make our mouths to speak
Make our hearts to seek
Make our hands to reach out
And touch the world with your love. AMEN."



RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Readings for next Sunday, 7th June 2020

1st Reading	Ex	34:4-6, 8-9
2nd Reading	2 Cor	13:11-13
Gospel	John	3:16-18

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

1st June	Mary, Mother of the Church
2nd June	Sts Marcellinus & Peter
3rd June	St Charles Lwanga & Companions
5th June	St Boniface
6th June	St Marcellin Champandot, St Norbert
7th June	The Most Holy Trinity

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:

Grace Tabone, Ursula Moore, 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, Sean Molloy, 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, Betty Roper, Imperia De Ionno, Julie Reimann, Maddison Calleja, Janice Forrester, Jim Marlow, Gerry Canavan, Jayden Lee, Marie Boulton, Gary Lockyer, Yvonne Summers, Sr. Marleen Dewar OLSH, Kay Kennedy, Rita Robinson

From Our Youth

It has been a very difficult time for Australian students. This crisis has affected learning majorly since online schooling has been a huge jump from coming to school daily to staying at home, working online. However, our teachers have been extremely helpful and put in maximum effort to help us with our learning. During online school we used apps such as Zoom, Microsoft teams and Google classrooms to have access with our teachers and majority of our lessons were on the following apps. At the beginning of each day we had to log into Microsoft teams and start a video chat with our classmates and teachers in a group call to mark our roll/attendance. As the day went on it was just like the reality of coming to school. All students were expected to join each class as well as having all their homework and assignments ready to be marked. As time has progressed I'm truly grateful that this crisis has improved and most students are back at school reunited with their teachers and friends. Even though it had been quite tricky to connect with the school thanks to our lovely teachers, God's grace and parents we have managed to make it work, by introducing us to all of these face chatting apps making it a lot easier to make online school happen.

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL

HQ: 1300 729 202 from 9.00am — 1.00pm
or www.vinnies.org.au



St Vincent de Paul Modbury Conference

A quiet week on resumption with only one call for assistance with food. St Francis Xavier's Catholic School at Wynn Vale has agreed to continue with the annual Winter Food Appeal. We have been given access to Emergency Relief Funding (ERF) to enable assistance with bills. High power bills are expected. Assistance is up to \$1000. .

Vinnies is again conducting a Winter Appeal, and this year more than ever, the funds are vital to Conference and Society finances. Until the Vinnies shops re-open, the main income stream for the Society is dry. There are donation envelopes at the Parish Office if you are able to contribute – receipts can be provided.

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

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 Sunday morning. Channel 44 at 4pm Sunday afternoon.

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.



Congratulations
Pam Ridley
celebrating your
80th Birthday

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. 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



THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The latest edition of The Southern Cross is available online at 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>

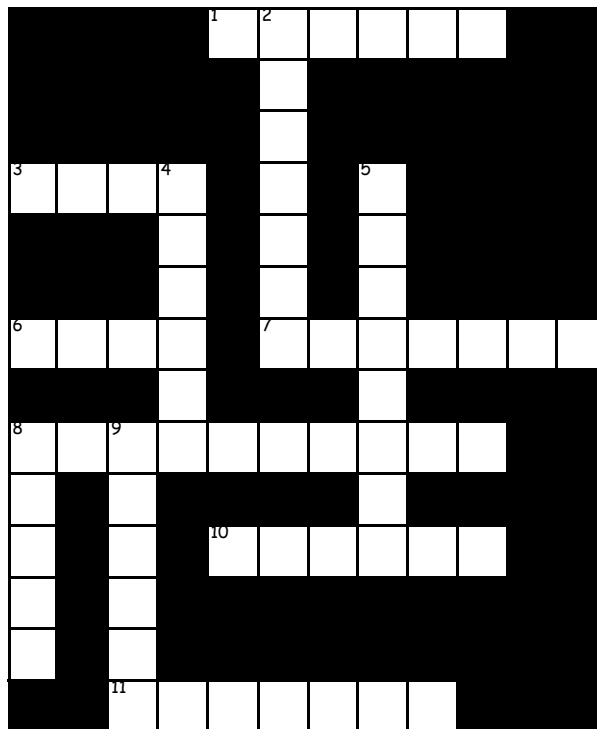
If you would like to receive the bulletin via email please contact us at bulletin@paramodcath.com.au

Bulletin Articles

We thank Biyona 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

The disciples received the Holy Spirit



Across

- 1: frightened or scared
- 3: bad deeds
- 6: it has fingers and a thumb
- 7: the time of day between afternoon and night
- 8: Jesus breathed the _____ on his disciples
- 10: another word for centre
- 11: the opposite of give

Down

- 2: Jesus said to the disciples, 'If you _____ anyone's sins, they will be forgiven'
- 4: the day after Saturday
- 5: to have come into sight
- 8: glad
- 9: someone who leads

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MAY/JUNE BABIES



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| 24th May | Aida Baratus Chambers |
| 25th May | Pam Ridley |
| 29th May | James Bell |
| 31st May | Sonia Williamson |
| 1st June | Sonia Moss, Joyce Clayton |
| 2nd June | Adrian Bell |
| 3rd June | Marisa De Ceglie, Paul Moss |
| 4th June | Reta Lockyer, Kathleen McEvoy |
| 6th June | Janine Dennison, Jill Harris, Jordan Raymond |