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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

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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A - Green

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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.**

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

Updates on Masses

Apart from the Modbury Hospital Mass, all Masses are going ahead according to the usual schedule. An extra Mass is being celebrated at St John XXIII on Thursdays at 9.15am while the Modbury Hospital Mass is suspended.

You will be delighted to know that we are now permitted to increase the number of parishioners who can attend each Mass. However, to enable COVID 19 tracking we still need to register the name and phone number of all attendees and so bookings for each Mass must still be made by ringing the parish office.

What are the new restrictions on numbers?

We are now permitted to have 75 people attend Mass at St John XXIII and 70 at Holy Trinity (including the 8 people permitted in the Cry Room). These numbers now include the Sacristan, Welcomer and Reader at each Mass. Please let us know when you are booking if you would like to take on one of those roles. We do ask that you book only for those people who live in your household.

When attending Mass you will be required to

- Provide your full name and a contact phone number to assist in contact tracing.
- Practice social distancing.
- Practice good hand and respiratory hygiene.
- Limit your movements within the Church as much as possible.

**We look forward to welcoming you back,
but please do not attend if you are unwell.**

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 and search for
Para Hills Modbury Catholic Parish**

**Also visit the Archdiocesan 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.**

Do Not be Afraid

Our Scripture readings for this Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time call us to preach Christ through our words and lives without fear. The first reading tells us how the prophet Jeremiah trusted in the power of God while he faced opposition for his prophetic ministry. The psalmist in today's Responsorial Psalm repeats the same trust in the kindness and great mercy of God when he is misunderstood and ill-treated even by his brothers and relatives. In the second reading, Paul assures the Christians in Rome that they need not be afraid of opposition both because they share in the death of Jesus and his Resurrection and because they are united with Christ, the new Adam, in his Resurrection. Today's Gospel passage is taken from the end of Jesus' instruction to his disciples as he sends them forth to carry on his mission of preaching and healing. He asks them to live simply and to expect opposition and rejection. After having predicted future opposition and persecution, Jesus encourages his disciples to stand firm. Three times they are urged, "Do not fear!" "Do not be afraid!" They are to proclaim the Gospel boldly because they will be protected, just as Jeremiah was assured of God's protection. He presents before them the image of the sparrow to reinforce the disciples' trust and Hope in God. The readings hint at the opposition we future Christians will encounter as we carry on the work of Jesus in the world, and they encourage us to persevere in doing the work of Jesus.

Jesus gives three reasons why his apostles, and we, should not be frightened. The first reason is that opponents will not be able to prevent Jesus' followers from succeeding in their mission because God will expose their evil plans and deeds: "nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered." The Lord "will bring to light the hidden things of darkness" (1 Cor 4:5), and will vindicate the faithful. That God will not permit evil to win is the promise (v. 26).

The second reason not to be afraid is the limited power of our opponents. They can kill the body, which dies all too soon anyway, but have no power over the soul. Only God has power over eternity. The Gospel identifies two fears that the apostles had: fear of false accusation and conviction, and fear of bodily harm and death. Tradition has it that almost all the apostles died the violent death of martyrdom. Some of them ended up being crucified on the cross, like Peter and Andrew; beheaded, like James and Paul; flayed alive, like Bartholomew; or thrown into a cauldron of boiling oil, like John (who survived without a blister, suffered exile, then freed and died of old age, the last of the original apostles). When the Old Testament mentions fear of God (Psalm 2:11; 15:4; 19:9; 22:23; 25:12, etc.) it generally means giving due respect to God. Respect is an attitude proper to a free person. God does not threaten to throw us into Hell; rather He reminds us that to lose Him by sin is to lose ourselves also; and that is Hell. There is no reason to fear God because He does not wish that any one should perish. He has sent Christ to provide salvation for all. Fear of God overcomes human fear: "Perfect Love casts out fear" (1 Jn 4:18).

The third reason we should not be afraid is God's compassionate love. We are more important to God than sparrows. Matthew speaks of two sparrows sold for one penny. The God who cares for a trivial bird like the sparrow also cares about our smallest problems; even the hairs on our heads are counted. While this is an encouraging assurance, it may be difficult to believe in the midst of persecution. But God knows everything that we go through; nothing that happens to us escapes Him. When we feel lonely and abandoned, when it seems that our prayers are unanswered, God knows and cares. Jesus concludes by saying: "So do not be afraid; you are worth much more than many sparrows." In other words, the perfect antidote for fear is trust in God. God is our shelter and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.

Sometimes we are afraid that we will make a wrong decision. At other times, we are afraid of what others will think when we speak up for Jesus. We are afraid of what the future will bring. We are also afraid of growing old. Sometimes we are afraid of what bad health will bring us. At the root of these fears is the fear of loss. Every fear we have is grounded in the knowledge that we have something or someone to lose. I can lose my job, family, house, money, health and even life itself. Rejection and loss are the basis of our fears. But we forget one thing: whatever trouble or crisis affects us; we know that God understands it better than we ourselves do.

Our Heavenly Father knows exactly what is happening. What a release from fear it is to know that God is on our side; that our life is in the hands of a loving God. The next time fear grips our life we need to remember that being faithful to Christ wherever we meet him in this life is much more important than our fear of rejection and loss.

Let us remind ourselves of the promise of God "Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."

Janakumbudramalakol

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JUNE BABIES

23rd June	Jill Brokensha, Paul Potticary
25th June	Geraldine Horn
26th June	Pauline Lai, Mary Mount



Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

22nd June	Sts John Fisher & Thomas More
23rd June	St Paulinus of Nola
24th June	Nativity of St John the Baptist
27th June	St Cyril of Alexandria

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Readings for next Sunday, 28th June 2020

1st Reading 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16

2nd Reading Rom 6:3-4, 8-11

Gospel Mat 10:37-42

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



PlenaryCouncil2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

Plenary Council Discernment Papers

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Plenary Council Assembly in Adelaide has been postponed until October 2021, with exact dates yet to be finalised. The Discernment papers from the Writing and Discernment Groups, taking into account everything said from the 1st (Listening and Dialogue) and ongoing 2nd (Listening and discernment) phases of the Plenary Council have been released and can be found at:

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/>



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2020

With the easing of some restrictions to Masses the Development Fund weekly draws will resume from next week. Any monies which had already been paid will be credited to future draws.

If you have any further questions or if you would like to be included in the draw Please contact: Barbara Mathews 8258 8806

FINANCE REPORT FOR THE PARISH

This Coronavirus pandemic was a little un-nerving in the beginning with all the restrictions, abnormal shopping arrangements, too scared to go anywhere, constantly washing hands and disinfecting everything we touched but things now seem to be getting better. We went for a hotel meal the other day for the first time in early 3 months. It was actually very good as the tables were spaced apart and it was not crowded. I don't mind going shopping now, usually first thing in the morning, most stuff is back on the shelves and everyone keeps their distance so it is easier to look for what we want.

However, in the back of the PFC members minds was the unknown impact on the Parish Finances with the threat of some drastic action to be taken.

However, to the end of April, while our income is down so is our expenditure, due to no Masses and other activities, so we are currently still in the black. In the meantime, the Catholic Church Diocese Office was able to secure the Job Keeper payments for paid Parish staff which included our three office staff, which means we do not have to pay wages for six months which is a real benefit for us.

The other factor was that many parishioners kept up with their planned giving contributions bringing their envelopes to the office or to Holy Trinity on Sunday mornings. These mornings were quite enjoyable as we met parishioners, had a chat and enjoyed coffee and a bite to eat provided by Angela who rents the house.

So I would like to thank everyone who kept up their contributions including all the direct debit contributors as this has also helped to keep our head above water.

Although there was little or no activity going on, I would like to thank all those who continued their essential tasks, as there were still odd jobs, mowing at St John XXIII (thanks to Terry), cleaning and maintenance to do to keep things in order and looking good ready for when we can return.

The other good thing was being able to watch Fr Manu's masses on YouTube and credit goes to all his helpers and participants that made these interesting to watch. I even dusted off the iPad and started watching some other masses as well, including some from interstate and the Installation of now Archbishop Patrick O'Regan. I just loved that magical chair because as soon as he sat in it he suddenly transformed into the Archbishop. Think what we could do with a chair like that at Para Hills Modbury Parish.

As masses start to return, even in small numbers, the PFC will continue to monitor our financial position and keep you abreast and up to date as we gradually move forward to our new normal.

I expect that as some things will return as before, there will be some permanent and ongoing changes that we will need to get used to whether positive or negative. However, one thing we should thank God for is that we have not suffered as much in Australia as some of the other countries have.

Keep smiling and washing your hands.

PS My hands have never been so clean.

John Jarrad

Chair, Parish Finance Council

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia!



St Vincent de Paul Modbury Conference

It was a quiet week for home visits this week, seeing only two ladies struggling with managing bills and family costs

Thanks to all who are taking and returning envelopes through the Winter Appeal – we're always in need of funds to enable the purchase and distribution of FoodLand gift cards so our "companions" are able to supplement the non-perishables that we provide.

Pantry needs this week are
Tea Bags, Jam, and Tinned Carrots
if you can help.

Winter Appeal

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.

Collections

We would like to once again thank all of our parishioners who have continued to financially support us during the last couple of months as this has greatly helped our finances.

With the resumption of Masses contributions can be dropped off at any of the Masses or at the Parish Office using the mail slot next to the office door. Please mark envelopes left at the office clearly as 1st or 2nd collection.

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).

Craft Market 2020 – Cancelled

Sadly, our Craft Market that was to be held on 7th November at St John XXIII Mass Centre is cancelled. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the unsure environment we are in, we are unable to plan and organise for this important event.

Thank you to parishioners, families and friends who helped out in so many ways to make last year's Craft Market such a great success both financially and socially.

We couldn't have done it without you!
We look forward to your support and community spirit again next year.

Lea Crosby
On behalf of the parish
Craft Market committee

A Secondary Teachers Reflection On COVID-19

Before COVID 19 our human nature was made up of face-to-face and affectionate relationships with our family and friends; currently high 5s are replaced with 'elbows', in some instances drive-by birthday parties are in place of traditional parties, and for teachers and students, online learning became our platform for curriculum. All people involved in education are trained to be involved and connected to students and colleagues face-to-face. I reflect upon my studies and cannot recall in one instance when we planned for curriculum to be presented as an online classroom. This was a new environment for all people involved in education and our students, parents and community of Gleeson College. In such a short time, teachers learnt new ways to deliver their teaching on various platforms and did this with the Catholic values at the forefront of our thoughts and prayers.

There were many new approaches, we conducted our Parent Teacher Interview night entirely by phone. In the absence of being able to conduct large gatherings, we planned alternative ways to celebrate our Catholic faith. From a virtual liturgy, class liturgies and reimagining prayer, our staff and students have still had the opportunity to pray for those impacted by COVID-19 in these times.

In an article I had the chance to read recently on the positive aspects of the global pandemic that we are living through, a few points struck me. In summary, it named seven positive outcomes of COVID-19, three of which have been very important to us at Gleeson College: Connectedness, Education and Gratitude. COVID-19 has a rejuvenated sense of community and social cohesion. Self isolation has challenged us as social animals who desire relationships, contact and interaction with other humans. Education has been re-imagined. Home-schooling is becoming a new way of learning, exposing many parents to what their children know and do. This connection of parents to school through their children and their learning has always been a desire of educators and it took this pandemic to make it happen. Finally, COVID-19 is giving us a new sense of appreciation and gratefulness. It has offered us a new perspective on everything we have taken for granted for so long - our freedoms, leisure, connections, work, family and friends.

Shannon Bertram
Assistant Principal
Gleeson College



THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The June edition of The Southern Cross is available from both Mass Centres and the Parish Office at a cost of \$2 or online at www.thesoutherncross.org.au