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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

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28th June 2020

13th 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.

We are now permitted to increase the number of parishioners who can attend each Mass and numbers will be updated again in the coming week.

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 current 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.**

So much as a Cup of Cold Water



Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the instructions and consolations that we have heard Jesus offering to his disciples during the past few weeks. In this passage, Jesus summarizes both the costs of discipleship and its rewards and highlights for us the importance of hospitality in the Christian life. To welcome another in Jesus' name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily life to reach out to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God's love. The common theme of today's readings is the work God gives us to do as the followers of Jesus to love God and our brothers and sisters through hospitality, generosity, commitment, and charity. The readings also remind us of the sacrifice demanded of the followers of Jesus and the suffering they will endure for their Faith when they bear witness to him.

In our first reading, we see the welcome given to the prophet Elisha by an elderly, childless woman and her husband who lived in Shunem. The woman recognized the holiness of Elisha. She showed him reverence and hospitality by inviting him to dine with her and her husband and by arranging an upper room of their house so that Elisha might stay with them when he visited the area. In response, Elisha promised her, "This time next year you will hold a son in your arms." The promise was fulfilled by God. The second reading, taken from Paul's letter to the Romans, explains why those who care for the followers of Jesus are caring for Jesus himself, and those who show hospitality to any one of them are eligible for a reward. By our Baptism, we have been baptized into Jesus' death and buried with him, and we look forward to resurrection with him (Rom 6:5). Since Baptism is our entrée into this new life, it makes us part of the Body of Christ, and Christ is truly present in us. That is why the one who welcomes a disciple of Christ welcomes Christ and becomes eligible for a reward. Today's Gospel lesson concludes Jesus' great "missionary discourse" in which he instructs the twelve apostles on the cost and the reward of the commitment required of a disciple. The first half of these sayings of Jesus details the behaviour expected of his disciples, and the second half speaks of the behaviour expected of others towards the disciples. Even Jesus' shameful death on the cross is not too high a price to pay if one is to be a true disciple because the reward is great. Jesus assures his disciples that whoever shows them hospitality will be blessed. Those who receive Jesus receive the One who sent him. Also, those who help the "little ones," (believers) and the poor, the sick, and the needy will be amply rewarded.

Materialism and consumerism dominate our lives and turn our homes into isolated fortresses with iron gates, intruder alarms and surveillance cameras. Society believes in competition, power, influence and success. A legalistic, mathematical mind tends to measure the bare requirement due to the other. This does not make for a happy environment. No wonder that a sub-theme of today's liturgy is joy: "Happy the people... who find their joy every day in your name" we read in the psalm. The open-hearted person is always happy; there is much joy in giving. Cups of cold water may be translated into a letter, a phone-call, a smile, a word of appreciation. They cost little but how the world today is crying out for cups of cold water! Christ is often wounded and struggling in my neighbour. Jesus' argument is that when we work hard to ensure that everyone has enough, there will be enough for us, too. Hence the question we should ask is: Am I living my life at the expense of others? Am I trying to live in solidarity with others? Am I aware of people in my area who are in real need? In the words of Mother Teresa, "The Gospel is written on your fingers." Holding up her fingers, one at a time, she accented each word: "You-Did-It-To-Me." Mother Teresa then added: "At the end of your life, your five fingers will either excuse you or accuse you of doing it unto the least of these."

As the followers of Christ, we need to be hospitable and generous in all that we do. Hospitality means acknowledging the presence of God in others and serving Him in them, especially those in whom we least expect to find Him. We, as individuals and as a community, are to look for opportunities to be hospitable—and, of course, there are plenty of ways of offering hospitality. Maybe hospitality is offered through a kind word to a stranger or even a smile. A kind smile or a "hello" to someone waiting with us in a grocery line may be the only kindness that person encounters all day. We become fully alive as Christians through the generous giving of ourselves. What is more important than sending cheques for charitable causes is giving of ourselves to people. First, in the way we think about them; then the ways we speak to them and about them; forgive their failings; encourage them; show them respect; console them; and offer them help. Such generosity reflects warmth radiating from the very love of God.

Janu Sambudramakal

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Readings for next Sunday, 5th July 2020

1st Reading Zec 9:9-10
2nd Reading Rom 8:9, 11-13
Gospel Mat 11:25-30

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

29th June Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles
30th June The First Martyrs
of the Holy Roman Church
3rd July St Thomas, Apostle
4th July St Elizabeth of Portugal

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:**

Robert Snell, 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

Recently Deceased

Nora Kearney



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2020

Congratulations Domenic Cavuto
No. 9
Drawn by Margaret Dolman

if you would like to be included in the draw
Please contact: Barbara Mathews 8258 8806

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JUNE/JULY BABIES

28th June Sindi Kinloch
29th June Anne-Michelle Howell
1st July Susan Uern
2nd July Dianna Panicker



A Message From the Parish Finance Council

Towards the end of last year, the Parish Finance Council (PFC) began looking into the possibility of selling a strip of land along the southern border of St John XXIII. The land would be sold to a developer for housing subdivision.

The PFC was investigating this possibility as a means of supporting the current and ongoing financial viability of the parish. The plan is that the sale would be conditional on the land being used for housing with the parish having first option to buy one house. The house so purchased would then provide ongoing rental income for the parish.

The potential sale of the asset, in addition to providing immediate cash inflow and ongoing income from rent, would also decrease our expenses associated with maintaining that piece of land and the trees on it.

The proposed sale is still in its initial stages and would have to be approved by the Archdiocese as owners of the property. They require that any sale of parish properties be supported by the Parish Priest, The PFC and the PPC. During this past month, the PFC formally put to the PPC a proposal for the subdivision and sale of the land. The Parish Pastoral Council approved the proposal.

Should you have any questions or comments you would like to make about this proposal you are asked to contact John Jarrad via email at jtc@adam.com.au or by telephone on 0408 607 300.

John Jarrad
PFC



Attention all Visitors of the Sick and Housebound

If you currently have a Ppyx please return it to either of the Mass centres or the Parish Office when not in use, as it may be needed by other Eucharistic Ministers who are visiting people within our community.

CHILDREN'S PRAYER



Loving God,
Bless our family and our community.
Draw all of us closer to you
through this time where our lives
have been so different.
Help us to remember that we serve you
when we look after others.
We make this prayer in Jesus name.
Amen

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!



St Vincent de Paul Modbury Conference

Again six calls for assistance in the last week. The pantry stocks should receive a boost this week with a collection of the Winter Food Appeal from St Francis Xavier's at Wynn Vale. We've been buying groceries of late to compensate for the lack of donated food coming through the basket, so all donations are much appreciated. Our immediate needs in the pantry are Sugar, Tinned Spaghetti, and Jam. It will greatly help if any or all of these items could be placed in the Vinnies' collection basket.

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



Parish Prayer

To pray is to talk to God about whatever it is that is in our hearts: the things that bring us joy or sorrow; our hopes and dreams; our gifts and talents; our worries or weaknesses. In prayer we can talk to God about whatever it is that is in our hearts.

The Parish Pastoral Council would like you to work with us on developing a parish prayer. A prayer that speaks to God of our parish, our community our needs. A prayer that we can pray during the Mass, on special occasions, at parish meetings or in our own homes.

We would like to invite you to submit your ideas for inclusion in our parish prayer. In your preparation you might like to think about our parish, our community, and our Mission & Vision which is available on our web site at <https://paramodcath.com.au/our-vision/> and on the noticeboard at the back of each Church. You might also like to reflect on our patrons: The Holy Trinity – forever one – Father, Son and Holy Spirit; and St John XXIII. We eagerly await your ideas. They can be submitted to the parish office in time for the PPC Meeting in August.

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/>



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