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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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ST JOHN XXIII CHURCH

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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

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12th July 2020

15th 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.

To enable COVID 19 tracking we are required to keep a register with the name and phone number of all attendees.

We ask that you continue to book for each Mass by ringing the parish office.

We do ask that you book only for those people who live in your household.

What are the current restrictions on numbers?

Due to space restrictions and the need to socially distance we are currently permitted to have 120 people attend Mass at St John XXIII and 120 at Holy Trinity.

If you do not book a place, particularly for 10am Mass at Holy Trinity, you may risk being turned away due to a lack of space.

When attending Mass you will be required to

- Provide your full name and contact phone number to assist in contact tracing.
- Arrive 10 - 15minutes before Mass begins to give everyone time to have their names checked off and be seated so that Mass can begin on time.
- Follow the directions of ushers who are directing the movement of parishioners within the church.
- Practice social distancing, especially moving during Communion and when entering and leaving the Church
- 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.**

'Listen, anyone who has ears!'

We all realize the sad truth that only a few professing Christians are really living productive spiritual lives. Hence, today's readings invite us to take a positive and optimistic view of the missionary efforts we make, and to continue to bear witness to Christ's Gospel through our transparent Christian lives, instead of turning cynical and becoming depressed. In the first reading, Isaiah, in the midst of a desert, can feel sure of the approach of spring for his people. Like Isaiah, all religious reformers confidently depend on the power of God's word. In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that suffering is part of creation (seeds must fall into the earth and die in order to produce a fruitful life). Paul is expectantly waiting for his eternal reward, as he has sowed the word of God diligently and suffered for the Lord. Today's Gospel assures us that, since God is in charge, He will bring the harvest, and it will be abundant. We need not despair if that harvest is not immediately visible. The Church in every century has seen people reject Christ, as illustrated in the parable of the sower. The parable tells us to do our part by preparing fertile soil in our hearts for the word of God to yield thirty, sixty, or one hundred fold. We are to imitate the farmer who loses no sleep over a few seeds eaten by birds or a few suffocated seedlings. He knows well that the harvest will depend on the quality of the soil and the care and attention the seed receive.

Jesus' parable of the seed sown in various soil types was an attempt to boost the morale of his frustrated disciples. They were upset and discouraged because they realized that their master was facing opposition and hostility from the scribes, Pharisees and priests. The synagogues refused to admit him to preach. So, Jesus had to go to beaches and hillsides. Some of the Pharisees were planning to trap him, and the common people were more interested in his ability to heal them than in his preaching. Using the parable of the sower in today's Gospel, Jesus assured his confused disciples that the "Good News" he preached would produce the intended effect in spite of opposition and controversy. Matthew may have included this parable in his Gospel, because his own Judeo-Christian community had experienced similar adverse reactions from their fellow-Jews, just as people today are frustrated in their attempt to live the Gospel in our consumerist, hedonist, secularist, materialist, atheistic/agnostic society.

This parable is a story of God's prodigality, sowing seeds right and left, in abundant measure, so that we constantly receive the word in our hearts from a merciful and generous sower. God is always scattering the seeds of His kingdom around us whether we deserve them or not, so that when the soil of our hearts is ready for the seed to germinate, the seed is already there. Even the tiniest seed of God's love can produce in us a harvest beyond our imagining. The yield depends on soil type. The good spiritual yield in life

depends on how fully and willingly a person accepts and responds to the word of the Lord. His word never blossoms alongside greed, snobbishness and the love of the easy life. Christ is the sower, and while we desire to be good soil, we know there are times when we are pretty shallow like the depth of soil along the path. There are areas of rock in our lives where God's word has not taken root, and there are areas where God's word finds difficulty in taking root. In his parable of the sower, Jesus uses four different soil-types to represent four separate responses people can give to God's saving word. In fact, each one of us may display all four different types of soil at various time in our personal lives.

The questions we need to ask ourselves today are: Am I merely hearing God's word without making efforts to understand it? Does God's word meet with a hard heart in me? Am I too anxious about money, security, provision for retirement or old age? Is God's word taking root in me? Converting me? Transforming me? Enabling me to sacrifice? And what about the "fruits" that we are being invited to produce: justice and mercy, hospitality for the immigrant, the dispossessed, the unborn, the single mother? By refusing to consider these things, we may be missing the healing that the Word of God can bring into our lives. The parable of the sower challenges us to see how deeply the word of God has taken root in our lives, how central God is to the very fabric of our day-to-day life. Jesus also invites his followers to embrace the Faith of the sower: to trust and believe that our simplest acts of kindness and forgiveness, our humblest offers of help to anyone in need, may be the seeds that fall "on good soil" and yield an abundant harvest. Let us today, make every effort to examine our own selves to find how do we respond to the Word of God and to the various Acts of God in our lives? Do we allow the trials and tribulations of this world to overwhelm the tender seed growing within us? Do we pull back when people harass us because we are believers? Do we decide, because things are not working out the way we think they ought, that God doesn't care for us, or that He is powerless, weak, and not to be heeded? Do we allow the cares of this world, our ambitions, or our desires for success and happiness, to choke out the messages that God sends us through the various events of our daily lives and through the various people we encounter? How we respond to the Word of God is the key to how fruitful the Gospel is going to be in our lives. Unlike the situation in nature, we can, as it were, change the kind of soil that we are. Jesus challenges us in the parable of the sower to sow seeds of encouragement, joy, and reconciliation regardless of the "soil" on which it is scattered, and to imitate the seed's total giving of self that becomes the harvest of Gospel justice and mercy.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Readings for next Sunday, 19th July 2020

1st Reading Wis 12:13, 16-19

2nd Reading Rom 8:26-27

Gospel Mat 13:24-43

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

13th July St Henry

14th July St Camillus de Lellis

15th July St Bonaventure

16th July Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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, Janice Forrester, Jim Marlow, Gerry Canavan, Jayden Lee, Marie Boulton, Gary Lockyer, Yvonne Summers, Sr. Marleen Dewar OLSH, Kay Kennedy, Rita Robinson

Recently Deceased

Alexander Donnelly, Nora Kearney



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2020

Congratulations Jo Treadwell
No. 82

Drawn by Carlo Anzellotti

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

Masses Online & On Television

As we have been able to resume Masses
We will no longer be streaming our Parish Masses.

For those still unable to attend Mass
Sunday Mass is still screened on Free-To-Air TV

Channel 10 at 6am Sunday morning.
Channel 44 at 4pm Sunday afternoon.

Or visit the Archdiocesan website
adelaide.catholic.org.au
for links to information, prayers and streamed Masses

Parish Groups

With the easing of restrictions some of our parish groups are resuming their activities.

All groups, whether your activities are for prayer, meetings or socialising, are required to contact the parish office before you resume your activities.

The organiser of the group will be required to provide a written plan detailing the steps that will be taken to help keep your members safe from COVID-19.

Some things which you will need to consider when preparing to restart your groups activities include

- The number of people in the group.
- Whether your members will be able to comply with the social distancing guidelines during their activities.

Please note that

- for the purpose of contact tracing everyone entering the Parish buildings must provide their full name and either a contact phone number or email.
- there are still some restrictions on the serving of tea, coffee, food or drinks.
- after the activity/meeting each group will be responsible for sanitising any chairs, pews and tables used during the activity along with other frequently touched surfaces such as door handles.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss restarting your group's activities please call the parish office.

Thank You

We would like to thank Fr Manu for deciding to make online Masses available for us. It was wonderful to have access to our own parish Mass online during those weeks when we couldn't attend Sunday Mass.

We would also like to thank those who have so generously given their time each week to enable the Masses to be put online: especially, Paul Haydon for his technical expertise, Patrick Trimboli for his musical talents, Readers and Sacristans

PARISH RECORDS

As a Parish we need to regularly update our records of parishioners, as over the years there has been a number of changes as to how people communicate.

If you have changed your mobile phone number, landline or email address, could you please let the Parish Office know at your earliest convenience.

We would appreciate you providing us with the best phone number and email address to contact you on.

If you are a new Parishioner to our Parish you can obtain a census card from the church foyer or the Parish Office.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!



St Vincent de Paul Modbury Conference

Only one call this week; the increase in Job Seeker (ex-New Start) seems to be having some effect.

The Vinnies shop at Valley View has joined the list of ones that have re-opened.

It's great to see the Vinnies' basket being used again – none of the food is wasted and keeps our costs down. Our fund raising has taken a hit this year, but there is still a chance the SAPOL band concert will go ahead.

Our immediate needs in the pantry are Margarine, Tinned Carrots and Tinned Meat. It will greatly help if any or all of these items could be placed in the Vinnies' collection basket.

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).

CHILDREN'S PRAYER



Let us pray,
that our ears are open to hear
the word of God and to listen to others,
our eyes are open to see
the works of Jesus in each other
and that our hands are willing to work
in the name of the Lord.
Thank you Father for each of these
things in my day. Amen.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JULY BABIES

12th July Daniel Ball



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.

The plan of the proposed sale can be found on the notice boards of both churches.

Please contact the parish office if you would like a copy of the plan.

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

Apostleship of the Sea 2020

This weekend is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea.

Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church.

During the COVID-19 pandemic seafarers continue to bring products to sustain our population and economy, often at personal risk to their health.

If you would like to support this ministry you can make a donation in the Special Collection basket at the back of the Church or by placing your donation in a clearly marked envelope in the mail slot at the parish office.

Donations can also be made online at bit.ly/seasundayaustralia

THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The July 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