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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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(SECONDARY) 8282 6600
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PARISH CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER

THERESE MEYERS: 0421 533 761
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19th July 2020

16th 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

**Due to space restrictions and the need to socially distance
we are currently restricting attendance to
120 people at all Masses.**

Please contact the Parish Office to book your place at Mass.

Let them Grow Together Until the Harvest

We live in a strange world, don't we? So many people begin things with good intentions, wonderful visions, and really want to make things better, both in their own lives and in the lives of others. Marx and Lenin, the fathers of communism, really wanted to make the lives of their countrymen better. We went to war in Vietnam with good intentions. Atomic energy was supposed to make the world a better place. But, as in so many great efforts, things sometimes go wrong. The same is true in our own personal lives. People fall in love and get married with nothing but the best of intentions, with high hopes, with hearts filled with love, and with wonderful visions. Then somewhere along the line, for some couples, things turn sour.

Life is a mixture of good and evil. We are imperfect people living in an imperfect world. There's much in our nation that is both good and bad. Our government officials are both good and bad. There's much in our Church that is good, and there are some bad things in it too. If we're honest, we see that there is both good and bad in us individually and collectively. Everywhere we look we find this strange mixture of what's right and what's wrong.

As followers of Jesus Christ, what do we do with the problem of evil? That's the question raised in today's readings. Answering the question is a big problem for all of us. Just what do we do when it comes to ridding ourselves and our world of evil? The Scripture passages in today's first reading and today's gospel account suggest that we should deal with evil as God deals with it, with patience and forbearance. Evil will eventually reveal itself and evil will eventually suffer the consequences it brings down upon itself.

There are a couple of interesting points about the parable that we have in the gospel today. The first one is that when He was asked where the weeds came from, Jesus replied: "An enemy has done this." He doesn't tell us why God has enemies; He simply takes it as a fact. He is a realist, not a dreamy eyed idealist. To take a realistic view of life we simply must begin with the facts that evil exists and it

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comes from people who have chosen to defy God. People, of their own free will, choose to defy God and do things on their own quite apart from Him. In the world of human choices, things are not as they ought to be, things are quite apart from what God intended them to be. The price of human freedom of choice is sometimes costly, not only to us, but to God. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, had to pay that price.

Why, we ask, doesn't God simply pull up all of evil's weeds? Why doesn't God, with fire and brimstone, simply blast evil off the face of the earth? Well, that's a lot easier said than done. Suppose God did, what would happen? What would happen to each one of us? Aren't we all a mixture of good and evil? Wouldn't we still get caught up in the firestorm of evil's destruction?

Which brings up the second point, namely the fact that so very often what is evil appears to be good, and what is good appears to be evil. In today's parable Jesus speaks of the weeds as darnel. Now at the beginning of the growing process darnel looks just like wheat. It is only when harvest time approaches that the difference between the two becomes apparent.

We know that to be true, when it comes to the great enterprises we have begun. It's only after the passage of time that we find out what's really good and what's really bad in our marriages. It was only after communism matured that we came to know just how evil it was. And the same principle applies in so many areas of our lives. Everything has something wrong within it. We certainly know that's true in our own Church, in our nation, in our world, and in our own personal lives.

There are no "quick-fix" and easy solutions. Patience and forbearance are necessary, and to have patience and forbearance one must have faith. We have to believe in God's goodness and believe in His love for all that is good in our world. Reliance on God and acceptance of His ways is the only way we can overcome evil both in our world and in our lives.

Isn't that the faith Jesus had when he suffered His agony in the Garden of Gethsemane and as He hung dying on the cross? The Evil One tempted Him to despair, tempted Him to go over to the Dark Side. But Jesus remained steadfast, confident that in the end, at harvest time, His Father in heaven would harvest the good wheat and burn the darnel.

Yes, it is a strange world we live in. But at the same time, it is a beautiful world, a beautiful world filled with wonderful... even heroic people. The great miracle is that goodness and love have survived evil's onslaught. What is the vision in which we live? Do we really have faith in God? Today, once again, Jesus invites us to share in His vision, in His hope, and in His faith that in the end God will bring good out of evil. Truly Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.

Janakumbidramalakal

Readings for next Sunday, 26th July 2020

1st Reading	Kings	3:5, 7-12
2nd Reading	Rom	8:28 - 30
Gospel	Mat	13:44 - 52

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

20th July	St Apollinaris
21st July	St Lawrence of Brindisi
22nd July	St Mary Magdalene
23rd July	St Bridget
24th July	St Sharbel Makhluf
25th July	St James, Apostle

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

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JULY BABIES

19th July	Jonathan Cruz
22nd July	Pauline Forrestall



RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, you are good and forgiving.



St Vincent de Paul Modbury Conference

Not a single call this week;
not uncommon in school holidays

A big thank-you to all the contributors
to the Winter Appeal – over \$1000 to date.

Another Regional meeting's coming up this
week at TTG. We're still short a Regional President
after Peter Knowling's term finished.

Our immediate needs in the pantry are
Peanut Butter (small), Soap, Tinned Spaghetti
and Toilet Paper.

It will greatly help if any or all of these items
could be placed in the Vinnies' collection basket.

Gleeson College Support of Vinnies Winter Appeal

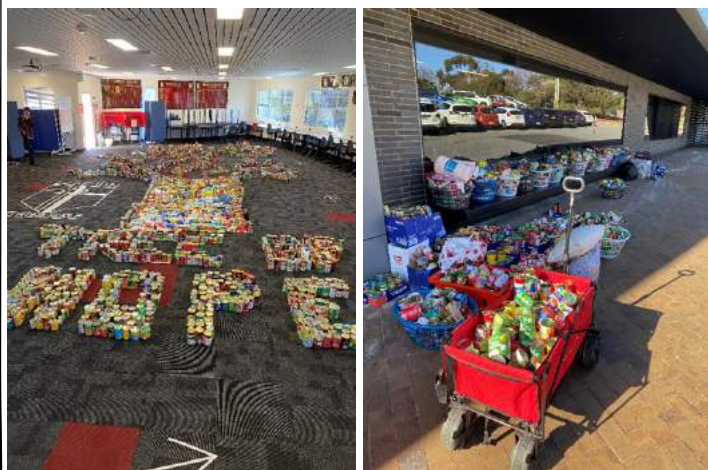
This term, the Student Leadership Team at Gleeson
College worked hard to organise and host a
fundraiser to put our faith in action and support
St Vincent de Paul and their annual
'Vinnies Winter Appeal'.

Leading up to the 'Tree of Hope' can
sculpture event held this week, students and staff
were asked to bring in non-perishable food items
and blankets to donate to this important cause.
In the final week of term, student leaders carefully
placed the cans, pasta, rice, blankets and more to
create our beautiful 'Tree of Hope'.

The items produced a beautiful image that
represented the hope that all of these items will be
giving to those less fortunate in this time of need.

Over 2800 cans were collected and this was the
highest number of donations we have collected
that we could remember!

We hope these items can make
someone else's day a little brighter.



Protocols For Attending Masses

Number Restrictions: to allow for social
distancing we have limited the number of people
to 120 at all Masses.

Contact Tracing: we are still required to keep
a register of the name and phone number of
everyone who attends Mass.

Booking Masses: We are taking bookings for
2 weeks at a time so please continue to book for
Mass through the Parish office.

If you do not book a place you may risk being
turned away due to a lack of space.

Pre booking greatly reduces the amount of time it
takes to get parishioners details before Mass
begins especially on the weekends when large
numbers are attending.

When attending Mass you will be required to

- Arrive 10 - 15 minutes before Mass begins to
give everyone time to have their names and
numbers listed and be seated so that Mass
can begin on time.
- Practice social distancing, especially moving
during Communion and when entering and
leaving the Church
- Follow the directions of ushers with regard to
keeping social distancing in the pews.
- 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 remember that we are all required
to follow the COVID safe restrictions placed
by the government.**

**Breaching these restrictions could result in
fines for both the Parish and individuals and
could prevent us from continuing to celebrate
Mass in our Churches.**

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).



Modbury Community and Craft Group



Will resume meeting on
Friday 24 July
9.30 – 12noon.

Strict social distancing will apply.

Please bring \$3 in coin
Bring your own cup or mug from home.
Names and phone numbers will be recorded.
Hand sanitizer will be available
and everyone is asked to clean their
hands on entering.

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.

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 5pm Sunday afternoon.

(Please note the change to 5pm on Channel 44)

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



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2020

Congratulations Jason Walker
No. 39

Drawn by Marg Dolman for Jo Treadwell

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

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 has been 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. That house would then provide ongoing rental income for the parish. In addition to providing immediate cash inflow and ongoing income from rent, the sale would also decrease 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 and the Parish website. 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, or speak to Fr Manu.

John Jarrad
PFC

St. Vincent de Paul Para Hills Conference.

We wish to thank all those who've continued to donate to us as we deal with increased demands on our resources in order to support those in dire financial circumstances. The COVID19 lockdown meant that those already on the margins now need regular food supplies, and assistance with rent and utilities accounts in order to keep their families housed.

Vinnies shop at Valley View re-opened on 29th June and we are now able to supply basic household needs through Vinnies vouchers. However, we are in need of blankets and pillows and would be very grateful for any donations of these items.

We are open 9 – 5 on weekdays,
and 9 – 4 on Saturdays.

Helen Zmarek
Para Hills Conference Convenor