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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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26th July 2020

17th 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.

The Kingdom of Heaven is Like...

Today's readings teach us that Faith in Jesus as our God and Saviour and sacrificing everything in life to do the will of God are equivalent to discovering and possessing the most valuable treasure or the pearl of great price. In other words, keeping a personal relationship with Christ and sharing his view of life are the most beautiful, the most precious things in the world. The first reading tells us how the young King Solomon opted for the great treasure of accepting God to rule his life by doing God's will. That is why he requested of God for the gift of prudence, "an understanding heart to distinguish right from wrong, so that he might govern God's people properly. In the second reading, Paul teaches that wisdom to perceive God's grace and use it, is essential for those who want to follow Him and to do His will, thus remaining in His Kingdom. He assures Rome's Christian community that "all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose." In the Gospel, through the parables of treasure and pearl, Jesus teaches us that God's Kingdom (the rule of God in us, accepting Jesus as our God and Saviour, putting our Faith in God and doing His will), is something of extraordinary value, like a hidden treasure or a costly pearl, and that possessing it calls for a total commitment to preserve it. The Kingdom of God is God's reign in our hearts, in our lives, in our homes, in our society, and in our world. Only those who develop a searching mind and a heart willing to give up everything for the great treasure of God's Kingdom will get it. By baptism we are all called to continually seek after the riches in heaven, where lies true happiness.

Our faith experience tells us that there is more to our life than material things. We are called Christians; because we are looking for that treasure of the kingdom that would really guarantee us eternal happiness, real contentment and complete satisfaction.

Much of the time, we are chasing false treasures, mainly money, status and pleasure. We spend a lot time, locked into the past - full of nostalgia or regrets, or focused on the future - not yet achieved longings and desires, or depressing fears and anxieties. Meanwhile the enriching present passes us by and the treasure is never discovered and the really valuable pearl is never found.

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Today we are asked the question, 'What is the greatest treasure in our lives?' And each one of us has to give a personal answer to it. The pursuit of the Reign of God necessitates an understanding heart. A heart filled with 'wisdom' is able to distinguish what is right from wrong, to discern what is true and absolute from the false and, above all, to make a fundamental option for God even to the point of most painful sacrifice. The wisdom that makes us understand what is pleasing in God's eyes also prompts us to say, "Lord, you are my greatest treasure!" And that should be the Good News for us today.

The Gospel reading reminds us that the kingdom of God is a more important treasure than gold and pearls. For the faithful Christian, the point of the parables of the treasure and the pearl are obvious. The kingdom of God or the life of grace in us which will culminate in eternal life with God is the most precious thing in this world. Once it has been found, the wise person disposes of everything he or she has in order to possess it and will take all steps to hold on to it until the very end. This is Christian wisdom which, because of the revelation of Jesus Christ, surpasses the Wisdom of Solomon and is offered to each and every one of us.

The world is in search for the greatest treasure that restores hope to our world of fragile peace and empty promises. May the world of our time, which is searching, sometimes with anguish, sometimes with hope, be enabled to receive the Good News from the baptised who believe in the Gospel, whose lives glow with fervour, who have first received the joy of Christ, and who are willing to risk their lives so that the Kingdom may be proclaimed and the Church established in the midst of the world."

In a world in which people put their hope in riches and material possessions because that is the treasure they have found; the parables of the kingdom have lots of lessons to convey. Wisdom has indeed eluded those who just seek after material possessions. The folly of trust in riches is what the Psalmist reiterates "In his riches, man lacks wisdom. He is like a beast that is destroyed" (Psalm 49:12).

The question that we need to ask today is this. How much do we value this kingdom that Christ is talking about, how much do we see ourselves as part of that kingdom, and what price have we had to pay to be part of it? Can we work together as a parish to establish the kingdom of God on earth? When we pray "Thy kingdom come" can we be more aware of what part we are to play in making the kingdom in process a reality and advancing it? Let us take the time to think about the meaning of each of the parables and how best we can react to them to do our part in helping the kingdom come and we be a part in it.



Readings for next Sunday, 2nd August 2020

1st Reading	Isaiah	55:1-3
2nd Reading	Rom	8:35, 37 - 39
Gospel	Mat	14:13 - 21

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

29th July	St Martha
30th July	St Peter Chrysologus
31st July	St Ignatius of Loyola

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.

Chrim Mass

This year the Chrim Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, August 18 at 6.00pm in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. Information regarding attending and booking a place will be released in the coming weeks. The Mass will also be live streamed via the Archdiocesan website

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, I love your commands.



St Vincent de Paul Modbury Conference

Again only two calls again this week, with one becoming a non-event when the requestor decided to leave for the country.

It would seem the economic stimulus money is having a significant effect.

As a result, our pantry stocks are pretty good, and we haven't had to purchase a batch of Drake's Gift Cards. A good outcome, as our planned October SAPOL concert has been postponed indefinitely.

Our needs in the pantry are:
Soap, Rice (small), Tinned Meat and Margarine.

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



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2020

Congratulations Maureen Frost
No. 50

Drawn by Jill Brokensha for Jason Walker

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

God's Kingdom is a Treasure



Dear God,

You are treasure of greatest value.

Help us to seek you first and foremost.

Remind us of the most important things in our lives

And keep us focused on what matters.

Thank you for the hope of Heaven.

Thank you for your love.

We love you, God!

In Jesus name, Amen!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JULY BABIES



26th July	Emil Mathew Merin
27th July	David North
29th July	Mark O'Reilly
30th July	Katrina Lee, Jen Sherlock
31st July	Anna Oliver

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).

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.

St Mary Of The Cross Feast Day

Please join in celebrating St Mary of the Cross MacKillop's Feast Day in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on Saturday, August 8 at 11.30am.

There will also be a Mass in the Kensington Chapel, celebrated by Archbishop O'Regan and live streamed at 10.30am via www.adelaide.catholic.org.au.

This Mass is not open to attend.

For more information, please contact Archdiocesan Events on 8210 8220 or via Email: events@adelaide.catholic.org.au.

New Direct Giving App

The Adelaide Archdiocese's **Find a Mass** App has been upgraded to allow us to contribute to both the first and second collections of our parish via a credit or debit card.

Users of the App can make a one-off donation or set up recurring donations to our parish and for the support of the clergy.

You are also able to contribute to the special collections which are held throughout the year.

Be aware

Your details will be securely saved for recurring donations.

Search 'Archdiocese of Adelaide' in your app store and download for easy and seamless donations to our parish.

On our Parish website you will be able to find a link to a PowerPoint presentation about using the App. There is also a link to a YouTube video which demonstrates how the App works.

Legion Of Mary

Our Lady of the Holy Trinity Praesidium has resumed meetings every Tuesday 11.30am to 1pm in the Hall at Holy Trinity.



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

OLSH
OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART COLLEGE

College Tours

28 July & 25 August, 9:30am and 5:30pm
Visit olsh.catholic.edu.au or phone 8269 8800 to book or request a tour

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