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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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50 RESERVOIR RD,
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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
40-60 SURREY FARM DRIVE,
GOLDEN GROVE 5125

PARISH CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER

THERESE MEYERS: 0421 533 761
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9th August 2020

19th 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.**

PRAYER MEETINGS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Tue	11th Aug	Legion of Mary	12.30pm	Holy Trinity
Tue	11th Aug	Parish Pastoral Council	7pm	St John XXIII
Fri	14th Aug	Craft Group	9.30am - 12noon	St John XXIII

"Take Heart, it is I; Do not be Afraid."

The readings for this week speak of God's saving presence among His people, our need for trusting Faith in our loving and providing God who always keeps us company, and our need for prayer in storms of life. The first reading tells us of how Elijah the prophet who had defeated the 450 false priests of Baal with the help of just such a trusting Faith in the power of Yahweh, fled to the Lord God for help and strength on Mt Horeb, and encountered Him there in His mercy. In the second reading, Paul laments and mourns over the Jews who, having lost their Faith in Yahweh and His prophets, had rejected their promised Messiah. The Gospel episode occurred during an unexpected storm on the Sea of Galilee in the early morning hours. As Jesus approached the apostles, miraculously walking on water, he allayed their fears by telling them, "It is I." The Gospel episode also explains how Peter lost his trusting Faith in Jesus for a few moments, failed in his attempt to walk on water, but was rescued when he called on Jesus for help.

Today's lesson, the account of Jesus' walking on the Sea of Galilee, is one of the best-known passages in the New Testament. It forms a narrative bridge between the Jewish and Gentile portions of Jesus' ministry, as well as giving us a theologically rich story about Jesus in its own right. In Matthew's Gospel, the story follows the rejection of Jesus in his hometown of Nazareth (13:54-58), the death of John the Baptist (14:1-12), and the feeding of the five thousand (14:13-21). It precedes the account of his healing of the sick at Gennesaret (14:34-36) and his confrontation with the Jewish authorities over the nature of tradition (15:1-9). In addition to being a collection of miracle stories (feeding, walking, healing), the stories also form a complex of narratives which, when taken together, speak about both those who recognized in Jesus the One promised by Israel's religious tradition and those whose doubts or vested interests had blinded them to the miraculous power in their midst. "In Matthew's inspired theology, the Divine Presence in

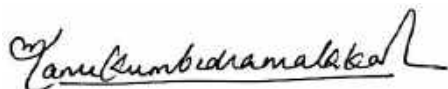
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human history unfolds in three stages: (1) God forms the people of Israel and remains with them in good times and bad. (2) In fulfillment of the Divine promise transmitted by the prophets, Jesus, the Messiah and Incarnate Son of God, is present among his people as their saviour. (3) In these last days, the Risen Lord, through his disciples, is present to extend his saving mission beyond his particular historical time and land to all nations." The one constant in the drama of the Divine Presence in history is the necessity of human response to the saving presence with total trust.

Jesus' walking on the water follows the miraculous feeding in Matthew, Mark, and John. However, the account of Peter's walking on the water is found only in Matthew. Thus, Matthew's retelling of this event also says something about Peter and his Faith. While we might emphasize Peter's fear, his sinking and his "little" Faith, we need to look also at his leap of Faith. Peter represents all who dare to believe that Jesus is Saviour, take their first steps in confidence that Jesus is able to sustain them, and then forget to keep their gaze fixed on him when they face storms of temptations. From the depth of crisis, however, they remember to call on the Saviour, and they experience the total sufficiency of his grace to meet their needs. It is this type of "little Faith" of Peter which Jesus later identifies as the rock on which he will build his Church.

Matthew recorded his Gospel after Peter was crucified, when the Christians were being persecuted. The two storm stories address issues of danger, fear, and Faith. In both stories, the boat seems to represent the Church, buffeted by temptations, trials and persecutions. In both, Jesus appears as the Church's champion, strong to save those who call on him in Faith. The recounting of this episode probably brought great comfort to the early Christians, especially those of Matthew's Faith community. For it offered them the assurance that Christ would save them even if they had to die for their Faith in him, and that, even in the midst of persecution, they need not fear because Jesus was present with them. The episode offers the same reassurance to us in times of illness, death, persecution, or other troubles.

It teaches us that adversity is not a sign of God's displeasure, nor prosperity a sign of His pleasure, that illness is not a sign of inadequate Faith, nor health a sign of great Faith. Paradoxically, the storms of life can be a means of blessing. When things are going badly, our hearts are more receptive to Jesus. A broken heart is often a door through which Christ can find entry. He still comes to us in the midst of our troubles, saying, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." If we permit the chaos and evil around us to distract and influence us, then we will sink into the very chaos that we fear! On the other hand, if we keep our focus on the Source of our safety, our salvation, the One to whom we call out to save us, then the winds die down, and we are once again content in the Presence of the Lord.



Readings for next Sunday, 16th August 2020
 1st Reading Is 56:1, 6 - 7
 2nd Reading Rom 11:13 - 15, 29 - 32
 Gospel Mat 15:21 - 28

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

10th Aug St Lawrence
 11th Aug St Clare
 12th Aug St Jane Frances de Chantal
 13th Aug Sts Pontian & Hippolytus
 14th Aug St Maximillian Kolbe
 15h Aug The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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, 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, Rita Robinson, Sr. Marleen Dewar OLSH, Kay Kennedy,

Recently Deceased

Gerry McConnell, Alexander Donnelly



National Vocations Awareness Week

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured.

In this national Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage, let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

This weekend we will be holding the Appeal for Vocations, through which you will be contributing to the formation of Priests and the promotion of vocations for service in the Archdiocese

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

HQ: 1300 729 202 from 9.00am — 1.00pm
or www.vinnies.org.au



**St Vincent de Paul
Modbury Conference**

A not-so-busy week with only one call. It seems the economic stimulus payments through CentreLink may be having a real effect. We've been advised that there has been another allocation of Emergency Relief Funding from the Government. The limits of assistance - \$50 for food and \$300 for unpaid accounts – are reduced from the first allocation, but are still significant.

Our only shortages in the pantry at present are Breakfast Cereal, Tinned Tomatoes and Tea Bags. It will greatly help if any or all of these items could be placed in the Vinnies' collection basket.



**Para Hills Modbury Catholic Parish
Sacramental Program
Confirmation and First Holy Communion**

Celebration of Confirmation and First Holy Communion will be held on
Tuesday 22nd September 2020 7pm at St John XXIII.

There are 24 children who will be Confirmed and receive their First Holy Communion.

The children will have one more workshop on the Saturday 29th August 2020 3pm at St John XXIII. The workshop will be for Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion Practice

Reconciliation for the children will be held on Friday 4th September 2020 7pm at St John XXIII. Everyone attending these celebrations needs to register their name and phone number with Jen Sherlock before each celebration.

There will not be supper after the Celebration. We ask that the parish community pray for these children and their families at this time.

*Pray for the Sacramental Program
Children of Our Parish.*

Lord, send down your spirit, to strengthen the families of the Sacramental Program. At this time of great celebration for the children of our parish we pray for good health and wellbeing for all their family members. That each child who is to receive Confirmation and First Holy Communion will continue to live out the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit in each and every day of their lives. We ask this in Christ name.

**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION
Saturday 15th August
9.15am Mass at Holy Trinity**



The Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour;
for he has looked with favour on his lowly servant,
and from this day all generations
will call me blessed.

The Almighty has done great things for me:
holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and has sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

**PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: THE INQUIRY NIGHTS
FOR SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2021**

For any children in Grade Three onwards who are ready to receive Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist, Sacraments Information nights will be held at:

**St John XXIII on Wednesday
2nd September at 6pm OR
Holy Trinity on Wednesday
9th September at 6pm**

Please contact Jen Sherlock at the Parish Office:
08 82647590 or email: pa@paramodcath.com.au



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2020

Congratulations
No. 33
Christopher Walker
Drawn by Jason Walker for Margaret Penny

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AUGUST BABIES

9th Aug
15th Aug

John Caruana
Margaret Ferguson



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The next meeting for the Parish Pastoral Council is on Tuesday, the 11th August at St John XXIII Meeting Room at 7pm.

Chrim Mass

This year the Chrim Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, August 18 at 6.00pm in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral.

Bookings can be made via www.trybooking.com/BKOEW.

Please note NO onsite car parking will be available for this Mass.

If you would like more information please contact the Office for Worship on P: 8210 8287 or Archdiocesan Events on P: 8210 8220 or via Email: events@adelaide.catholic.org.au.

The Mass will also be live streamed via the Archdiocesan website

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.

Masses Online & On Television

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

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.

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.



THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The August 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