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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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16th August 2020

20th 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
(Adoration Before Friday Mass
commencing 8.30am)
Saturday 9.15am
Sunday 10am

Due to space restrictions and the need to socially distance
we are currently restricting attendance to

100 people at Holy Trinity
120 people at St John XXIII

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

PRAYER MEETINGS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Tue	18th Aug	Legion of Mary	11.30am	Holy Trinity
Fri	21st Aug	Craft Group	9.30am - 12noon	St John XXIII

O God, let all the nations praise you!

On this 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time the liturgy of the word speaks of the universal nature of God's salvation. It is not limited to the Jews only, His chosen people, but also extends to the gentiles & foreigners. God is the God of all nations and He moves the fence to include all people. By declaring through the prophet Isaiah (the first reading), "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples," God reveals the truth that in His eyes there is no distinction among human beings on the basis of race, caste, or colour. The long-expected Messianic kingdom was intended, not only for the Jews, but for all nations as well. In other words, we all belong to one another; hence, there is no place for discrimination among God's children. Today's Responsorial Psalm rejects all types of religious exclusivity: "Let all the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You. For You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon the earth, so that Your saving power may be known among all the nations." In the second reading, Paul explains that, although the Jews were the chosen people, many of them rejected Jesus as the promised Messiah. Consequently, God turned to the Gentiles who received His mercy through their Faith in Jesus. In the Gospel story, Jesus demonstrates that salvation is meant for the Gentiles as well as for the Jews by healing the daughter of a Gentile woman as a reward for her strong Faith. Thus, He shows that God's mercy and love are available to all who call out to Him in Faith.

The Gospels describe only two miraculous healings Jesus performed for Gentiles: the healing of the centurion's servant (Mt 8:10-12) in Capernaum, and the healing of the daughter of the Canaanite woman which we hear today. The encounter with the Canaanite woman took place outside Jewish territory in Tyre and Sidon.

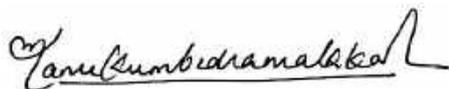
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The story of this miracle is told by Mark (7:24-30) as well as by Matthew (15:21-23). Both stories of the miracle foreshadow the extension of the Gospel, the Good News, to the whole world. The woman in today's miracle belonged to the old Canaanite stock of the Syro-Phoenician race. The Canaanites were the ancestral enemies of the Jews and were regarded as pagans and idolaters and, hence, as ritually unclean. When Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon, he was approached by this Canaanite woman abounded in love for her daughter who was tormented by a demon. She pleaded her case with him. The disciples want to stop her and even Jesus seems to brush her aside. Actually, shocking to our ears, in perhaps the toughest language used by Jesus in the Gospels, he tells the woman that his mission is only to the Jews - "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel," and that it cannot be shared with dogs, which is how the Jews regarded the Canaanites - "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs."

She proves to be one of the most remarkable people in the Gospels. She digs in, takes Jesus on, and proves herself to be the wordsmith he is, and even better. She hits right between his eyes with her famous reply, "Please, Lord, for even dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Jesus was charmed out of his sandals by her reply. He knew he had been whipped badly. She had bested him at a word game, of which he was allegedly the master. She receives from him his highest praise - "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." Jesus holds up the woman's faith as reason for her healing. Her persistence and astuteness are rewarded by Jesus.

There are two noticeable things that we need to learn from the gospel today. First of all, it is a call for us to realize that no one is excluded in the eyes of God. The salvation which was brought to the human race is not meant for a particular group but rather God has included everyone in his mission. Therefore, if God has included everyone, we as human beings should never exclude others or look down on others.

Secondly, as Christians in this life, when we face hardships that can weaken our faith, when it seems that our prayers are unanswered, when it feels like despite fervent prayer, everything is getting worse rather than being better, defeat is staring us right in the face, when we are confronted with insurmountable problems, we should have the faith of the Canaanite woman to trust God with all our hearts that His purpose will be fulfilled in our lives and we need to persist in prayer with trustful confidence. While many disheartening situations can send us face down on the ground during our Christian walk, we should always approach God with trusting faith and let God talk to us.



Readings for next Sunday, 23rd August 2020

1st Reading	Is	22:19 - 23
2nd Reading	Rom	11:33 - 36
Gospel	Mat	16:13 - 20

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

19th Aug	St John Eudes
20th Aug	St Bernard
21st Aug	St Pius X
22nd Aug	The Queenship 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

Jo Dempsey, Gerry McConnell, Alexander Donnelly

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 at 3pm on Saturday 29th August 2020 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: O God, let all the nations praise you!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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



**St Vincent de Paul
Modbury Conference**

Back to “normal” this week with five calls for help, although one did decide she had enough when a visit time was being arranged.

We’re still operating in a non-contact mode and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future.

Our Visit Form is filled out through a phone call and a time arranged to drop off the food and gift cards.

Not ideal, but it works.

Any account payments are documented through a separate form and sent to State Office for an Emergency Relief Fund payment.

Our immediate needs in the pantry are Sugar, Small Vegemite, and Coffee.

Your generosity through the Vinnies’ collection basket is greatly appreciated.



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2020

Congratulations

No. 18

Mark Ryan

Drawn by Jason Walker for Christopher Walker

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

Liturgy Committee 2020

Liturgy is the centre of Christian life for the Church and is at the heart of all parish life. The purpose of the Liturgy Committee is to ensure that liturgical celebrations are planned to lead to ‘the active and full participation’ of parishioners. Responsibilities include discerning the liturgical and prayer needs of the worshipping communities, coordinating liturgical celebrations that are seasonal and extraordinary, evaluating liturgical ministries and ensuring compliance with Church directives. The committee has a number of faithful members who have met their original commitment of three years. Since we have resumed our responsibilities after a Covid-19 imposed break, we would like to invite other members of the parish to join us in our responsibilities. Broader representation on the committee of those connected to liturgy could broaden the activities of the committee.

If you or someone you know would like to see how the committee functions, you are welcome to join us at the next or any Liturgy Committee meeting on the first Wednesday of the month, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. We are delighted to have each Eucharistic community represented on the committee; feel free to speak to any of the members about our activities and responsibilities.

Therese Meyers
Chairperson

Parish Prayer – Seeking your Feedback

As you know, the PPC sought input from parishioners to the preparation of a Parish Prayer. The PPC prepared a synthesis of the submissions that were received in the prayer below which is a DRAFT for consultation.

We invite and eagerly look forward to your responses as we want this to be the parish prayer of our community. Please send your feedback – edits, redrafts etc, to the parish office marked for the Attention of the PPC. Responses can be either in hard copy or via email. We would like to receive responses in time to republish the DRAFT following the next PPC meeting on September 8th with a view to being able to begin using the prayer in the parish at the start of the new liturgical year.

**PARA HILLS MODBURY
CATHOLIC PARISH PRAYER
(DRAFT)**

Loving Creator, Jesus Christ, Wisdom and Word,
Holy Spirit, Breath of Love.

May we be ever mindful of Your constant presence to us and grateful to be a Eucharistic people with the gifts of life, faith and community living by the power of the cross.

As You draw us into Your communal love, let it guide us in all our experiences as a parish that works with constancy and courage in responding to the many needs of our times, especially in reaching out to the poor, marginalised and the dispossessed.

Keep our hearts open to Your inspiration that treasures our heritage and shapes making You known and loved as we serve as Your disciples through contemporary ways of living the Gospel that uphold and advocate for the human dignity of all in our parish and beyond.

We make this prayer to you God of the most Holy Trinity through the intercession of St John XXIII.
Amen

Planned Giving Envelopes

We are in the process of ordering new
Planned Giving Envelopes.

If you are considering joining the
Planned Giving Program or permanently changing your method of contributing from envelopes to an electronic form please contact Pauline at the Parish Office
Thursday - Friday on 8264 7590 as soon as possible.

Multicultural Sunday

Multicultural Sunday is being celebrated during our
Sunday Eucharist next weekend,
on Saturday 22 August and Sunday 23 August 2020.
You are invited to come dressed in your national dress
and to place items of national significance
in front of the altar to form a visual focus.
Please place the items on the sanctuary before Mass
and collect after Mass has finished.

Liturgy Committee

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AUGUST BABIES



16th Aug	Evan Weaver, Marlene Fenwick
19th Aug	Ursula Jones, Edwin Thomas
20th Aug	John Dini, Cameron Horn
21st Aug	Pearl McGowan

Chrism Mass

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

This Mass is now fully booked, but will be live streamed on the Archdiocesan website adelaide.catholic.org.au

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 First Holy Communion, Sacramental Program 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

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. Amen.

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 100 at Holy Trinity and 120 at St John XXIII.

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 also 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