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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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23rd August 2020

21st 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.

Authority: A Christian Perspective

The main theme of today's liturgy of the word is authority in the Church and in the Kingdom. The first reading, taken from Isaiah, gives a detailed description of the investiture of a royal court official. The robe, the sash, and the keys are symbols of this office. In the Responsorial Psalm, David thanks God for having raised him from lowly origins and given him authority as King over the people of Israel. In the second reading, St. Paul points out that God is the Source of all authority on earth and in Heaven. In today's Gospel passage, Jesus reveals his plan to build his Church on the strong foundation of Peter, to whom he will then give the Keys of teaching and governing authority in the Church.

In Matthew and Mark, Jesus asked certain questions about his identity. In today's gospel Jesus asked a question in two parts. The first question: "What is the public opinion?" The apostles' answer was, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." John the Baptist was so great a figure that it might well be that he had come back from the dead. Elijah, the greatest of the prophets was believed to be the forerunner of the Messiah. The phrase "one of the prophets" suggested that Jesus had a ministry like that of the former prophets. When the people identified Jesus with Elijah and with Jeremiah, they were, according to their lights, paying him a great compliment and setting him in a high place, for Jeremiah and Elijah were the expected forerunners of the Anointed One of God. When they arrived, the Kingdom would be very near indeed.

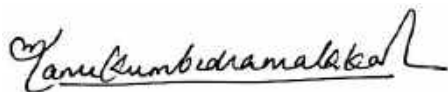
The second question was more personal. "What is your personal opinion? For the first time in their relationship Peter, speaking for the other disciples, declared publicly: "You are the Christ (Messiah), the Son of the living God." Peter was the first apostle to recognize Jesus publicly as the Anointed One (also translated Messiah or Christ. Christ is the Greek word for the Hebrew word Messiah). Peter was saying that Jesus is the Christ, the anointed one of God, Immanuel, the Salvation of God. It is evident that Jesus was well pleased with Peter's answer. Jesus first pronounced a blessing upon Peter, the only disciple in the Gospels to receive a personal blessing. "Blessed are you, Simon son of John!" Next, Jesus confirmed Peter's insight as a special revelation from God. "No mere man has revealed this to you, but my Heavenly Father." However, Jesus was quick to explain to the disciples that he was not a political Messiah. He was, rather, a Messiah who must suffer, die, and be raised to life again.

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After the faith proclamation of Peter Jesus follows it up with a promise. "You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church." Jesus' promise to Peter is the Catholic basis for the position of the Pope and of the Church. The Church teaches that Peter was given the power to absolve or not to absolve a person from the sins one has committed, which consequently determines whether one is included or excluded from entry into heaven. In other words, Jesus gave to Peter the authority to determine what courses of action would be permitted or forbidden in the Church. It is further argued by the Catholic Church that this power given to Peter has descended to all the Bishops of Rome throughout all ages, and that it exists today in Pope Francis, who, as the direct successor of Peter, is the head of the Church and the Bishop of Rome.

The wording, "the keys of Heaven" and "the binding power" has its roots in Isaiah 22:22, (today's first reading): "I will place on Eliakim's shoulder the key of the house of David; he shall open, and no one shall shut; he shall shut, and no one shall open." Eliakim thus became the steward of the house, responsible for opening the house in the morning, closing it at night, and controlling access to the royal presence. According to Jewish historian Josephus, "The power of binding and loosing was always claimed by the Pharisees. Under Queen Alexandra the Pharisees became the administrators of all so as to be empowered to banish and readmit whom they pleased as well as to loose and bind." So here, in the New Testament, we see Jesus handing over these "keys" to the Kingdom of Heaven, to one of the apostle's, Peter. The Anchor Bible commentary, an Interfaith work (Catholic, Protestant and Jewish scholars), says this: "By conferring the power to bind and loose upon Church leadership, Jesus authorizes it to interpret the Scriptures and establish norms for Christian behaviour (vol. 1)." "Bind and loose" also concerns doctrine and ethical conduct, declaring certain actions as either forbidden or permitted. Later Christian tradition extended this principle to include the power to forgive or retain sins (18:18; John 20:23). In Mt 18:18, Jesus extends this authority to the whole group of disciples, saying, "Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in Heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in Heaven." Catholics believe that Peter's authority passed from Peter to the Popes who followed him.

In a dramatic return to the Spirit of the Apostolic Church, the participants at the Second Vatican Council affirmed the teaching of Jesus, in that Authority is always to be exercised as a service and in a collegial manner for the building up of the community (Dogmatic Constitution on The Church, # 27). Following Vatican II, a number of ecumenical dialogues have resulted in more of a consensus among Christians concerning authority in the Church. The Anglican, Roman-Catholic International Commission issued a document entitled "An Agreed Statement on Authority in the Church"(1977). According to this commission, the model of authority in the Church is not political, sociological, structural or juridical but rather one of koinonia, viz., a union based on mutual loving service in the truth of Christ, activated by the Holy Spirit, in order to create community with God and all persons. Therefore, it is in this authority to serve that we as Christians submit ourselves to and it is to this authority to serve that we as Christians participate.



Readings for next Sunday, 30th August 2020

1st Reading	Jer	20:7 - 9
2nd Reading	Rom	12:1 - 2
Gospel	Mat	16:21 - 27

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

24th Aug	St Bartholomew, Apostle
25th Aug	St Louis, St Joseph Calasanz
27th Aug	St Monica
28th Aug	St Augustine
29th Aug	The Passion of St John the Baptist

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:**

Joan Walmsley, 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: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.



St Vincent de Paul Modbury Conference

Low demand this week only one call for assistance. Furniture pick-up and distribution still aren't back in business, but we're putting requests in the queue in anticipation of restrictions lifting.

Almost all the Vinnies shops are back to full operation (with social distancing), and the collection bin contents are being taken to the Warehouse for sorting.

Our immediate needs in the pantry are
Coffee, Tinned Tomatoes and Pasta Sauce

If you can, please put any or all of these in the basket.

We appreciate the assistance this provides us in keeping the pantry stocked against the expected assistance demand as income supplements are reduced.



Thank You and Farewell

The Crosby family are making a tree change as they move their home to Springton in the Adelaide Hills. Lea, Jim, Lauren & Danielle, have been long-standing members of our parish, having joined us in December of 1977.

Lea has contributed so generously in so many ways to the life of our parish. She is always one of the first to put her hand up to take on a task, whether it be: serving as a liturgy assistant; co-ordinating the Craft Market; working with our monthly Trash & Treasure team; Chairing the East Timor Committee; organising our annual Quiz Night and many other activities besides.

Lea's attention to detail and her level of commitment has been outstanding.

Whatever she has taken on, Lea has always given her time and talents cheerfully, seeking to give without looking for acknowledgement or reward. Lea's friendly smile, her irrepressible good humour and generosity of spirit have encouraged many others to join in parish activities with her.

Lea's welcoming smile will be sadly missed and her shoes hard to fill.

On behalf of all parishioners, the PPC wish Lea and Jim great happiness and joy in their new home and their new parish.

Parish Pastoral Council

COVID-19 Protocols

The SA Government has announced that from 21 August 2020, "you **must** have a COVID Marshal if your business or activity is or involves ...**Religious or faith-based ceremonies**. Includes both ceremonies and services held at places of worship, such as churches, mosques, synagogues or temples, and ceremonies or services held elsewhere. This does not include weddings or funerals."

Given that the parish does conduct faith-based ceremonies we are required to have a Marshal in attendance at each event.

Marshals are required to have training and to have their certification available should the premises be inspected. In consequence the parish has asked a group of parishioners at each of our Sunday services to complete the COVID Marshal training.

Legally, it is the responsibility of the Marshals to be:

Identifiable

COVID Marshals must be visibly and immediately identifiable by their colleagues, SA Police and the public. Therefore our Marshals will wear high viz vests so that you can identify them.

Present and on duty while a Church service is being conducted. There will be at least one Marshal in attendance at each of our Masses.

Take all reasonable action to ensure compliance with the Parish COVID-Safe Plan.

We can expect our Marshals to remind us of the social distancing rules and to suggest alternative seats or that we move if we are not keeping the required social distance.

Other changes from this week following Health Department and Archdiocesan advice:

You will notice that the aisles have been marked to indicate the required distance we must keep as we move about the Church.

The parts of the Mass will be said rather than sung and words to songs will no longer be put on the PowerPoint as we are required to cease congregational singing because of the danger of virus droplets being spread as we sing out.

As a parish we are committed to keeping everyone safe and to ensuring that we are permitted to continue operating. We know that we would all want these outcomes, and so we respectfully ask that you follow the advice of our Marshals when entering or leaving the church and moving during distribution of Holy Communion.



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2020

Congratulations
No. 63

Phyllis Truman

Drawn by Sindi Kinloch for Mark Ryan

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

PRAYER MEETINGS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Tue 25th Aug
Fri 28th Aug

Legion of Mary
Craft Group

11.30am
9.30am - 12noon

Holy Trinity
St John XXIII

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 or email finance@paramodcath.com.au as soon as possible.

Paid Gardening Work

Angela is looking for help with her garden at 3 James St, Para Hills.
2 - 3 hrs paid P/T gardener weekly maintenance.
Please call Angela 0401 205 636 if interested.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AUGUST BABIES



25th Aug Michael MacGrath,
Neil Johnston, Monika Giebel,
Lorraine Thalbourne
26th Aug Mitchell Horn
27th Aug Elaine Gallagher, Heather Cardinali
29th Aug Ray Thalbourne

Liturgy Assistants Roster October to December 2020

The liturgy assistants roster for October to December 2020 will be drawn up soon. If you have any information that affects the roster or you are aware that you are not available for any reason for any ministry for which you have volunteered, could you please pass that information either to the parish office or directly to Therese Meyers 0421 533 761 or theresemeyers@gmail.com by Tuesday 1 September 2020

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



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