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HOLY TRINITY 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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PARISH CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER

THERESE MEYERS: 0421 533 761
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30th August 2020

22nd 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.

The Christian Vocation

The readings for this Sunday remind us that Christians are called to live their lives in a different way from others around them. Christian discipleship demands honesty, the willingness to endure sufferings, generosity and readiness to follow Jesus by obeying his commandment of love. Today's readings explain how this Christian mission should be accomplished. These readings also tell us that suffering is an integral part of our earthly life, but it is also our road to glory. There is no crown without a cross. Jeremiah, in the first reading, is a prototype of the suffering Christ. He tried to live the will of God bravely facing confrontations and persecution, and he continued to proclaim His message. In the second reading, Paul advises the Romans and us to "offer our bodies as a living sacrifice" to God by explicitly rejecting the ungodly behaviour of the world around us and by discerning and doing the will of God. He learned from his experience that commitment to God's will required an attitude of non-conformity to one's contemporary culture and draws hostility and physical danger on him because of his fidelity to Jesus. In today's Gospel, Jesus takes his disciples by surprise when, after Peter's great confession of Faith, Jesus "began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised." After correcting Peter's protest, Jesus announces the three conditions of Christian discipleship: "deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me." Unless we constantly remind ourselves of the demands of this difficult vocation from God, we will fail to be the kind of disciples that Christ expects us to be.

After Peter had confessed his Faith that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of God, Jesus explained to the apostles what the Messianic Mission and their responsive discipleship really meant. Jesus realized that, although he had predicted his suffering and death three times, his disciples were still thinking in terms of a conquering Messiah, a warrior king, who would defeat the Romans and lead Israel to power. That is why Peter could not bear the idea of a suffering Messiah. It was then that Jesus rebuked him so sternly, "Get behind me, Satan," in an attempt to

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nullify what was, in fact, a temptation of the evil one urging Him to shrink from doing the work for which He had come. Origen suggests that Jesus was saying to Peter: "Peter, your place is behind me, not in front of me. It's your job to follow me in the way I choose, not to try to lead me in the way YOU would like me to go." Like Peter, the Church is often tempted to judge the success or failure of her ministry by the world's standards. But Jesus teaches that worldly success is not always the Christian way. After correcting Peter for trying to divert him from what would be his way of the cross in Jerusalem, Jesus declares three conditions for any who would become and live as his disciples: a) deny yourself b) take up your cross and c) follow me. Clearly Peter went from a stumbling block to become someone who was powerful, mighty, a Rock, the first Pope. What changed? Peter's faith in Jesus grew so that he no longer acted under impulse but under the power of the Holy Spirit. Although we see him weak and struggling in today's Gospel, he became a great apostle for Jesus. So he is for us a ray of hope. In the Acts of the Apostles again and again we see Peter acting courageously after Pentecost. He was brought before the Sanhedrin twice just after Pentecost for preaching about Jesus (Acts 4:1-22; 5:21-42), and was imprisoned once (Acts 5:17-21). Instead of denying Jesus he considered it an honour to suffer for Jesus (Acts 5:41). At the end of John's Gospel, Jesus tells him he will be martyred just like Jesus (John 21:18-19). Peter was crucified just to the left of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and buried in the nearest cemetery, which is under the high altar of St. Peter's. We see two alternatives in Peter; rejecting the cross and being a stone to make one trip, or accepting the cross to live a new life in union with Jesus. So, we need to understand that following Jesus has to be voluntary and once Jesus is accepted one has to be ready for self-denial, saying 'no' to self and 'yes' to God. Jesus challenged people to live rather than merely exist. One must die to self in order to live unto God.

Matthew was writing for the Christian community in the bitterest days of persecution. Hence, he emphasizes Jesus' teaching that a person who is faithful may die for the Faith in Jesus, but in dying he or she will live. The person who risks everything for Christ finds life. On the other hand, the person who abandons his Faith for safety or security may live, but he is actually dying. History is full of noble souls who risked their lives for the sake of others. If certain scientists had not been prepared to take risks, many a medical cure would not exist. If mothers were not prepared to take risks, no child would ever be born. If we're honest with ourselves, we know that there are constant opportunities for us to choose to be true to the Gospel. Archbishop Desmond Tutu was questioned once as to whether or not he was a politician. He answered, "No, I am not. I am a Church person who believes that religion does not deal just with a certain compartment of life. Religion has relevance for the whole of life, and we have to say whether a particular policy is consistent with the policy of Jesus Christ or not, and if you want to say that that is political, then I will be a politician in those terms....My role, the role of people of Faith, is to be able to say: 'Thus saith the Lord.'"

Janukumbidramalakal

Readings for next Sunday, 6th September 2020

1st Reading	Ez	33:7 - 9
2nd Reading	Rom	13:8 - 10
Gospel	Mat	18:15 - 20

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

3rd Sept	St Gregory the Great
4th Sept	Ember Day
5th Aug	St Teresa of Calcutta

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, 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



Social Justice Sunday

This weekend we celebrate Social Justice Sunday

This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled:

To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today. The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support.

The Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health, and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community.

Download the Statement at
http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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



**St Vincent de Paul
Modbury Conference**

Again a bit of a quiet week for assistance calls with only two needing attention.

We're still looking for new members to share around the activities associated with running the Conference. If you know of any prospects, please let us know – e.g. a treasurer role need not involve home visiting, but just managing finances.

Similarly with a secretary or president; or you can engage in the home visiting program.

Our immediate needs in the pantry are
Sugar, Breakfast Cereal,
Tinned Peas/Beans and Tinned Carrots
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 assistance demand.

**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

Are you one of our wonderful volunteers?

Everyone who volunteers in any way in the parish is required to have a Working with Children clearance. If you don't yet have a clearance, or if your clearance is about to or has expired, please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

**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

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. 25
Alec Balayance
Drawn by Phyllis Truman

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

PRAYER MEETINGS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Tue	1st Sept	Legion of Mary	11.30am	Holy Trinity
Wed	2nd Sept	Liturgy Committee	7pm	Private Residence
Fri	4th Sept	Craft Group	9.30am - 12noon	St John XXIII
Fri	4th Sept	Sacramental Group Reconciliation	7pm	St John XXIII
Fri	4th Sept	Two Hearts Prayer Group	8pm - 4am	
		8pm Rosary, 9pm and 3am Mass		Holy Trinity

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.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
AUGUST/SEPTEMBER BABIES**

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| 31st Aug | Annette Buxton |
| 1st Sept | Terence Gallagher,
Weronika Zebol |
| 2nd Sept | Ellen Geibel |



We welcome to our community, those families who are preparing for their children's baptism during September. Please show your support by making them feel welcome and remembering them in your prayers.

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

**Next Liturgy Committee Meeting
This Wednesday 2nd September at 7pm
Contact Therese Meyers on 0421 533 761**