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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
40-60 SURREY FARM DRIVE,
GOLDEN GROVE 5125

PARISH CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER

THERESE MEYERS: 0421 533 761
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23rd 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.

HAPPY
FATHERS
DAY



Gracious God, bless fathers
and all father figures
with such love and faithfulness
that children flourish and
grow in uprightness and joy.
Bless those who long
to be fathers and those for
whom this day is difficult.
Amen.

Where Two or Three are Gathered in My Name

The common theme of today's readings is the impact of our membership in the Church on our "private" lives. Being members of the Church means we belong to the single Body of Christ and form a community of brothers and sisters in Christ. That is why we have to be meaningfully present to, and take responsibility for, other people. This individual responsibility in a Christian society includes, as today's readings remind us, our responsibility for each other. Perhaps the most painful obligations of watchful love are fraternal correction and generosity in forgiving and forgetting injuries. In the first reading, God tells Ezekiel that he is to be a "watchman for the house of Israel," obliged to warn Israel of moral dangers. If Ezekiel should refrain from speaking God's word, intended to convert the wicked, God will hold Ezekiel responsible for the death of the wicked. In the second reading, St. Paul points out that the love we should have for one another should be our only reason for admonishing the other. Love seeks the good of the one who is loved. Therefore, we should admonish one another so that we all may repent and grow in holiness. In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches that true Christian charity obliges a Christian not only to assist his neighbours in their temporal and spiritual needs with material help and prayer, but also with correction and counsel for an erring brother or sister. If the erring brother refuses a one-on-one loving correction by the offended party, then the Christian is to try to involve more people: first, "one or two others," and eventually "the Church." But harsh words and an aggressive attitude have no place in a Christian community. Finally, Jesus mentions the efficacy of community prayer in solving such problems, for Christ is present in the praying Christian community. The whole thrust of the passage is that we should all work

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towards reconciliation rather than punishment.

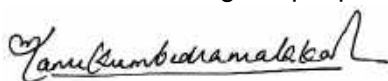
In the seventeenth century, the great Anglican priest and poet John Donne reminded us, "No man is an island, entire unto himself." In today's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about relationships among members of the Church, because through Baptism we assume a serious responsibility for our fellow-believers. Suppose a son or daughter, friend or acquaintance, relative, neighbour, even parent or teacher, does "something wrong" to us, whether the sin is of commission or omission. By outlining a four-step process of confrontation, negotiation, adjudication and excommunication, Jesus tells us how to deal with and finally mend a broken relationship within the Christian fellowship.

The worst thing that we can do about a wrong done to us is to brood about it. Brooding can poison our whole mind and life, until we can think of nothing else but our sense of personal injury. We mustn't gossip either. Hence, the first step proposed by Jesus to the one who has been wronged is that he should go to meet the offender in person, and point out lovingly, but in all seriousness, the harm he has done. This first stage is designed to let the two people concerned solve the issue between them. If it works out at that level, that is the ideal situation. "You have won back your brother." Abraham Lincoln said that only he has the right to criticize who has the heart to help.

Suppose the first step does not resolve the situation and the person refuses to admit wrong, continuing in bad behaviour, the second step is then to be taken. Take one or two other members of the Church along with the wronged person to speak to the wrongdoer and to act as confirming witnesses. The taking of the witnesses is not meant to be a way of proving to a person that he or she has committed an offence. It is meant to assist the process of reconciliation by emphasizing and explaining calmly the gravity of the situation. If the negotiation step does not resolve the situation either, the third step is to have the whole Church or community of believers confront the wrongdoer. The case is brought to the Christian fellowship because the Church provides an atmosphere of Christian prayer, Christian love and Christian fellowship in which personal relationships may be set right in the light of love and of the Gospel. If the offender chooses to disregard the believing community's judgment, the consequence is "excommunication." That is, the wrongdoer should be put out of the Church with the hope that temporary alienation alone may bring the erring person to repentance and change. Many Scripture scholars think that Jesus would not have suggested this step, and that it is a personal addition by Mathew.

The authors of the Days of the Lord, vol. 4, conclude their remarks on today's Gospel thus: "The perspective of evangelical discipline remains that of forgiveness. A community is Christian in the measure in which all know and want themselves to be responsible for the good of each member.

Today's Gospel reminds us of the good we can do together, and of how we can do it. Jesus says, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." If any group of us gather, work, and act with the Holy Spirit guiding us, we will become much more than simply the sum of our numbers. Today, Jesus makes it clear how important we are, one to another. One in Christ, our community can draw on God's power to make His healing, life-giving love, more effective among His people.



Readings for next Sunday, 13th September 2020

1st Reading Ecc 27:30 - 28:7

2nd Reading Rom 14:7 - 9

Gospel Mat 18:21 - 35

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

8th Sept The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9th Sept St Peter Claver

12th Sept The Most Holy Name of 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:**

Sandra Dini, Joan Walmsley, 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

Mary Grace Tabone

Thank You

On behalf of Robert Snell, we would like to thank everyone for their kindness with prayer, Masses and phone calls and good well wishes. He is on the mend. Thank God.

Holy Places Appeal

This collection, normally held on Good Friday, was rescheduled this year by Pope Francis due to the closure of churches over Holy Week due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The new date is Sunday, September 13th 2020, just before the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross on September 14th.

This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to the local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land rely on assistance from the Holy Places Appeal.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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



**St Vincent de Paul
Modbury Conference**

Another quiet week for assistance calls, with only two needing assistance with food to carry their families through to their next benefit payment.

Our immediate needs in the pantry are Tinned Peas/Beans, Sugar, Pasta Sauce and Coffee. 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.

DEVELOPMENT FUND 2020



Congratulations
No. 44
Tony McGarry
Drawn by Alec Balayance

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



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

For any children in Grade Three onwards who are ready to receive Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion, a Sacramental Program Information night will be held at:

**Holy Trinity on Wednesday
9th September at 6pm**

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

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.

THE SOUTHERN CROSS



The September 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

COVID-19 Protocols

COVID restrictions are still in place. 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.

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 has expired, or is about to expire, please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

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



**Catholic Charities
2020 Appeal**

September is Catholic Charities Month. Catholic Charities supports front-line agencies that work tirelessly to support people in need. Information brochures including a tear off envelope are available at each Mass Centre, for those who wish to donate in this way. These envelopes can be placed on the collection plate at any Mass during September.



Watch this space, for women only!

How is your faith journey? Are you being nourished daily by our Lord, if not would you like to learn how to be on a weekly basis? If you would like to hear more, please contact Angela Zakarias 0401 205 636, leave your name & number and brief message and I will call you back to discuss further.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
SEPTEMBER BABIES**

12th Sept Felipa Cruz,



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

PRAYER MEETINGS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Tue	8th Sept	Legion of Mary	11.30am	Holy Trinity
Tue	8th Sept	Parish Pastoral Council	7pm	St John XXIII
Fri	11th Sept	Craft Group	9.30am - 12noon	St John XXIII
Sun	13th Sept	Legion of Mary (N.E Curia)	2pm - 4pm	Holy Trinity

A Reflection on Service

A young man (21 years of age) named Ben Freeborn, born in London to a South Australian Dad and a Malaysian Mum, having completed his education in Singapore and compulsory Military Service with the Singapore Army decided to spend some time working for refugees. He elected to work with a Non-Government Organisation called **Movement on the Ground**. He was assigned to work in a refugee camp in Lesvos, Greece. Lesvos had a refugee camp built for 2500 people with over 23000 refugees on site. The majority (77% were from Afghanistan, but there were many also from Syria, Somalia, and other places.

Ben's decision to work with refugees was based in his belief that to serve his fellow man is to do the noble thing. His work in the camp would be to build and extend the tent city so that there would be accommodation that afforded some dignity to all in the camp.

He wrote of the anxiety he felt before leaving for Greece:

Before I left for Greece, I confided in a former teacher of mine, Mr Chirside, about some of the anxiety that I had in embarking on this journey. He asked me a simple question: "Have you prayed about it?" I was almost embarrassed to concede that I had barely done so, and he instructed me to do two things. First, read Acts and witness how God provided for the Apostles in their journey. Second, come up with a list of prayer pointers, so that I could "watch God check every box, every fear and anxiety off the list".

Why serve others?

Ben wrote that one of the major challenges he faced was when he was working with people who were angry that they were not 'getting enough' or were less than grateful for the work he was doing he commented: *It was exhausting to feel like I was a resource to be exploited.* He was challenged by his group leader to reflect on his motivation for service. He was asked to think about whether he was serving because serving others made him feel good about himself or because the other deserves service because of his humanity. The following is Ben's reflection on that:

To serve people is to recognise that not everyone is gonna (sic) be appreciative and act as YOU want them to. To serve is to know that people will be ungrateful. People will be rude. People will take you for granted and will take advantage of you.

But to serve is to be ok with that.

To know that true love is not the love that you share with your neighbour — it is the love you share with the man who will not only never pay you back, but will also shout at you, steal from you, and treat you not as a person but as a vending machine that needs to be rattled to dispense things.

To serve is to love without expecting to be gratified.

To know that as you strive to be a blessing, you will be hurt.

And to know that with the same nurture and nature, you would be no different. That you won the lottery of birth, and in the reverse, you would act the same. You would hurt yourself.

Strip everything bare, we are all the same.

No "tash-a-koor" (thank you) will keep you going when you only serve to hear those words. No smile, no pristine new tents, no happy families will be enough. Because the next argument you have with the man telling you in angry Arabic that he needs one more pallet erases all of that in a heartbeat. When you serve to feel good about yourself — you will eventually feel pretty bad. It will never be noble enough.

So why should you serve?

Because it's the right thing to do. Because you want people to be better off. Because blessing others is a blessing in itself.

Thanksgiving and Reflection

Sure enough, ... God took my hand and led me through every obstacle. Now I am back home, and I recognise that I have been taught so much, I have forged meaningful relationships, I have been looked after every step of the way.

Thank you, God, for everyone back home who has supported me on this journey. Thank you for my parents who have trusted me to figure things out, but also checked up on me unceasingly. I am immensely grateful to have a family that wants me home — thank you Lord. Thank you for the friends who have been sources of strength for me, who have heard every fear over the phone and have given me perspective. Thank you for forcing me to reconsider my perspective on things, to continuously have my beliefs uprooted and critiqued, and for giving me the chance to see the world in new light.

The full text of Ben's reflection journal can be found at

<https://medium.com/@benfreeborn/goodbye-lesvos-47a522bc23d2>

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