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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
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CARIGNANE ST,
WYNN VALE 5127

GLEESON COLLEGE
(SECONDARY) 8282 6600
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27th September 2020
26th 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 Better Among the Bad

We are all very familiar with these phrases. "Talk is cheap, it's actions that count." "You have to walk the walk, not just talk the talk." "Actions speak louder than words." Jesus, as we all know, had His greatest conflicts with the religious "know-it-alls" that He encountered. That was the main problem Jesus faced when He encountered the chief priests, scribes, and elders of the people. They thought they knew everything they had to know about the coming Messiah and just what sort of saviour he would be, or should be. Moreover, they had memorized all of the rules and regulations, they knew them in detail, but they didn't apply them to themselves. Oh, they applied them to everyone else, laying heavy burdens on people, but they excused themselves.

The gospel context of the parable seems to be very important in understanding the underlying message. Jesus has now entered Jerusalem, the scene of all the Passion events he has predicted. When he reaches the Temple; the most religiously sensitive area for all of Judaism, Jesus becomes furious and drives out the merchants and money-changers (Matthew 21:12). It is not surprising, then, that the "chief priests and elders" should show great concern and great caution about Jesus' presence in the Temple. That is why Jesus addressed this parable to those who approached him while he taught in the Temple and asked for his credentials: "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" (Mt. 21: 23). The parable of the two sons seems to be Jesus' master strategy for defending his honour and presenting a counter-challenge to his adversaries. The purpose of this parable was to give a wake-up call to the chief priests and elders. The parable hints that their position as leaders of the Chosen People and their observance of Mosaic Law give them no guarantee that they will possess the Kingdom of God. Rather, because of their pride and their refusal to obey God's call to repentance, they will exclude themselves from that Kingdom, while the tax-collectors and sinners, whom they despise, repenting of their sins and obeying Him, will be welcomed by Him into the Kingdom.

If I were asked what the main theme of today's reading were all about I would say

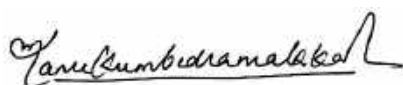
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it's about honest sincerity. Honesty is at the core of our truly religious expressions, particularly being honest with ourselves. In the Gospel account we just heard the younger brother tell his father: "Yes, I'll go and work" while the older brother said: "No, not me." Both used words contrary to their actions.

The Gospel highlights living our faith with the parable of the two sons who are asked to work in the father's vineyard. The first says: "I will not go!", but afterwards thought better and went. The second son says: "Certainly Sir!" But he did not go. "Which one did the father's will?" asks Jesus. Jesus himself replies to the rhetorical question, "The first." And then says to the Pharisees "Tax collectors and prostitutes will enter the kingdom of God before you." While the temple priests and the Pharisees were condemned because they preferred to be seen as people who observed the letter of the law, those who stood justified were the sinners and prostitutes, who had sinned but were ready to repent. When John the Baptist preached repentance, the Pharisees did not feel the need to repent whereas the tax collectors and sinners came forward to listen and be baptised by him. In the final analysis our commitment to God is not measured by lip service and external ritual but by good deeds that prove our repentance. The first son whose word was 'No' but whose action became a 'Yes', is held out to us as the one who did the Father's will. He was late in doing the Father's will but not too late.

The title that Barclay gives to this story is "The Better of Two Bad Sons." Jesus presents two sons in this parable as he does in the parable of the Prodigal Son. Here, the first son is asked to go into the vineyard, but he says "No." He later changes his mind and goes. The second says "Yes, sir," but does not go. Jesus then asks his listeners which of the two did the father's will. They answer, "The first", and their correct answer strengthens Jesus' case against them. The message of the story is crystal clear. There are two very common classes of people in this world. First, there are those like the parable's first son, whose practice is far better than their profession. Second, there are the people like the second son, whose profession is much better than their practice. While the first class should be preferred to the second, neither is anything like perfect, because the really good person is the one in whom profession and practice meet and match. Where do we stand?

Further, this parable teaches us that promises can never take the place of performance, and fine words are never a substitute for fine deeds. In other words, the parable clearly teaches us that the Christian Way is followed in performance, not in promise alone, and that the mark of a Christian is obedience, graciously and courteously given. We are not supposed to say "yes" to God on Sundays and "no" to God on weekdays. God doesn't want polite but hypocritical words, for that isn't obedience at all. We need to lead responsible Christian lives, saying "yes" to God and should become men and women who profess our Faith in word and deed. Let us identify ourselves as followers of Christ, not by empty words or pious gestures but simply by our Christian actions.



Readings for next Sunday, 4th October 2020

1st Reading	Is	5:1 - 7
2nd Reading	Phil	4:6 - 9
Gospel	Mat	21:33 - 43

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

28th Sept	St Wenceslaus, St Laurence Ruiz & Companions
29th Sept	Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels
30th Sept	St Jerome
1st Oct	St Therese of the Child Jesus
2nd Oct	The Holy Guardian Angels

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

Maria Rocca, Mary Grace Tabone

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER BABIES

27th Sept	Michael Burke, Andrea Randell Cathy Hargreaves
28th Sept	Helen Zmarek Christopher Wilks Rita Robinson, Maud Brown
29th Sept	Chris O'Reilly
1st Oct	Greg Potticary, Scott Palmer Peter Van Der Arend
2nd Oct	Annie Gavini
3rd Oct	Jacinta Bell



ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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



**St Vincent de Paul
Modbury Conference**

No calls at all in the last week.

The number of calls throughout the region has been consistently low as reported by all conferences at the most recent Regional Meeting at Greenacres/Walkerville.

For the first time for years, there have been no calls from the Northern Region (Salisbury, Elizabeth etc.) that have gone unanswered.

However, like Modbury, the other conferences are also struggling with fund raising because of COVID protocols and cancellations.

Our immediate needs in the pantry are
Tinned Meat, Jam, 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 expected assistance demand.



Congratulations to all the children who received the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion last Tuesday evening.

May the love of God shine brightly from within each of you. We look forward to seeing you continue your faith journey as part of our parish community into the future.

We thank the families and friends of all of the children for their help and support throughout their year of preparation and also thank the teachers who prepared the children so well.

Children's Prayer

Lord, when I choose the way to go,
help me choose the good way.
When I choose the things to say,
help me to say what you'd say.

Help me always do what is right and keep me always in your light as I journey in my faith. Amen



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2020

Congratulations
No. 28

Sheila Clarke

Drawn by Anne-Michelle Howell for
Corrie Bowman

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

Parish Prayer

The following is the second draft of the Parish Prayer which was written after careful and prayerful consideration of all submissions received.

Once again, we invite your feedback.

You are asked to send suggested edits / amendments / additions (rather than new or complete prayers) to the parish office by Thursday 8th October so that these can be forwarded to PPC members to allow them to consider your feedback prior to discussion at our October meeting on 13th October.

Parish Prayer – Draft 2

Loving Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Look upon our community of faith
and remind us of Your constant presence.

Help us to witness to Your love and let it guide us in all our experiences as a Parish.

May we keep our hearts open to Your inspiration as we serve as your disciples,
loving one another without exception.

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

Amen

Thank You

Thank you to my parish family and friends who, over the last 43 years, have been an integral part of my life. I have made lasting friendships and enjoyed the many aspects of parish life while we lived in Hope Valley.

You will always be in my thoughts and prayers.

God bless
Lea Crosby

Christian Life Program (CLP) For Women



Watch this space, for women only!

Are you a regular at this parish and still don't know anyone but would like to broaden your faith journey and at the same time your network of friends?

If your answer is yes, please take note of our Christian Life Program (CLP) for women via Zoom starting 11th Oct, Sunday, 2pm to 4:30pm for 7 consecutive Sundays, concluding 22nd Nov 2020.

If you would like to hear more, please contact
Angela Zakarias 0401 205 636,
leave your name & number and brief message and Angela will call you back to discuss further.

HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL 2020

A Special Collection will be taken up for the Holy Father's Appeal at all Masses next weekend, 3rd & 4th October 2020.

The Holy Father's Appeal or Peter's Pence Collection provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world.

The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

PRAYER MEETINGS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Mon 28th Sept	Parish Finance Council	7.30pm	St John XXIII
Tue 29th Sept	Legion of Mary	11.30am	Holy Trinity
Thur 1st Oct	Legion of Mary	6pm	Holy Trinity
Fri 2nd Oct	Two Hearts Prayer Group	8pm - 4am	
	8pm Rosary, 9pm and 3am Mass		Holy Trinity



SEASON OF CREATION

A Jubilee for the Earth
1st September – 4th October

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through repenting, repairing, and rejoicing together. It is a time when we join the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home.

This year, amid crises that have shaken our world, we're awakened to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and each other.

During the season this year, we enter a time of restoration and hope, a jubilee for our Earth, that requires radically new ways of living with creation.

As Catholics we are called by Pope Francis to encourage the People of God to accelerate their walks towards new paths for the Church and for an integral ecology by planning activities for the Season of Creation.

In keeping with the theme, drawn from the Old Testament, we can focus on reducing our impacts on Earth and on the most vulnerable people. Activities might include a special Eucharist or pilgrimage walk, sustainability practices or advocacy initiatives to respond to "the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor."

The Adelaide and Port Pirie Dioceses are developing a "Council for Integral Ecology" to encourage all parishioners and Catholic bodies to embrace the teaching of Laudato Si' in practical and faithful ways.

For information about future events, including details of times and registration go to <https://seasonofcreation.org/events/>

Adore Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections

Adore is an 88-page pocket-size book containing short spiritually rich, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (29 November 2020) through to the Baptism of the Lord (10 January 2021).

We will be placing an order for the Adore Advent & Christmas Daily Reflection Book this year.

If you would like to purchase a copy please contact the Parish office before Friday 23rd October 2020 to place your order.

Prayer of Thanks

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for giving me this new day.

Thank you for every day that is new to me.

Thank you Jesus that, for all my hurts and troubles,

I can bring them all to you in prayer.

I thank you Jesus, for all my friends and helpers,

I thank you for all the people everywhere.

I thank you, Lord Jesus, for showing me how to help and to care for other people.

I thank you for all the times that I was working and for my recreation too.

I thank you for all I can do now.

I thank you for all that is bright and cheerful, and I thank you for the Music too.

Thank you, dear Jesus, for your comfort in my sadness and I thank you for all the people who understand me.

I thank you for your hand that holds and leads me, leads me everywhere I am.

I thank you for speaking with me Jesus.

I thank you for meeting with me here.

I thank you because you love all the people ... all the people both far and near.

I thank you, Jesus, that you are so good and loving.

I thank you that I am filled with you.

I thank you, dear Jesus, that you make me feel so good, and I am so thankful, dear Jesus, that you do.

Amen

Prayer written by Wayne Collins
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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.

Donations can also be made online at www.me4u.org.au

Donations of more than \$2 are Tax deductible

Ordination of Bishop of Port Pirie

Bishop-elect Karol Kulczycki SDS will be ordained in Poland on Monday September 29, prior to his installation as Bishop of Port Pirie Diocese on October 28. The Ordination Ceremony will be live streamed on the following website:

<https://www.sdsau.com/bishop/>