



# PARA HILLS MODBURY CATHOLIC PARISH

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## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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## ST JOHN XXIII CHURCH

50 RESERVOIR RD,  
HOPE VALLEY 5090

**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  
TASH SOUTER: 0422 270 655

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33rd 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

Mon	16th Nov	Indoor Bowls	1pm - 3.30pm	St John XXIII
Mon	16th Nov	Religious Education for Children	5pm	Holy Trinity
Tue	17th Nov	Legion of Mary	12.30am	Holy Trinity
Fri	20th Nov	Craft Group	9.30am - 12noon	St John XXIII

## **The Parable of the Talents: Don't Play it Safe**

This penultimate Sunday of the liturgical year reminds us, not only of the end of the liturgical year but also of the end of all things and of the preparations we need to make to reach Heaven. The main theme of the three readings is an invitation to live in such a way that we make the best use of the talents God has given us, so that at the hour of our death Our Lord will say: "Well done, my good and faithful servant! Come and share the joy of your master" (Matthew 25:21). The first reading suggests that we should be as diligent and industrious as a loyal and faithful wife in the use of our God-given gifts, used with "the fear of (respect for) the Lord." In the second reading, Paul advises us to "stay alert and sober," encouraging and building each other up as we wait for the "Day of the Lord." Today's Gospel challenges us to ask the questions: "Am I using my talents and gifts primarily to serve God? Am I doing everything I can to carry out God's will?" The parable of the talents challenges us to do something positive, constructive and life-affirming with our talents here and now.

The parable is set in the last of Jesus' five great discourses. Today's parable focusing on Jesus' eschatological teaching. The three parables in the twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew (The Wise and Foolish Virgins, The Talents, The Last Judgment) are about the end times, the end of the world, and the end of our lives. Matthew's account provided good advice to the early Christian community as to how they were to behave in the period following Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension while they awaited His imminent second coming. Whatever had been given to them; money, talent, opportunity etc., were meant to bear fruit for the glory of God and the salvation of souls. The same is true for all of us. Perhaps, Jesus was condemning the Jewish religious authorities. They were like the third servant, so carefully bent on preserving in its purity the tradition with which they had been entrusted that they

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lost their openness for Christ. The Master was equated with Christ, his departure with the Ascension, and his delayed return with the delay of the Parousia or the "second coming."

The parable teaches us that God gives each person different gifts. Everything is gift, and everything is meant to be given back to the Master in the form of loving service to Him in our brothers and sisters. We are only asked to make full use of what we have been uniquely given. The more that we are given the greater our responsibility. The parable also teaches us that even the person with only one talent (one who is apparently not too gifted) also has something to offer to others. If one fails to do some positive good work, he or she is answerable. If a person trusts the Lord, and so tries to use well the gifts God has given him or her, but fails, that person will surely meet the Master's compassion and forgiveness. In short, the parable outlines the result of the abundant, grace-filled stewardship of God's resources. A person who does not refuse a gift from the Lord, receives it, and consequently has more. The trustworthiness of the profitable servants ensures their share in the "joy of the Lord," because the wealth of life and talent given them has been invested to bear fruit in labours of faith, hope, and charity.

Through today's gospel Jesus invites us to take the risk for Christ with a clear awareness that we are not called simply to "believe" that Jesus is Lord and Saviour but we are also called to carry on Jesus' mission of love and forgiveness, using the physical and spiritual gifts we have received from God to make that happen. The third servant decided to avoid risk-taking and showed too much caution with his talent. His excuse was that, after all, he had not been given explicit orders about how to do his investing. Besides, any type of business was risky, and the Master might hold him accountable for any loss. He probably knew the long-standing rabbinic teaching that anyone who buries money that has been put into his care is no longer liable for its safety. God expects us to use our every talent for personal growth, and for bearing witness to the Goodness of God to all whom we encounter. As Pope St. John XXIII said, "We were not put on earth to guard a museum, but to produce new spiritual wealth from the talents God has placed under our stewardship."

We need to trust God enough to make use of the gifts and abilities we have been given. Some of us are, clearly, very gifted with valuable abilities, but there is no one, absolutely no one, who can say he has been gifted with nothing. We may be especially talented in teaching children, or cooking meals, or repairing homes, or programming computers. So, we should ask ourselves how we are using our particular gifts in the service of our Christian community and the wider society. We should step out, with confidence, believing that every God-given gift we have is going to be exceedingly useful and fruitful!

*Janakumbudramalakol*

Readings for next Sunday, 22nd November 2020

1st Reading	Ez	34:11 - 12, 15-17
2nd Reading	1 Cor	15:20 - 26, 28
Gospel	Mat	25:31 - 46

### Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

16th Nov	St Margaret of Scotland St Gertrude
17th Nov	St Elizabeth of Hungary
18th Nov	Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles
21st Nov	The Presentation 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:**

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

Marie Yvonne Mahoney, Ronald Raymond



### Religious Education Classes

RE classes for school aged children have resumed on Mondays during school term  
5-6pm at Holy Trinity Church Hall  
The RE team are looking forward to seeing the children back in class.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY NOVEMBER BABIES

17th Nov Gavin Ball



**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Happy are those who fear the Lord.**

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL

HQ: 1300 729 202 from 9.00am — 1.00pm  
or [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au)



### St Vincent de Paul Modbury Conference

Three calls for assistance this week calls,  
covering 7 adults and 4 children



The compilation of the Christmas Hamper List has commenced with requests being taken by the Call Desk – 1300 729 902 – Not the Parish Office. In this period we also take hamper requests from those we are visiting for normal assistance. The list currently stands at 4 – last year we were able to provide 34. We will close the list at 30 this year. Both St Francis Xavier at Wynn Vale and Golden Grove PS have indicated they will support the hamper appeal, and we thank them for that.

The Giving Tree is now back in place; we ask that you continue your generous support of the hamper collection by taking a tag from the tree and returning the tag and food item.

With Christmas Day falling on a Friday this year, the hamper packing will be on Friday 18th, and be collected on the Saturday (19th) morning.

This is also the weekend of the Vinnies Christmas Appeal across the Archdiocese. Stamped (so the money goes into the local conference account) envelopes are available for donations toward the Christmas Appeal, and tax receipts will be provided if wanted.

Please give a hand – our fundraising has been extremely limited this year.

Returned envelopes can be put in the second collection basket, handed to a Vinnies member, or dropped off at the Parish Office.

#### Vinnies Gift Baskets

We will have a variety of Gift Baskets available for sale at the next Trash n Treasure. Orders will also be taken. These Gift Baskets are a wonderful Christmas gift and the proceeds help to support the work of our local Vinnies Conference.

To order Gift Baskets please call  
Corrie on 0488 488 014



#### DEVELOPMENT FUND 2020

Congratulations  
No. 88  
Jill Brokensha  
Drawn by John Dini

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

### Annual Memorial Mass of Remembrance

In this year that has been particularly challenging for celebrating important family occasions, we invite all those who have experienced a death in their family or amongst friends to join us for this Mass.

We are celebrating this Mass on  
Friday 27 November 2020 at  
St John XXIII from 7:00p.m.

If you are coming to celebrate with the parish community, please email  
Therese Meyers on [theresemeyers@gmail.com](mailto:theresemeyers@gmail.com) or the parish office and let us know who you are particularly honouring.

We are also looking for people to volunteer for various roles; please see the volunteer sheet in the foyer or back of each Mass centre.

If you are reading, the text will be emailed to you beforehand and copies will be available on the night.

Light refreshments will be offered after Mass  
[Due to COVID restrictions we are unable to accept donations of food].

All parishioners are welcome.  
Liturgy Committee

### Advanced Notice to all Groups in the Parish

We are currently filling in the Parish Dairy for 2021.

If your group wishes to continue using the Parish facilities for meetings and activities next year please send in your diary dates to the parish office via email as soon as possible.

Email: [bulletin@paramodcath.com.au](mailto:bulletin@paramodcath.com.au)

Please note that all groups will need to have COVID safe plans and abide by all rules regarding social distancing and collecting contact tracing information

Thank you

### Christmas Bulletin

Leaders of Parish Groups are invited to forward by email a selection of photographs of their group to the office for inclusion in the Parish Christmas Bulletin.

Please note: If you are including photographs of children you MUST forward us their parent's written permission for publication of the photographs.

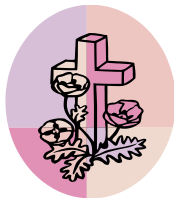
### Hoyle Green Development - Para Hills

If you are able to contribute towards the cost of the work, donations would be gratefully received.

We sincerely thank all those who have already financially contributed towards the costs of this work.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!**





## November - The Month of Remembrance

November is the month when we as the church remember those of our family, friends and parishioners who have died.

We especially remember those who have gone to their heavenly reward this past year.

During November Fr Manu will pray and offer up intentions for the beloved deceased family and friends of:

Alfredo Gallego, Antonio & Carmelita Bolado, Patrick & Fiona Rato, Pat Sandretti, Doug Tilley, Margaret Dunn, Margaret LeRoux, Maria Trotta, Gerry & Margaret Giebel, Josie Ianunzio,

*"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be freed from their sins." 11 Machabees 12:46*

If you wish to have a Mass said for your deceased relatives and friends during the month of November, please fill in the envelopes in your planned giving pack and place in the collection plate at Mass or drop off to the Parish Office.

If you do not have a pack of envelopes there are spare envelopes in both foyers to use for November Masses.

## Urgent Message from the Archbishop

The **Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2020** is now before the SA Legislative Council, and there is every chance that it will be passed by both Houses of Parliament before the end of the year.

Copies of a letter from Archbishop O'Regan, Catholic Archbishop of Adelaide, regarding the Bill can be found at the back of each Church. He draws your urgent attention to this issue.

This Bill allows for abortion up until birth. Other than requiring the consent of two doctors, there is no protection for a viable baby who would otherwise be delivered alive.

At a time when babies delivered from around 22 weeks have a very high chance of survival and enormous resources are rightfully put into their care, to legislate for abortions up until birth shows a total disregard for the rights, and future, of the unborn child. It sends a disturbing message to the community about the value of some lives over others. The Archbishop encourages us to contact our local MP, urging them to use their conscience vote to reject this ill-conceived Bill.



## THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The November 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](http://www.thesoutherncross.org.au)

## Christmas Giving Tree for Para Hills Conference.

As is our usual custom for this time of the year, we would like to invite the parishioners at Holy Trinity Church Para Hills to contribute to our annual Christmas Giving Tree. The tree will be set up in the church from 15<sup>th</sup> November with tags for donations of toys and Christmas food goods.

Xmas cards, @ \$5 per packet, will also be on sale after Mass outside the Church.

Thanking you in anticipation, and we wish you all a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year from the Members of the Para Hills Conference

## REACH OUT END OF YEAR MASS AND CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Just a little Reminder that we need members to please call Maureen Kenny Ph: (08) 83967682 by TUESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2020 to book for the Reach-Out Christmas Lunch that will be on TUESDAY 1st December 2020.

N.B.

9.15 am Mass for the Anointing of the sick  
11.00 am Meet for Christmas Lunch at the SALVATION ARMY OASIS CAFÉ  
138-142 Reservoir Rd, Modbury SA 5092.  
COST: \$25.00 per person



## 2021 Columban Calendars

The 2021 Columban Calendars are now available for purchase from the Parish office. The cost is \$9 each.

## 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 will no longer be screening the Mass recorded at St Francis Xavier Cathedral Sunday Mass will continue to be streamed on the Archdiocese's YouTube Channel.

Or visit the Archdiocesan website [adelaide.catholic.org.au](http://adelaide.catholic.org.au) for links to information, prayers and streamed Masses



## Reaching Beyond 2020

People of all trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. Restrictions this year have made communities' needs acute, but your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty.

Palms Australia will provide you with thorough preparation to ensure your readiness as travel resumes, and support on assignment.

See [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au) and talk to Roger on 0431 995 058, or email [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)