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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
TASH SOUTER: 0422 270 655

29th November 2020
1st Sunday of Advent, Year B - Violet

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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 current restrictions and the need to socially distance
attendance at all Masses is limited to 100 people.**

**Please note that due to space limitations at Holy Trinity we will have
70 people in the Church and 30 people in the hall, where the Mass
will be live streamed. Communion will be brought to those in the hall.**

**At this time permanent bookings no longer apply
and we ask that you please contact the Parish Office
to book your place at Mass.**

Advent Is Here Once Again

We are into a new season and a new liturgical year. The season of Advent is here once again. I remember this old story of the mother and son. Typical of last-minute Christmas shoppers, a mother was running furiously from store to store. Suddenly she became aware that the pudgy little hand of her three-year-old son was no longer clutched in hers. In panic she retraced her steps and found him standing with his little nose pressed flat against a frosty window. He was gazing at a manger scene. Hearing his mother's near hysterical call, he turned and shouted with innocent glee: "Look Mommy! It's Jesus - Baby Jesus in the hay!" With obvious indifference to his joy and wonder, she impatiently jerked him away saying, "We don't have time for that!"

The word "advent" (the arrival of an important person or thing) is derived from the Latin word "adventus," which means "coming." For Catholics, Advent is the four-week season leading up to Christmas. During Advent we anticipate the coming of Jesus. It's a time full of reflection, excitement, and hope. Advent is a season on the Church's liturgical calendar. We tend to think of Advent only as the season in which we prepare for Christmas, or the First Coming of Christ, it is important that we also remember it as a celebration in which we look forward to the Second Coming of Christ at the end of time and his coming to us in our day to day life through the reception of the sacraments.

We prepare for everything we consider important in life. You wouldn't show up to play in a football game and expect to win if you had not been training. You wouldn't show up unprepared to give a big presentation at work and expect to get the project. We don't expect to excel in exams if we have not studied. Consider the

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preparation that goes into hosting a barbecue, a dinner party, or a wedding. Now I don't mean the typical Christmas preparations. Buying and wrapping presents. Baking cookies. Planning parties. Putting up the lights, the tree, and other decorations. I mean preparing you. When was the last time you prepared your heart for Jesus' coming at Christmas? Too often, we are so busy with the material preparations that we lose sight of the real reason for our activity: The Word made flesh coming to dwell among us. Therefore, we are urged to preserve the spiritual focus of Christmas amidst the prevailingly secular and consumer-driven society. How are we to do this? Maybe the following would help.

1. Read some sort of short, daily devotion
2. Get some quiet time
3. It's OK to say no: You don't have to go to every party you're invited to or hurry to the mall the Saturday before Christmas or watch the endless loop of commercials. So, we need to practice discerning which activities are essential and which can be skipped.
4. Don't forget the Advent music
5. Decorate, even a little
6. Light an Advent wreath
7. Got a young kid or two? Add a Christmas book to bedtime reading list
8. Support an organization that works for social justice
9. Consider the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
10. Reflect on the "three comings of the Lord (A busy Catholic's guide to Advent: 10 tips for observing the season. Mike Jordan Laskey)

In the midst of the hustle and bustle of the season, let us strive to keep Advent a season of waiting and longing, of conversion and hope, meditating often on the incredible love and humility of our God in taking on flesh of the Virgin Mary.

I know that you and I have now been through many Advent seasons, but may be the job we have been asked to do is changed. We are preparing for a Christmas this year amidst a lot of uncertainties brought about by the COVID 19 pandemic. Maybe we are more fortunate that it has not caused a havoc in Australia, but as we are aware from the news it has changed the normalcy of life in the world. Above all else let us be dealing with compassion to those in need and set apart something for the poor in our own surroundings. In our shopping and baking, let us remember to purchase and prepare something for the poor. Daily let us spend some time praying for those who suffer in different parts of the world. Let us keep in mind those families and people who are not able to come together due to the restrictions created by the pandemic. Let us also entrust the world that is fragmented due to divisions of many sorts to the peace of Christ, that the leaders of nations and religions may work together to bring about harmony, peace and understanding. While we are decking the halls of our homes, let us not forget to prepare a peaceful place in our hearts wherein our Saviour may come to dwell. Wishing you all a meaningful and fruitful season of advent.

Janakumbudramalakol

Readings for next Sunday, 6th December 2020

1st Reading	Is	40:1 - 5, 9 - 11
2nd Reading	2 Pt	3:8 - 14
Gospel	Mk	1:1 - 8

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

30th Nov	St Andrew, Apostle
3rd Dec	St Francis Xavier I
4th Dec	St John Damascene

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

Anna Grzyb, Marie Yvonne Mahoney,

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 parents' written permission for publication of the photographs.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY NOVEMBER/DECEMBER BABIES

29th Nov	Judy Rogers
2nd Dec	Mark Agar
4th Dec	John Dini Junior
5th Dec	Delice Regan



RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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



**St Vincent de Paul
Modbury Conference**



We're resuming assistance calls, after the break for the lock-down, until December 16th, and they haven't stopped coming in – five requests last week. But our focus is also on the Giving Tree as we accumulate the makings of the Christmas hampers through your generosity. We're taking requests for the hampers until December 13th and our list presently is 12; last year it grew to 40.

St Francis Xavier is also conducting a Christmas food appeal that should greatly help in filling the hampers.

Our impending pantry shortages are **margarine, sugar and tinned meat.**

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Vinnies Gift Baskets

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

CHRISTMAS MASS BOOKINGS

As with all Masses this year the number of attendees at Christmas Masses will be limited due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Everyone attending Mass is required to provide their full name and a contact phone number or email address for the purpose of contact tracing.

If you wish to attend a Christmas Mass please contact the Parish office to book your place for the following Masses before Friday 18th December

**Christmas Eve
Thursday 24th December
Holy Trinity Church - 6.30pm Family Mass
St John XXIII Church - 8.30pm Mass
St John XXIII Church - Midnight Mass**

**Christmas Day
Friday 25th December
St John XXIII Church - 8am Mass
Holy Trinity Church - 10am Mass**

Parish Prayer

The Parish Pastoral Council thanks all those parishioners who contributed prayers and/or ideas about what to include in our parish prayer. We also offer sincere thanks to the many parishioners who provided feedback on Draft 1 and / or Draft 2 of our prayer.

After thoughtful and prayerful consideration of your input, what follows is the final prayer that your Pastoral Council has approved for publication and use in the parish.

To introduce the prayer to our community we will be praying the parish prayer after Communion at all Sunday Masses during Advent.

Carolyn Ost
PPC Chairperson



PARA HILLS MODBURY CATHOLIC PARISH

Parish Prayer

Loving Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
We pray you look upon our community of faith and remind us of your constant presence. Help us 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 make this prayer through the intercession of St John XXIII
Amen



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2020

Congratulations
No. 47
Jen Sherlock
Drawn by Sindi Kinloch

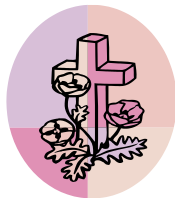
If you would like to be included in the draw
Please contact: Barbara Mathews 8258 8806

**CANCELLATION OF REACH OUT
END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

The Reach Out Christmas Lunch scheduled for Tuesday 1st December 2020 has now been CANCELLED Due to Covid-19 Risk Factors.

However, we still look forward to seeing members wishing to attend the 9.15 am Mass for the Anointing of the sick on Tuesday 1st December 2020

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. 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:

The White and McElligott families

"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.

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING
The next Liturgy Committee Meeting
Wednesday 2nd December at 7pm
Contact Therese Meyers on 0421 533 761



Religious Education Classes

Due to the current closures RE classes for school aged children will again be conducted via Zoom.

If you require more information please contact the Parish at pa@paramodcath.com.au



2021 Columban Calendars

The 2021 Columban Calendars are now available for purchase from the Parish office.

The cost is \$9 each.

If you are not able to attend the Parish office please contact us to make alternative arrangements to make your purchase.

THE SOUTHERN CROSS



The November edition of The Southern Cross is available at the back of the Church or online at 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 has been set up in the church 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

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

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



JOY OF THE GOSPEL
DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR 2021
AVAILABLE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE FOR ONLY \$10

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.

Masses Online & On Television

For those still unable to attend Mass, Sunday Mass is live streamed on the Archdiocese's YouTube Channel. (Past Masses can also be viewed.)

Sunday Mass is still screened on Free-To-Air TV Channel 10 at 6am Sunday morning.

Or visit the Archdiocesan website adelaide.catholic.org.au for links to information, prayers and streamed Masses