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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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GOLDEN GROVE 5125

PARISH CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER

THERESE MEYERS: 0421 533 761
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20th December & Christmas 2020
4th 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.



**We wish You All a Very
Happy Christmas and a
Bright and Prosperous
New Year. God Bless You**

CHRISTMAS MASSES

**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**

OFFICE CLOSURE

Please Note the Parish Office is currently closed
and will Reopen Tuesday 19th January 2021



**Emmanuel (God with us):
and so, We Rejoice**

Dear Parishioners,

Once again Christmas is at hand. I take this time to wish you and your families a Happy and Holy Christmas. A writer once said: "Of all the holidays there is none that enters so fully into the human heart, and stirs so many of the higher sentiments. The thoughts, memories, hopes, and customs linked with it are bound by antiquity and nationality collectively; and by childhood and old age individually. They embrace the religious, social, and patriotic sides of our nature. The holly and mistletoe entwined among the evergreens, the habit of giving gifts to those we love, the presence of the Christmas tree, the superstition of Santa Claus, all combining to make Christmas the most longed-for, the most universal, and from every standpoint, the most important holiday known to man. (Clarence Baird, "The Spirit of Christmas," Improvement Era, 23:154, December 1919) As we gather to celebrate Christmas, another year has passed with many events, public and private, touching our lives and those of the people in our parish in different ways. No doubt this year has brought joys and sadness in different measure to each person all colouring our memories of 2020.

In this year, which has been so marked by the experience of the COVID 19 pandemic, many of us may have not found it easy, and perhaps still struggle, to discover the presence of God in our lives. For a while, our churches were closed and many people were deprived of the chance to celebrate the Eucharist together and welcome the Lord into their lives through Holy Communion. The pressures of coping with lockdowns, with social distancing, with working from home and juggling childcare and home-schooling with work commitments have impacted significantly on the lives of many people, and perhaps have even pushed an awareness of God out of their consciousness. Even our preparations for Christmas, both from a family point of view and from a religious point of view, are somewhat complicated and uncertain. Will the cost of airfares prohibit many people from travelling interstate to be with their families? Social distancing requirements mean that numbers will be restricted in our churches for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. Will the financial pressures of 2020 mean that we cannot celebrate Christmas as we would normally like to?

Whatever Christmas looks like this year one thing remains constant. At the heart of Christmas is a celebration of the birth of Christ. As long as we remember this and focus on this, Christmas 2020 will

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be as significant and as joyful as it always is; and perhaps even more so because we might find ourselves less distracted by the superficial things of Christmas and more free to concentrate on the extraordinary love of God for us which Christmas reveals.

Christmas is an opportunity to thank so many Parishioners who give generously of their time and talents in making this Parish such an energetic, faith-filled community that it is at present. As we gather for the Christmas Masses my thanks to our Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Council, Staff and Volunteers in the office, Sacristans, our choirs and musicians and all involved in ministry in this parish. Thanks a lot, to all those who have contributed financially and with voluntary work all through the year.

Maybe the Christmas message this year is a challenge for all of us to become more involved. It is not so much a question of giving more; it is a question of giving more of ourselves. But then, that's what God was doing when he got involved with us and our world at Christmas. Christmas belongs to believers, to those who believe that Jesus Christ, Son of God, was born of the Virgin Mary to reconcile us to one another and to God. This is why he came. 2000 years ago, no one could have dreamt that God would be found in a newborn baby lying helplessly in a makeshift crib surrounded by poverty, uncertainty and danger. God is full of surprises and is often to be found in the most unlikely of places and situations. I hope we all find some time to sit quietly gazing at our Christmas crib at home or the Christmas crib in our church and reflect on the extraordinary wonder of God's love, tenderness and care for us. May that helpless baby lying in the manger prompt us to look for God even in the most unlikely places. God is waiting to be found somewhere along the journey of each day. My prayer for us all this Christmas is that the Lord will open our eyes to recognise him when he comes to us and open our hearts to welcome him with joy.

I wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year.

Janet Kumbudramalakal



RESPONSORIAL PSALM: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.



**St Vincent de Paul
Modbury Conference**

Merry Christmas to all of you.
Hamper packing and dispersal are our last activities for this year.
Without your support Vinnies wouldn't be able to cover the needs in our Conference area.
With our fund raising limitations this year, your support has kept us in the black.
Special thanks to all who supported Corrie's gift basket project.
All being well, we'll resume home visiting with assistance after Australia Day.
Keep Well

Michael Bone
President
Modbury Conference

**COVID-19 PROTOCOLS AND
COVID-SAFE CHECK IN**

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.

We have been asked by the State Government, and advised by the Archdiocese, to ask parishioners to use a QR code to check in before entering the Church.

Using the QR code makes it easier for SA Health to conduct contact tracing if/when needed, keeping all of us in SA safe.
The QR code is scanned with your mobile phone. You can download the mySAGov app from your phone's app store.

You will need to enter your name and mobile number the very first time you scan a QR code when entering a venue and you will then be prompted to enter a confirmation number that will be messaged to you.

You will not be asked to enter any details when you next scan a QR code.

Paper check in will still be available for those who are unable to use the QR code check in

PARISH BULLETIN

The next parish bulletin will be published on 24th January 2021.
Messages for publication in that bulletin must be received at the Parish Office by 2.00pm Tuesday 19th January.

From The Parish Pastoral Council



It goes without saying that this year we have been experiencing has been a very different and very trying year for all of us.

The Parish Pastoral Council wishes to thank all of those many, many volunteers in the parish who, despite the trials of COVID 19, have continued to help out in so many and various ways. Without your assistance we would not be the vibrant parish that we are and there is no doubt that we would have struggled to keep our Mass centres open and our Masses available to parishioners.

Our parish has been especially blessed by the leadership and generosity of our Parish Priest, Father Manu, throughout this very strange year and I thank him on your behalf for his constancy, his dedication, and his determination to ensure that, despite COVID 19, the Parish Mass was available, whether electronically or physically, to the maximum number of parishioners permitted at all times.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the members of our parish staff – Sindi Kinloch – Parish Secretary, Pauline Lai – our Finance Officer, and Jen Sherlock – our recently resigned Pastoral Associate for their dedication to serving the needs of the parish. Each of them has gone above and beyond their job requirements and we thank them for all that they have done and continue to do.

The Parish Finance Council, under the leadership of John Jarrad, has continued to work tirelessly on our behalf ensuring that we stay solvent and that essential maintenance is taken care of and we thank them for their diligence.

We want to commend the work of our small but dedicated Liturgy Committee led by Therese Meyers. After the hiatus caused by the virus they sprang back into action once again preparing our weekend liturgies. We take this opportunity to encourage parishioners to join the committee in their service to the community.

Finally, I want to thank my fellow members of the Parish Pastoral Council for their commitment to the work of the Council on behalf of our parish.

We hope that you and your loved ones have a happy and holy Christmas.

Carolyn Ost
for
Parish Pastoral Council



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord:

**PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL REPORT
CHRISTMAS 2020**

The year started out normally but when Covid – 19 hit and lockdown started and Masses stopped and our planned giving and collections dropped off we became a little concerned about our finances.

However, with the Catholic Church securing Job Keeper for staff and not having to pay our co-responsibility payment this year we have managed to remain in the black. Also, maintenance at our two properties also reduced as only essential maintenance has been undertaken.

As things started to resume around August along came the Salisbury Council requiring the Parish to address our storm water runoff into the reserve adjacent to the Holy Trinity property which the Council has now turned into a housing development. Basically, our stormwater which was not a problem in the past cannot run into what will become new neighbours back yards. In negotiation with the Council the agreed solution was a retaining wall and infill of the carpark so the storm water would run out onto O'Grady Drive. We were lucky that Buttrose Earthmovers who were undertaking the development for the Council provided surplus fill and graded the carpark for us saving us about \$18000. We also need to install concrete kerbing in the Kesters Road carpark so the storm water will run into a pit built by the Council located in the corner of the carpark. This will be done in the new year.

Storm water from the house and sheds also had to be directed and connected into the existing hall stormwater piping to run out onto Kesters Road. Thanks to Paul Haydon and his helpers for completing this task. This area outside the hall will now be paved early next year. The other task that was achieved successfully was the erection of the new fence along the boundary of the Kesters Road Carpark. I would like to thank all those that came along to the working bee that Saturday who helped in the various tasks that had to be done. It also turned out to be a good social event as well with a lovely BBQ provided at the end.

In all that, we were able to negotiate with the Council to pay for the new colourbond fence sheets for the O'Grady Drive carpark as well as the fence sheets for the Kesters Road carpark. Thanks also goes to all those who have donated towards this work and the donation from the Development Fund which has allowed us to keep the direct costs to a minimum.

On the St John XXIII front, the PFC has lodged the application with the church head office for the sale of the land but a bit more detail is required by the new Archbishop before he will sign off on the sale. That will be next year's project.

As the year draws to a close, I would like to thank the members of the PFC for their work throughout the year and to have a well-earned rest over Christmas and the New Year period as we are not sure what next year will bring.

Keep safe, follow the rules and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

John Jarrad
Chair, Parish Finance Council



DEVELOPMENT FUND



Winner this week—20 December 2020
Congratulations to Stephen Sherlock (No. 24)
Drawn by Anna Mervart

Winner next week—27th December 2020
Congratulations to Jill Brokensha (No 88)
Drawn by Sindi Kinloch

Winner New Year-3rd January 2021
Congratulations to Margaret Geibel (No 75)
Drawn by Jill Brokensha

Contact Barbara Mathews on 8258 8806 to be included in the draw. Be in it to win it!
A Happy and Holy Christmas to All

TREASURE MARKET

**Second Saturday of each month
8am to 12noon**

Next: 9th January 2021

St John XXIII Centre

Sellers \$10—Buyers free!

**PLEASE SEND SMALLER GOODS OUR WAY,
THEY CAN BE LEFT ON THE SHELVES IN THE
MARKET WALKWAY.**

**OR IN THE BOX AT THE BACK OF ST JOHN XXIII
CHURCH, ALSO IN A BOX IN THE CRY ROOM
AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.**

**All monies raised from the Market
are donated to the Parish.**

**WE CAN NO LONGER ACCEPT LARGE ITEMS
SUCH AS TVs, MATTRESSES, SOFAS, LOUNGE
CHAIRS & WARDROBES AS WE ARE NOT ABLE
TO SELL THEM.**

The Friendship Bowls Group wish all parishioners a very happy and healthy Christmas and New Year! We welcome any new members who would like to join us in February 2021.



THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The December edition of the Southern Cross is now available.
Free for December
Please Support Your Catholic Newspaper



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



Masses Online & On Television

For those still unable to attend Mass,

**Christmas Mass will be live streamed from
St Francis Xavier Cathedral
at 11am on Christmas day
on the Archdiocese's website
www.adelaide.catholic.org.au**

**Christmas Eve's short carols service
and Midnight Mass from
St Francis Xavier's Cathedral will be
replayed on Channel 44
on Christmas Day at 11am.**

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

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

MODBURY

COMMUNITY & CRAFT GROUP

'Wishing you all a Blessed Christmas
and a Happy New Year



Craft Group resumes on 29th January 2021

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DECEMBER BABIES

- 24th Gail Martin
- 25th Ursula Moore
- 26th Natalie Green, David Truman (Senior)
- 27th Ashwin Benny
- 29th Michael Marafioti, Jamie Watkinson
- 30th Kelly Longshaw
- 31st Manuel Cruz

JANUARY BABIES

- 1st Christine Rogers, Susanne Orschulok, Andrew Finch
- 2nd David Truman (Jr.), Rachel Kenny
- 4th Julie Spencer
- 5th Anthony Knowles
- 6th Rebecca Lee, Mateusz Ball
- 7th Denise Palmer, Jo Dempsey
- 8th Joshua Bock
- 9th Joy Knowles
- 12th Lawrence Grima
- 13th Benjamin Rogers, Jane McConnell, Nicholas Viceban
- 16th Maureen Frost
- 17th Theresa Norris
- 21st Kevin Burke, Christine Andrew
- 22nd Heather Hage
- 23rd Jason Viceban



Christmas Day Appeal for the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry



Again this year we will be conducting the annual Christmas Day Appeal collection for the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry (ACM) with special collections to be taken up at all Christmas Masses.

This Christmas Day Appeal for the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry has been an important tradition in this archdiocese, and a vital source of support for our ministry to Aboriginal people through the Otherway Centre and its services. For over 25 years ACM has offered a welcome and a growing range of programs and services from its base at the Otherway Centre located at 80 Payneham Road Stepney.

We ask that you continue to support this appeal generously, and that you remember the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry in your prayers and celebrations this Christmas. Your support is essential for the continued outreach of the Otherway Centre to Aboriginal people in the Archdiocese of Adelaide.

REGULAR 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

Please Note:

**There will be NO Mass celebrated on
28th, 29th, 30th December 2020.**



NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS

**Thursday 31st December
St John XXIII, Vigil Mass at 8pm**

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

**Friday 1st January
Holy Trinity, at 9.15am.**

Readings for next Sunday, 27th Dec 2020

1st Reading	Sir	3:2-6, 12-14
2nd Reading	Col	3:12-21
Gospel	Lk	2:22-40

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

22nd Dec	St Peter Canisius
23rd Dec	St John of Kanty
25th	The Nativity of the Lord
26th	St Stephen, The First Martyr
27th	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
28th	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
29th	St Thomas Becket
31st	St Sylvester I
1st Jan	Mary the Holy Mother of God
2nd	St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen
3rd	The Epiphany of the Lord
7th	St Raymond of Penyafort
10th	The Baptism of the Lord
13th	St Hilary
20th	St Fabian & St Sebastian
21st	St Agnes
22nd	St Vincent

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



The Legion of Mary will lead the joyful mysteries of the rosary after Mass on Sunday 3rd January. Please stay and join us as we pray for Gods blessing for the new year.

SECURITY

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE
ANY VALUABLE ITEMS
VISIBLE IN YOUR CAR WHILE
ATTENDING MASS AT EITHER
MASS CENTRE.**

