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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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ST JOHN XXIII 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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6th December 2020
2nd 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

Please note that due to space limitations and the need to socially distance we are currently limited to 125 people at St John XXIII and at Holy Trinity we can have 76 people in the Church and 40 people in the hall, where the Mass will be live streamed. Communion will be brought to those in the hall.

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 at time of booking. COVID-SAFE check in using a QR code will be available at all Masses.

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

When We Fail to Prepare, We Prepare to Fail

We are into the second week of Advent. On this the Second Sunday of Advent, we are invited to reflect upon the role of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus. Today's Gospel is taken from the beginning of Mark. Unlike Luke and Matthew, Mark does not include any details of Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins with the appearance of John the Baptist in the desert. Mark's description of the appearance of John the Baptist highlights John's continuity with the Jewish prophetic tradition. Mark combines quotations from the Old Testament books of Malachi, Isaiah, and Exodus. The people of Judea and Jerusalem flock to him, listening to his message of repentance and forgiveness; they also come to him to be baptized. Mark's Gospel is clear, however, that John the Baptist's role is only to prepare the way for another who will come, one who is greater than John.

The word prepare comes from the Latin *praeparare* which is a combination of two words: *prae* which means "before" and *parare* which means get ready. To prepare thus means to get ready before an action takes place. Today we have the theme of preparation running prominently throughout the readings especially in the First Reading (Isaiah 40:1-5.9-11). And the Gospel Reading (Mark 1:1-8). In the First Reading, God told the prophet Isaiah to comfort His people and to assure them that the period of warfare has ended. This simply means that God is coming back to the people after a period of their separation from him. To this end, the prophet went further to tell the people to prepare for God's coming.

The aforementioned preparation according to the oracle of the prophet is expected to take place in the form of a road construction. In physical road construction, three important activities are premeditated: levelling, filling and making plain. Translated to spiritual life, similar activities are recommended. The road is our heart that is now marred by mountains and hills of sin and disobedience otherwise seen as obstacles; the road represents our hearts filled with valleys and potholes of absence of love, knowledge of God and other Christian virtues. The road represents our hearts made rough by the paths we have chosen that simply lead us away from God.

The prophetic recommendation tells us to level the mountains and hills and that means pulling down frameworks of sin and disobedience in our lives. Like a typical mountain and hill they block us from seeing and reaching at God. Filling the valleys is a practical advice for us to bring back those virtues and values that should fill up the needful spaces in our lives. Making the rough edges plain is an invitation for us to remodel our lives and retrace our paths to God. After all these, the glory of the Lord will be shown forth and all the flesh shall see it together. It will be good to establish here that the spiritual road construction will take place before the glory of God will be shown forth to all flesh. It is really very painful that in our day and age many

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people seem to put Advent on hold while preparing to celebrate themselves (not Christ) at Christmas. The geometric rise in consumerism and extreme commercialisation of Christmas has become common in our times. Towards the end of the month of October, we begin to perceive sights and sounds of Christmas while Advent is totally neglected. We tend to anticipate the glory but only few are ready to undertake the spiritual road construction, many of us are seriously waiting to celebrate Christmas but only a few are ready to get there through Advent. More like many of us prefer shortcuts to Christmas; that means avoiding or side tracking Advent.

The Gospel Reading is very much like the First Reading as the phenomenon of preparation still holds. However, it is more concretely established with the idea of the baptism of repentance. In other words, John the Baptist challenges us to accept repentance as a very dependable way of preparing our hearts for the coming of the Lord. There will be a strong need for us to approach the sacrament of reconciliation this season. There will be a need for us to reconsider our lifestyles, there will be a need for us to advance for a positive change to make our hearts habitable for our Lord when he comes.

John the Baptist is presented to us as a model during Advent. We, too, are called upon to prepare a way for the Lord. Like John the Baptist, we are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. Our Baptism commissions us to call others to life as disciples of Jesus.

God expects us at this time to be concerned about preparing a way for Him. He is not coming to Bethlehem but into our hearts. For this reason and in this season, we are expected to devote our time and disposition to preparing the way for the Lord. The tomorrow we are expecting belongs to those who prepare for it today and let us also remember that when we fail to prepare, we prepare to fail.



COVID-SAFE CHECK IN

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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



Readings for next Sunday, 13th December 2020

1st Reading	Is	61:1 - 2, 10 - 11
2nd Reading	1 Thes	5:16 - 24
Gospel	Jn	1:6 - 8, 19 - 28



**St Vincent de Paul
Modbury Conference**



Only two assistance requests last week.
It's keeping our purchasing for the pantry down.

The requests for Christmas hampers currently stands at 15, but is expected to grow in the next two weeks – we'll draw the line at about 30, but take requests until December 13th.

This weekend is the last to take cards from the Giving Tree, and the following weekend will be the final opportunity to put donations under it.

We pack the hampers on Friday 18th for collection on the Saturday morning.

Thank you very much for your ongoing support. In the pantry, any donations of Tinned Veg would be greatly appreciated.

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

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

7th Dec	St Ambrose
8th Dec	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9th Dec	St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
11th Dec	St Damasus I
12th Dec	Our Lady of Guadalupe

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



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2020

Congratulations
No. 70
Grace Healey
Drawn by Jen Sherlock

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

CHRISTMAS MASS MINISTRY

As with all of our regular Masses we will need Liturgy Assistants for the Christmas Masses. The Rosters are now up at the back of the Church. If you are able to help in any of the ministries please add your name to the rosters.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
DECEMBER BABIES**

7th Dec	Patricia Collins
10th Dec	Rosalind Lucy Bell
11th Dec	Katrina Lineage
12th Dec	Anne-Marie Lineage, Robert Giebel



**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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

TREASURE MARKET

Second Saturday of each month
8am to 12noon

Next: 12th December 2020

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.

COVID SAFE REQUIREMENTS WILL APPLY



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Mass will be celebrated on
Tuesday 8th December 9:15 am
at St John XXIII Church

There will be an HOUR OF GRACE
from 12 noon to 1pm
at Holy Trinity Church, Para Hills

Many graces are given to those who will spend one
hour with our Blessed Mother to pray for priests,
her beloved sons.

“ O Mary conceived without sin
pray for us who have recourse to thee”

Parish Bulletin

If you would like to receive the bulletin via email
please contact us at
bulletin@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 December edition of The Southern Cross
will be available
in The Advertiser on Saturday 12th December
and also at the back of the Church next weekend 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

Notice to all Groups in the Parish

We are currently filling in the Parish Diary 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

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.

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