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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
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THERESE MEYERS: 0421 533 761
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13th December 2020
3rd 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

“Gaudete in Domino Semper”

The third Sunday of Advent is called “Gaudete Sunday” because today’s Mass (in its Latin, pre-Vatican II form), began with the opening antiphon: “Gaudete in Domino semper” i.e., “Rejoice in the Lord always.” In the past, when Advent was a season of penance, the celebrant of the liturgy used to wear vestments with the penitential colour of purple or violet. To remind the people that they were preparing for the very joyful occasion of the birth of Jesus, the celebrant wore rose-coloured vestments on the third Sunday. Today we light the rose candle, and the priest may wear rose vestments, to express our joy in the coming of Jesus, our Saviour. The primary theme running through today’s readings is that of encouraging joy as we meet our need for the preparation required of us who await the rebirth of Jesus in our hearts and lives. The second common theme is that of bearing witness. The prophet Isaiah, Mary and John the Baptist all bear joyful witness to what God has done and will do for His people.

The readings for the third Sunday of Advent remind us that the coming of Jesus, past, present and future, is the reason for our rejoicing. The first reading tells us that we should rejoice because the promised Messiah is coming as our Saviour and liberator, saving us by liberating us from our bondages. The Responsorial Psalm of the day is taken from Mary’s Magnificat, in which she exclaims: “My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit finds joy in God my Saviour.” Paul, in the second reading, advises us to “rejoice always” by leading blameless, holy, and thankful lives guided by the Holy Spirit, because Christ is faithful and will come again to reward us. Today’s Gospel tells us that John the Baptist came as a witness to testify to the Light, i.e., Jesus. The coming of Jesus, the Light, into the world is the cause for rejoicing as Light removes darkness from the world. We should be glad and rejoice also because, like John the Baptist, we, too, are chosen to bear witness to Christ Jesus, the Light of the world. We are to reflect Jesus’ Light in our lives so that we may radiate it and illuminate the dark lives of others around us. The joyful message of today’s liturgy is clear. The salvation we await with rejoicing will liberate both the individual and the community, and its special focus will be the poor and lowly, not the rich and powerful.

Bible scholars generally agree that the prologue (1:1-18) in John’s Gospel is a hymn, the overall purpose of which is to highlight the historical and theological significance of Jesus’ origins as “Word,” “true Light” and the “only Son.” Verses 6-9 introduce John the Baptist in a manner that clearly distinguishes him from Jesus. “John himself was not the Light, but he came to testify to the Light.” Some scholars maintain that the author of the Gospel may be making such a forceful differentiation in order to counter a sect of John’s disciples claiming that John the Baptist was the light and the Messiah, and not simply the one testifying to the Light. In John’s Gospel, however, recurring references to the Baptist suggest that Jesus and John preached and baptized concurrently for some time (see John 3:22-30; 10:40-42). But, in all he did and said, the Baptist always

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Readings for next Sunday, 20th December 2020

1st Reading	2 Sm	7:1 - 5, 8 - 12. 14, 16
2nd Reading	Rom	16:25 - 27
Gospel	Lk	1:26 - 38

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

14th Dec St John of the Cross

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bore witness to Jesus and his Messianic identity (John 1:6-9). “A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the Light.” John 1:19-28 is an Advent text that calls us to remember the origins and purposes of Jesus with the kind of devotion that challenges us to be witnesses of Jesus. John the Baptist demonstrates what it means to bear witness to the true Light coming into the world.

The idea that the Baptist came as a witness to testify to the Light (Jesus), is found only in the Gospel of John. According John, Jesus is the Light of the world (John 8:12). Just as the dawn of each new day brings joy, the coming of Jesus, the Light of the world, causes us to rejoice. We, the Church, are called to bear witness to Christ by word and deed, in good times and bad; when it suits us and when it doesn’t. By Baptism we become members of the family of Christ, the true Light of the world. Jesus said, “You are the light of the world.” Hence, our mission as brothers and sisters of Christ and members of his Mystical Body, the Church, is to reflect Christ’s Light to others. The witness of the Church, ironically, has often been more faithful under persecution than under prosperity. We need to be messengers who point out Christ to others, just as John did. John the Baptist’s role as a joyful witness prepared the way for Jesus. John also provides an example for us because our vocation as Christians is to bear “witness” to Christ by our transparent Christian lives. It is especially important during the Advent season that we reflect upon and radiate Christ’s unconditional love and forgiveness everywhere. There are too many people who live in darkness and poverty, and who lack real freedom. There are others who are deafened and blinded by the cheap attractions of the world. Also, many feel lonely, unwanted, rejected, and marginalized. All these people are waiting for us to reflect the Light of Christ into their worlds and to turn their lives into experiences of joy, wholeness, and integrity. The joy of Jesus, the joy of Christmas, can only be ours to the extent that we work with Jesus to bring joy into the lives of others. Let us remember that Christmas is not complete unless we show real generosity to those who have nothing to give us in return.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM: My soul rejoices in my God.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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



St Vincent de Paul Modbury Conference



Thank-you, thank-you, thank-you!

This weekend is the last to return your card and donated item to the Giving Tree.

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

The requests for Christmas hampers currently stands at only 16, but is expected to grow in the next week – we'll draw the line at about 30, but take requests until December 15th.

Your generosity and food appeal at St Francis Xavier's, has put some of our hamper items into surplus and we should require minimal shopping. The most likely shortfall is with Tinned Vegetables (Peas/Beans and Carrots go in all hampers)

We'll collect our allocation of toys and gifts arising from the MRA Toy Run on the 16th.

After the hamper activity we suspend assistance calls until after Australia Day. Your support has enabled us to respond to over 150 calls for assistance this year.

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 Anna Mervart
No.101
Drawn by Jill Brokensha

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

OFFICE CLOSURE

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED FROM FRIDAY
18TH DECEMBER 2020.
THE OFFICE WILL REOPEN:
TUESDAY THE 19TH
JANUARY 2021.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DECEMBER BABIES

13th Dec	Margaret Giebel
14th Dec	Frank Gavini, Alice Craig
15th Dec	Michael Moss, Sue Air
16th Dec	Carmel Lineage
18th Dec	Michael Reilly



Christmas Bulletin

Our last bulletin for 2020 will be published next weekend 20th December

If you have any items for this bulletin please ensure that they are sent to the Parish office at bulletin@paramodcath.com.au no later than 3pm Tuesday 15th December.

CHRISTMAS MASS MINISTRY

As with all of our regular Masses we will need Liturgy Assistants for the Christmas Masses. We are also in need of people to help with setting up and decorating both Mass centres in preparation for the celebrations. In January we will need people to help pack away the Christmas Decorations. 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.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!**



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

New Direct Giving App

The Adelaide Archdiocese's **Find a Mass** App has
been upgraded to allow us to contribute to both the
first and second collections of our parish
via a credit or debit card.

Users of the App can make a one-off donation
or set up recurring donations to our parish
and for the support of the clergy.

You are also able to contribute to the special
collections which are held throughout the year.

Be aware

Your details will be securely saved
for recurring donations.

Search 'Archdiocese of Adelaide' in your app store
and download for easy and seamless
donations to our parish.

On our Parish website you will be able to find a link to
a PowerPoint presentation about using the App.
There is also a link to a YouTube video which
demonstrates how the App works.



2021 Columban Calendars

We still have a few
2021 Columban Calendars
available 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 or online at
www.thesoutherncross.org.au

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

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

Week 3



Joy

Reminds us...

**The joy at the coming
birth of Jesus**

*"The angel said, 'Do not be
afraid. Look, I bring you
news of great joy, a joy to be
shared by the whole people.'
Luke, 2 - 10*

Parish Bulletin

If you would like to receive the bulletin via email
please contact us at
bulletin@paramodcath.com.au

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