



# PARA HILLS MODBURY CATHOLIC PARISH

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## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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## ST JOHN XXIII CHURCH

50 RESERVOIR RD,  
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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,  
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14th February 2021  
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B - 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 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  
150 people at St John XXIII and at Holy Trinity we can have  
100 people in the Church and 50 people in the hall, where the Mass  
will be live streamed. Communion will be brought to those in the hall.

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

COVID-SAFE check in using a QR code is available at all Masses.

## There is Room for Everyone in God's Kingdom

Today's Gospel describes how Jesus heals a leper, liberating him both from the disease of leprosy and from the unjust and inhuman social isolation and ostracism to which the lepers were subjected. Historically, leprosy has been greatly feared because its symptoms were so visible, brought horrendous disfigurement and disability. Commonly believed to be highly contagious (which it is not), a leper was forced to live on the edges of society. In Jesus' day, people would go as far as to hurl rocks and stones at lepers if they dared stray too close. Left to beg at a distance, it really was a pitiable existence.

That poor leper had two sufferings to carry; not only was he suffering from illness but he was also cut off from the community. Lepers had to live outside the village or town in a sort of leper colony because of the contagious nature of the disease (Lev 13:46 conclusion to first reading). In the first reading (Lev 13:1-2,44-46) we heard the rules concerning lepers. When people were nearby lepers were to say, "Unclean, unclean." The leper shouldn't even have been in the village that day when Jesus came. Even when he approached Jesus the leper kept his distance. Jesus had to stretch out his hand to touch him when curing him. Look at Jesus. He is not afraid. He goes as far as to reach out, touching the man with leprosy who came to Him, begging for mercy and healing. Mother Teresa was once quoted as saying, "The biggest disease today is not leprosy or tuberculosis, but rather the feeling of being unwanted." That is how that man felt before Jesus reached out and touched Him. It doesn't matter what you look like, it's what is on the inside that counts. When Jesus healed the leper, Jesus not only healed his illness but restored him to his community and family once again. We are meant for community; we are not meant for isolation. We have been created for community and are called to live our faith in and with a community. Isolation is a contradiction to Christianity. Every

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Sunday when we celebrate the Eucharist we celebrate as a community. Paul said to the Corinthians, "We though many form one single body." (1 Cor 10:17) In community we are to make Christ real. Love is to be the characteristic of the Christian community.

It is so important, and a vital part of our Christian mission, to reach out to those who feel unwanted, for whatever reasons. Christians have been doing that since the start. We follow Jesus' example. Do you have any idea how good it feels to be touched, loved, and felt wanted by someone, when all you get on a daily basis is ridicule, scorn, being made fun of, gossiped about and rejected all because; and this is very often the case, of something that is on the outside that you can do absolutely nothing about?

According to some Fathers of the Church, one reason Jesus promptly responded to the leper's cry in today's Gospel story, ignoring the Mosaic Law prohibiting touching a leper and thus becoming ritually unclean, is that Jesus identified himself with the man's condition. Jesus dramatically identified himself with the sufferer in the total rejection and isolation waiting for him. The irony here is that Jesus risked becoming "unclean" Himself in order to make the leper clean. Just as he stretched out his hand to the leper and touched him and made him whole, Jesus stretched out his hands on the cross to make us whole. He touched the leper thus bridging the gap between what is clean and what is unclean, identifying himself with all lepers, with all who are ritually or socially unclean and isolated and with all of us sinners who are spiritually unclean and have no way to change our condition except through His sacrifice and mercy. Thus, He became "unclean" in the eyes of the law that we might be made clean. He allowed himself to be rejected by his family and people so that those who are separated from God might return to him and be healed.

We need to tear down the walls that separate us from others and build bridges of loving relationship. Jesus calls every one of us to demolish the walls that separate us from each other and to welcome the outcasts and the untouchables of society. These include homosexuals, AIDS victims, alcoholics, the imprisoned, drug-addicts, and marginalized groups such as the divorced, the unmarried, single mothers, migrant workers, and the mentally ill. God's loving hand must reach out to them through us. Jesus wants us to touch their lives. Let us pass beyond the narrow circles of our friends and peers and try to relate to those who may be outside the bounds of propriety. Let us re-examine the barriers we have created and approach God with a heart that is ready to welcome the outcasts in our society. Remember the old African-American children's song reminding us that there is room for everyone in God's Kingdom: "All God's creatures got a place in the choir; some sing low and some sing higher. Some sing out loud on a telephone wire and some just clap their hands or paws or anything they've got now."



## Readings for next Sunday, 21st February 2021

1st Reading	Gen	9:8 - 15
2nd Reading	1 Pt	3:18 - 22
Gospel	Mk	1:12 - 15

## Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

17th Feb      Ash Wednesday

## 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:**

Darryl McManus, 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

Archbishop Emeritus Philip Wilson

## ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

17TH FEBRUARY 2021  
ST JOHN XXIII 9.15AM  
HOLY TRINITY 7PM



## STATIONS of the CROSS

on Friday Nights during Lent  
at HOLY TRINITY 7-00pm



*Congratulations  
Paul Holmes  
celebrating his  
90th Birthday*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation..**

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

HQ: 1300 729 202 from 9.00am — 1.00pm



**St Vincent de Paul  
Modbury Conference**

We've had 16 calls for assistance for food and clothing for 20 adults and 12 children in the first two weeks. Demand seems to be coming back to normal and the pantry is starting to slim down, and we'll have to replenish our stocks of Drake's Gift Cards. We have been able to provide some assistance with bills where there is a threat of eviction or termination of supply.

Our immediate needs in the pantry are Canned Carrots, Long Life Milk, and Breakfast Cereal.

It will greatly help if any or all of these items could be placed in the Vinnies' collection basket.

*Rebuild My Church*

**Lenten Evening Prayer 2021**

Archbishop O'Regan invites members of the Catholic faithful to focus on the local parish community as we journey through Lent to the high point of the Church's year at Easter. We are offered a model of weekly Evening Prayer that will, for 2021, replace the Lenten Stational Masses of previous years. The Lenten Prayer has been entitled 'Rebuild My Church'. Parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Adelaide are asked to pray the Evening Prayer on the same day of the week and at the same time, that is on Wednesday evening at 7.00pm. Across the Archdiocese there will be a wave of prayer leading us to a new moment from COVID 19 towards the Plenary Council that will be held later in the year.

In our parish, the weekly **Rebuild My Church** Evening Prayer will be held on Wednesday evenings at Holy Trinity at 6.30pm immediately prior to the 7pm Mass. The commencement date will be 24<sup>th</sup> February to keep us in step with the Archdiocese. Booklets for the sessions have been provided by the Archdiocese. We are seeking a volunteer to lead the prayer sessions.

Should there be a desire to have the Lenten Evening Prayer also held weekly at St John XXIII, we would need a parishioner to volunteer to lead the prayer. If you would like to volunteer to lead a group at St John XXIII, please contact the office to arrange collection of the resources.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Religious Education for school aged children will recommence Monday 15th of February at 4pm in the Holy Trinity Hall

If you have children who would like to join the program please contact Tash Souter at the Parish Office.

**LITURGY ASSISTANTS**

**New Liturgy Assistants Sought**

What a wonderful privilege we have of being able to come together to celebrate The Eucharist. As a parish, we are in need of more people to offer their services to the ministries and roles required to be undertaken for safe and reverent celebrations.

If you or any member of your family is able to commit to a ministry/role that matches your pattern of celebrating Mass on the Sabbath, **please** make contact with Therese Meyers on 0421 533 761 or [theresemeyers@gmail.com](mailto:theresemeyers@gmail.com)

Possible assistance is as welcomer, sacristan, commentator of a prepared text, projectionist of prepared PowerPoint, proclaimer of the Word [reader] [texts can be sent to you for preparation] and/or musician.

Induction for any role is available.

**Liturgy Assistants Roster April to June 2021**

The liturgy assistants roster for April to June 2021 will be drawn up soon. If you have any information that affects the roster or you are aware that you are not available for any reason for any ministry for which you have volunteered, could you please pass that information either to the parish office or directly to Therese Meyers 0421 533 761 [theresemeyers@gmail.com](mailto:theresemeyers@gmail.com) by Tuesday 23 February 2021

This roster will be accompanied by the latest list of phone numbers of liturgy assistants so that you can arrange a substitute for any ministry or role that you cannot do for an unforeseen reason.

Once the roster is released, all rostered people are to arrange their own replacements.

**Maintaining our School – Parish Connections**

Do you have a passion for the value of Catholic Education?  
Or, have you had children or grandchildren involved in Catholic Education?

Over the past several years, Michael Flavel, as our parish representative on the Gleeson College School Board has provided an important link between the parish and the college (our regional Catholic secondary school). Michael has retired from this position and so we are looking for a volunteer who would be prepared to attend Gleeson School Board Meetings to further develop our close connection with the school and to be a conduit for the flow of information between the parish and the school.

The Gleeson College Board meets next on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Should you like further information about what would be required of you please contact the parish office and we can put you in touch with Sue Knight, Acting Deputy Principal at Gleeson.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!**

## PRAYER MEETINGS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

<b>Mon</b>	<b>15th Feb</b>	Religious Education for Children	4pm	<b>Holy Trinity</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>15th Feb</b>	Bowls Group	1pm - 3.30pm	<b>St John XXIII</b>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>16th Feb</b>	Legion of Mary	12.30pm	<b>Holy Trinity</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>17th Feb</b>	Holy Trinity Seniors	1pm	<b>Holy Trinity</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>19th Feb</b>	Craft Group	9.30am - 12noon	<b>St John XXIII</b>



### DEVELOPMENT FUND 2021

Congratulations to our winner  
No 93, Collette Truman  
Drawn by Moira Bone

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

### REACH OUT

“Thank you” to all who attended the Reach Out meeting on 9/02/2021.

It was agreed for Reach Out to meet on the 1st Tuesday of each Month (starting on Tuesday 2nd March)

for “Coffee and Chat” at the Salvation Army Oasis Café after the 9.15 am Mass at St. John XX11.

This is a good way of continuing Reach Out in a Covid19 Safe environment for everyone. Anyone wishing to join us will be most welcome.

Maureen Kenny (President- Phone 83967682)

### Schools Ministry Group

For many years now, Grace Healey has represented our parish on the Schools Ministry Group, which is an ecumenical group working with the schools’ Pastoral Care workers serving the needs of students in state primary schools in our region.

Grace has mentioned how surprised she was by the numbers of students who had never heard of Jesus. Through this ministry, especially helping with the Christmas and Easter programs in the schools she has been able to spread the Gospel message amongst the students and the staff caring for them.

Due to a change in her schedule and the many calls upon her time, Grace is no longer able to continue with this ministry. If we are unable to replace her it will mean that the Catholic Church in our region is no longer represented on this ecumenical group.

We are seeking a volunteer to take on this role. Involvement would mean attending a meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 9.30am. Grace would be happy to attend a first meeting with you and introduce you to the Pastor of the Uniting Church, Mostyn Krollig.

If you are interested in taking up this ministry please contact the office and we will put you in touch with Grace.



### THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The February 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)

### Office Staff

Comments are sometimes, very innocently, made suggesting that perhaps this or that job in the parish could be done by ‘the office’. So the PPC thought it timely that we let parishioners know just who is in the parish office and what their roles are.

Our staff members include:

**Tash Souter – Pastoral Associate** – who works on Tuesday and Wednesday. Tash’s work is Pastoral and requires her to focus her energy on preparing families for Baptisms and working with the Sacramental and Religious Education Program teams. We also anticipate that Tash will spend some of her time visiting the sick and housebound.

**Pauline Lai – Finance Officer** – who works on Thursday and Friday. The Finance Role is such that we need Pauline to focus all of her time on that task. She will however be required to answer the phone on Friday’s if there is not a volunteer available.

**Sindi Kinloch – Parish Assistant** – who works Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Sindi’s work includes: Maintaining parish records; preparation of the weekly Bulletin; preparation of the PowerPoints for weekend Masses; Workplace Health and Safety; answering the phone; ordering and distributing supplies; and a myriad of other essential tasks.

We also have a volunteer who assists with Finance matters on Wednesday mornings and another who assists with telephone calls and minor office tasks on Thursdays. Should you have general office skills, including familiarity with MS Office programs, you might like to volunteer your time and skills to assist in the parish office on a Tuesday or a Friday.

We hope that this increases your understanding of the roles undertaken by our parish staff members and the limited time they have available and hence why it isn’t always possible for ‘the office’ to do this or that task but rather why it is important for each of us to ask ourselves the question: What can I do to serve my parish and in doing so, to serve my God?

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FEBRUARY BABIES

15th Feb	Karrie-Anne Taylor
16th Feb	Marianne Weaver
17th Feb	Joanne Cruz, Paul Holmes
18th Feb	Catherine Agar

