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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

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21st February 2021
1st Sunday of Lent, 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 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.

The Season of Lent

The primary purpose of Lent is to prepare us for the celebration of Jesus' death and Resurrection. The Church tries to achieve this goal by leading her children to true "repentance," by reordering their priorities, and the changing their values, ideals, and ambitions through fasting, prayer, almsgiving, and self-control. Lent, then, is a period of self-examination, prompting us to repent of our sins, and so to bring about a real conversion. It is a time to turn to God and to His teaching, and to do good for others. Lent also challenges us to reform our lives by turning away from self, from evil, and from sin, so as to turn towards God and toward others with renewed Faith and fervour. Lenten observances are also intended to lead us to our annual solemn renewal of Baptismal vows on Holy Saturday. Through Baptism, we are called to live justly, to love God with all our being, to love our neighbour as ourselves, and to build the kingdom of God by our acts of charity.

In the Gospel, we are told that Jesus faced and defeated the tempter by His forty days of prayer and penance in the desert immediately following His baptism. All the synoptic Gospels agree that Jesus experienced a period of temptation. Hebrews 4:15 also testifies to Jesus' temptation episode. While Matthew and Luke give graphic descriptions of Jesus' temptations in the desert during his forty days of fasting and prayer following his baptism in the River Jordan, Mark just reports that the Spirit led Jesus to the desert and he was tempted by Satan. The desert was the place where, in Moses' time, ancient Israel was tested for 40 years. The 40 days of Jesus' fasting may also recall the 40-day fasts undertaken by Moses (Dt 9:18) and Elijah (1 Kgs 19:8). Mark does not mention that Christ fasted for the forty days and nights but the "desert" seems to imply this. Nor does Mark specify the various "temptations," as Matthew and Luke do. The temptations described by Matthew and Luke and hinted at by Mark refer probably to the main temptation Jesus faced during his public life, namely, the temptation to become a political messiah to avoid suffering and death. The temptations Jesus faced, and defeated, help us to understand the conflicts that

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were in Jesus' own life, and which will be found in ours, too. Instead of yielding to the temptations, Jesus said a firm "Yes" to his Father's plan, even when it came to giving up his life.

"Repent and believe in the Good News of God's Kingdom." Mark here gives us the first public words of Jesus, his Messianic mission's basic keynote speech, which has four specific messages: "The time is fulfilled. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent. Believe in the Gospel." This message summarizes the purpose of Jesus' ministry. In this statement Jesus is not asking his audience to do or not to do something to shape their future in Heaven. He is concerned with the here and now. Repentance is a change of mind and heart, a lifelong process of transformation. The Good News Jesus announced is that God is already working here among us, so close to us that we can reach out and touch Him in the person of Jesus. But we will be able to experience Jesus as Son of God only if we undergo a complete change in our value system and priorities by means of true repentance. Jesus announces, "the time has come," meaning that the long-expected "Kingdom of God" is present because He is already there. "The Kingdom of God" announced by Jesus and brought to earth by him is not a place, still less Heaven, but the loving Power and Personal rule of God, to which we are all invited to submit ourselves. This Kingdom/Kingship has arrived in the Person of Jesus, our King and Lord. The presence of this loving power of a merciful and forgiving God is evident in the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus. The presence of God's Kingdom in Jesus is revealed also by the liberation of people from the destructive forces in their lives, by the bringing back of the rejected and the outcast, by the forgiveness and reconciliation given to repentant sinners and finally by the supreme act of self-giving love of Jesus' passion, death and Resurrection. "Believing in the Gospel" means a total commitment to the way of life presented in the Gospel and a sharing, and living out, of its vision of life.

Let us make Lent a time of renewal of life by penance and prayer. Lent should be a time for personal reflection on where we stand as Christians in accepting the Gospel challenges in thought, word and deed. It is also a time to assess our relationships with our family, friends, working colleagues, and other people with whom we come in contact, especially those of our parish. We should examine whether we are able to make any positive contribution to other people's lives and to eradicate the abuses which are part of our society. We shall put in our efforts to convert this season of Lent into a time for spiritual growth and Christian maturity by participating in the Mass each day, or at least a few days in the week, by setting aside some part of our day for personal prayer, reading some Scripture, setting aside some money that we might spend on ourselves and giving it to an organization which takes care of the less fortunate in our society, receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation and participating in the "Stations of the Cross" on Friday, visiting the sick and those in nursing homes, and doing some acts of charity, kindness and mercy every day in this Lent.

Janakumbudramalakal

Readings for next Sunday, 28th February 2021

1st Reading	Gen	22:1 - 2, 9 - 13,15 - 18
2nd Reading	Rom	8:31-34
Gospel	Mk	9:2 - 10

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

22nd Feb	The Chair of St Peter the Apostle
23rd Feb	St Polycarp

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, Jayden Lee, 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, Kay Kennedy, Marie Boulton, Gary Lockyer, Yvonne Summers, Rita Robinson, Sr. Marleen Dewar OLSH



STATIONS of the CROSS

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



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Our next workshop in the Sacramental Program will be on Saturday 27th of February 4pm at St John XXIII.

Please pray for the children and their families as they continue their preparation to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

HQ: 1300 729 202 from 9.00am — 1.00pm



**St Vincent de Paul
Modbury Conference**

A few weeks in, our visit rate is dropping back to normal; the assistance went to 8 adults and 10 children through 5 calls, with some also requesting assistance with clothing, and outstanding bills.

Twenty percent of the calls this year have been from “newcomers”.

Our immediate needs in the pantry are

Margarine, Breakfast Cereal,
Tea Bags and Pasta Sauce.

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

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 urgent 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

Your assistance could be 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
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.

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.

From the 24th February, 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
&
St John XXIII at 7pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education for school aged children
Mondays 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.

**PROJECT COMPASSION
BE MORE**



Jamila, 22, is a Rohingya woman living in the world's largest refugee camp in Bangladesh. She was forced to flee the armed conflict in Myanmar to save herself, her elderly mother and her eight month old baby.

With the support of Caritas Australia, through Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila was able to access emergency food and shelter. She also received counselling, emotional support, and learnt sewing skills to help her earn an income.

Jamila now feels less alone, with a sense of community around her. She is able to 'Be More' to her little family. "Thank you, and thanks Caritas Australia," Jamila says.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help mothers like Jamila be more for her family and her community.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

PRAYER MEETINGS

Mon	22nd Feb	Religious Education for Children	4pm	Holy Trinity
Tue	23rd Feb	Legion of Mary	12.30pm	Holy Trinity
Wed	24th Feb	Lenten Evening Prayer	6.30pm	Holy Trinity
Wed	24th Feb	Lenten Evening Prayer	7pm	St John XXIII
Fri	26th Feb	Stations of the Cross	7pm	Holy Trinity
Sat	27th Feb	Sacramental Program	4pm	St John XXIII

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Mon	22nd Feb	Bowls Group	1pm - 3.30pm	St John XXIII
Mon	22nd Feb	Parish Finance Council	7.30pm	St John XXIII
Wed	24th Feb	Holy Trinity Seniors	1pm	Holy Trinity
Fri	26th Feb	Craft Group	9.30am - 12noon	St John XXIII



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2021

Congratulations to our winner
No 86, Corrie Bowman
Drawn by Phyllis Truman
For Collette Truman

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

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 3rd 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FEBRUARY BABIES

26th Feb	Gary Lockyer, Odette Dotter, Helen Podgorski
27th Feb	Sean Freeman
28th Feb	Letitia Geesing



Cuppa After Mass

Next weekend we will have
a Cuppa after all Masses.

Please join us and take the opportunity to meet
our new Pastoral Associate, Tash Souter.

Due to COVID restrictions we are unable
to accept donations of food.



**TORRENS VALLEY
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

Admissions Officer Permanent, part-time (0.6 fte) Commencing Term One, 2021

Due to an increase in demand for enrolments at Torrens Valley Christian School, we are seeking to appoint an Admissions Officer to provide administrative support to the Director of Admissions.

The successful applicant will be a committed Christian who is actively involved in a Christian church.

Please check our website for the Position Description and required Application Form. Applications are to include a Statement of Christian Commitment.

Applications are due by Monday, 22 February to Mrs Julie Dow, Director of Admissions.

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"In Christ – Wisdom and Knowledge"

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