



# 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,  
GOLDEN GROVE 5125

## PARISH CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER

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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 Transfiguration Event

The gospel for the Second Sunday of Lent highlights Jesus' identity as God's beloved Son (revealed at his baptism and Transfiguration) and confronts us with the mystery of his death on the cross. Hence, the main purpose of today's gospel is to give us an invitation as well as a challenge, to put our Faith in the loving promises of a merciful God Who sent His Son to die for us and to transform our lives by renewing them during Lent. Our transformed lives will enable us to radiate the glory and grace of the transfigured Lord around us by our Spirit-filled lives. In the transfiguration story in today's Gospel, Jesus is revealed as a glorious figure, superior to Moses (Ex 19-20; 34) and Elijah (1 Kings 19:4-18) who experienced theophanies. He is identified by the Heavenly Voice as the Son of God. Thus, the transfiguration narrative is a Christophany, that is, a manifestation or revelation of Who Jesus really is.

The primary purpose of Jesus' Transfiguration was to allow him to consult his Heavenly Father and ascertain His plan for His Son's suffering, death and Resurrection. The transfiguration was a theophany that authorized Jesus to make his way to Jerusalem to meet his destiny, the cross, and his vindication. God's secondary aim was to make Jesus' chosen disciples aware of Jesus' Divine glory so that they might discard their worldly ambitions and dreams of a conquering political Messiah and might be strengthened in their time of trial. The Transfiguration also established Jesus' glorious identity as the beloved Son of God and placed his Divine Sonship in the context of Jewish expectations about the kingdom and the resurrection of the dead.

While praying, Jesus was transformed into a shining figure, full of Heavenly glory. This reminds us of Moses and Elijah who also experienced the Lord in all His glory. Moses had met the Lord in the burning bush at Mount Horeb (Exodus 3:1-4). After his encounter with God, Moses' face shone so brightly that the people were

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frightened, and Moses had to wear a veil over his face (Exodus 34:29-35). Elijah travelled for forty days to Mt. Horeb on the strength of the food brought by an angel (1 Kings 19:8). At Mt. Horeb, Elijah covered his face with his cloak and stood as the Lord came and spoke directly to him (1 Kings 19:9-18). Finally, Elijah was taken directly to Heaven in a chariot of fire without seeing death (2 Kings 2:11 -15). These representatives of the Law and the Prophets; Moses and Elijah, foreshadowed Jesus, who is the culmination of the Law and the Prophets. Both earlier prophets were initially rejected by the people but vindicated by God. The Jews believed that the Lord had buried Moses in an unknown place after his death (Dt 34: 5-6), and that Elijah had been carried to heaven in a whirlwind (II Kings 2:11). Thus, the implication is that, although God spared Elijah from the normal process of death and Moses from normal burial, He did not spare His Son suffering and death.

God often made appearances in a cloud (Ex 24:15-17; 13:21 -22; 34:5; 40:34; 1 Kings 8:10-11). We are told how God revealed His presence in the Temple of Jerusalem on the day the Ark of the Covenant was placed under the cherubim, and the Temple dedicated: "When the priests left the Holy place, the Cloud filled the entire Temple, so that the priests could no longer minister because of the Cloud, since the Lord's Glory had filled the Temple of the Lord" (1 Kgs 8:10-11). The Jews generally believed that the phenomenon of the cloud would be repeated when the Messiah arrived. "This is My Beloved Son; listen to him," are similar to the words used by God at Jesus' baptism: "You are My beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (Mk 1:11). At the moment of Jesus' death, a Roman centurion would declare, "Truly, this man was the Son of God" (Mk. 15:39). These words summarize the meaning of the Transfiguration, that on this mountain, God revealed Jesus as His Son, His beloved, the One in whom He is always well pleased and the One to whom we must listen.

There are three transformations in our lives in our journey towards eternity. The first change begins at Baptism, which washes away original sin, transforming us into children of God and heirs of Heaven. The second transformation takes place through our victory over the trials and tribulations of life. Every challenge, every difficulty, every moment of suffering, is an opportunity for transformation and spiritual growth. The third transformation takes place at death, our passing into eternal life. In moments of doubt and during our dark moments of despair, we need "mountain-top experiences" of Peter, James and John. When we spend extra time in prayer and through the observance of other sacrifices during this Lent, we can have that experience with God. Let us offer our Lenten sacrifices to our Lord so that, through these practices of Lent and through the acceptance of our daily crosses, we may grow closer to him in his suffering, may share in the carrying of his cross and may finally share the glory of his final "transfiguration," his Resurrection.

*Lambert Kumbudramalaka*

### Readings for next Sunday, 7th March 2021

1st Reading	Ex	20:1 - 17
2nd Reading	1Cor	1:22-25
Gospel	Jn	2:13 - 25

### Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

4th Mar St Casimir

### 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**

### St Joseph's Devotion



Due to the Lenten Evening Prayer 2021, 'Rebuild My Church' every Wednesday during Lent, Devotion to St Joseph will start on 19th of March, 'Feast Day of St Joseph' and then on the first Wednesdays of each month until November.

### 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.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.**



### St Vincent de Paul Modbury Conference

Back to just one call for assistance in the last week; a single man on a disability support pension who struggles to cover his financial needs with high rental, power, and medication costs.

No movement yet on the furniture collection and delivery issue - State Council has a report to consider re resumption and/or changes.

Our immediate needs in the pantry are  
Tinned Meat, Tinned Fruit,  
Pasta Sauce and Jam (small).

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

### Cuppa After Mass

This 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.



World Day of Prayer  
**AUSTRALIA**

### World Day of Prayer 2021

The Christian Churches in the Northern and North Eastern Regions are holding World Day of Prayer 2021 services at

**St Luke's Anglican Church  
25 Smart Road Modbury  
at 1.30 pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March.**

The speaker will be the Rev Dr Joan Riley and will focus on Prayer for Vanuatu. Afternoon tea will be available after the service and members from all the churches in the North East area are invited to attend. Details are on the flyer on the notice boards at St John XXIII and Holy Trinity.

**St Pius X Catholic Church  
Avoca Street, Dernancourt  
at 7.30pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

The prayer has been prepared by the Christian women from Vanuatu. The theme is "Build on a Strong Foundation". Our guest speaker is Mrs. Geraldine Hawkes. Parishioners from our neighbouring parishes are most welcome. For more information call Annette Stone on M: 0424 272 495.

## 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.

**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**



Margret, 39, is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands. She was born deaf, so she knows the challenges it poses to education and employment.

The school faced water shortages that often left staff and students without safe water for drinking, cooking, washing and growing vegetables.

Then Tropical Cyclone Harold damaged the school and its vegetable garden as the threat of COVID-19 loomed. With Caritas Australia's support, the school installed water tanks, provided cyclone-proof building materials, and helped to implement COVID-19 prevention measures.

Margret's school now has enough water for its students and the capacity to cater for more, and is now planning to boost food security through increased agricultural production.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help people living with disabilities in the Solomon Islands gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to protect our common home.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved son, hear him.

## PRAYER MEETINGS

Mon	1st Mar	Religious Education for Children	4pm	Holy Trinity
Tue	2nd Mar	Legion of Mary	12.30pm	Holy Trinity
Wed	3rd Mar	Lenten Evening Prayer	6.30pm	Holy Trinity
Wed	3rd Mar	Lenten Evening Prayer	7pm	St John XXIII
Fri	5th Mar	Stations of the Cross	7pm	Holy Trinity
Fri	5th Mar	Two Hearts Prayer Group 8pm Rosary, 9pm and 3am Mass	8pm - 4am	Holy Trinity

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

Mon	1st Mar	Bowls Group	1pm - 3.30pm	St John XXIII
Wed	3rd Mar	Holy Trinity Seniors	1pm	Holy Trinity
Wed	3rd Mar	Liturgy Committee	7pm	Private Residence
Fri	5th Mar	Craft Group	9.30am - 12noon	St John XXIII



### DEVELOPMENT FUND 2021

Congratulations to our winner  
No 56, Les Ost  
Drawn by Anne-Michelle Howell  
For Corrie Bowman

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

### Reach Out Update

Important message for Reach Out members.

The Oasis Café contacted me to advise us that we will be unable to have our coffee catch up on

Tuesday 2nd March as arranged, due to the fact they will not have electricity for the day.

This is very regrettable. I have arranged with them to have our catch up coffee on

Tuesday 9th March after 9.15am Mass.

I know that we were all looking forward to this and to postpone it another month would be very disappointing. Please pass this message on to other Members and to anyone wishing to join us, you are all welcome.

Any queries ring Maureen Kenny 8396 7682.

### CHUCKLE CORNER

#### I CAN'T HEAR YOU

An elderly gentleman with serious hearing problems goes to the doctor who fits him with hearing aids that allow him to hear at 100% for the first time in many years.

The elderly man goes back in a month for a checkup.

The doctor says, "Your hearing is perfect.

Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again". To which the gentleman replies, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations.

I've changed my WILL three times!"

### LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Liturgy Committee Meeting  
Wednesday 3rd March at 7pm  
Contact Therese Meyers on 0421 533 761

## TREASURE MARKET

Second Saturday of each month  
8am to 12noon

Next: 13th March 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.**

**COVID SAFE REQUIREMENTS WILL APPLY**

### Parish Bulletin

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



### 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)

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARCH BABIES

2nd Mar Kevin Moore  
3rd Mar Kerry Ford  
4th Mar Molly Holmes  
5th Mar Judith Marafioti  
6th Mar Christian Hage  
Ivan Kotek  
Wayne Collins

