



# PARA HILLS MODBURY CATHOLIC PARISH

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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

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(SECONDARY) 8282 6600  
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4th Sunday of Lent, Year B - Violet/Rose

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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 Greatest Love from the Cross**

The central theme of today's readings is that our salvation is the free gift of a merciful God, given to us through Jesus, His, Son. The readings stress God's mercy and compassion and remind us of the great love, kindness, and grace extended to us in Christ. As an act of love and gratitude to God Who is "rich in mercy," and as an expression of our Faith, we are invited to share Jesus' sufferings by doing penance during Lent so that we may inherit our eternal salvation and the glory of his Resurrection in Heaven. As we continue our Lenten observance for the fourth week, the Sacred Liturgy invites us to enter more deeply into the mystery of God's grace, mercy, and salvation. In the first reading, taken from the Second Book of Chronicles, we learn the compassion and patience of God. God chose Cyrus the Great, a pagan conqueror, to become the instrument of His mercy and salvation for His chosen people exiled in Babylon. Today's Responsorial Psalm presents the sad picture of weeping Jewish exiles in Babylon, refusing to sing the joyful songs of Judah. Through their own infidelity; they have been exiled in a pagan kingdom, and everything they have held dear has been taken from them. In the second reading, Paul tells us that God is so rich in mercy that He has granted us eternal salvation and eternal life as a free gift through Christ Jesus. Today's Gospel tells us that Jesus, the Son of God, has become the agent of God's salvation, not just for one sinful nation but for the sinfulness of the whole world. Through John 3:16, the Gospel teaches us that God has expressed His love, mercy, and compassion for us all by giving His only-begotten Son for our salvation.

Nicodemus, the wealthy Pharisee and member of the Sanhedrin, meets Jesus by night and begins a long religious discussion. But Jesus interrupts him, stating that rebirth by water and the Spirit is an essential condition for entering the Kingdom of God. Jesus explains to him that Nicodemus must believe Jesus' words because Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus further explains God's plan of salvation by referring

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to the story of Moses and the bronze serpent. He also reveals the Good News that God will show His love for mankind by subjecting His own Son to suffering and death. Nicodemus learns that, like Moses' bronze serpent, Jesus, too, must be "lifted up" must be crucified), and that the act of His being "lifted up" will similarly bring about salvation. This is the first of three references in John's Gospel to Jesus being "lifted up" (cf. 8:28, 12:32-34). Specifically, this reference foreshadows the crucifixion of Jesus who carried with him the burden of the sins of the world. When humans turn their thoughts to their crucified Saviour and believe in him, they too will find eternal life.

The Catholic doctrine teaches that salvation is "by grace through Faith unto good works" (Eph 2:8-10). We must do "good works" if we have been truly saved. In other words, if we are saved by our Faith in Jesus as our Lord and Saviour, good works will follow as our acts of thanksgiving. This favour from God is constantly being offered, and our challenge is to respond to it gratefully by leading a good life. Thus, we will receive from God eternal life, the very Life of God Himself. Then we will experience peace with God, peace with men, peace with life, and peace with ourselves.

John 3:16 is probably the best loved verse in the Bible and it has been called "everybody's text" and the "Gospel of the Gospels." "For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." This is the summary of the Gospel message of salvation through Christ Jesus. This text is the very essence of the Gospel. It tells us that God takes the initiative in our salvation because of His love for us. As St. Augustine puts it: "God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us to love." It is our God who brings us to greater belief in our daily struggles and temptations, and leads us to eternal life, thus demonstrating the depth of His love for us.

We need to love the cross, the symbol of God's forgiving and merciful love. The crucifix, the symbol of the "lifted up" Jesus, holds a central place in our Churches because it is a forceful reminder not only of God's love and mercy, but also of the price of our salvation. We place the crucifix in our homes and wear them on our body for the same reason. The crucifix invites us to respond with more than compassion; it inspires us to remove the suffering of other people's misery. It encourages us not only to feel deep sorrow for another's suffering, but also to try our best to remove that suffering. Hence, let us love the cross, wear its image and carry our own daily cross with joy. Then, we need to reciprocate God's love by loving others. God's love is unconditional, universal, forgiving, and merciful. Let us try, with His help, to make an earnest attempt to include these qualities as we share our love with others during Lent, for in them we love and serve Him.

*Janakumbudramakal*

Readings for next Sunday, 21st March 2021		
1st Reading	Jer	31:31 - 34
2nd Reading	Heb	5:7-9
Gospel	Jn	12:20 - 30

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week	
17th Mar	St Patrick
18th Mar	St Cyril of Jerusalem
19th Mar	St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**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

**Recently Deceased**

Roger Knowles



**STATIONS of the CROSS**

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

**WORKING BEE**

**St John XXIII**

Saturday 20th March 9am - 12pm

Our aim is to do a general clean up of the Mass Centre and to wash the windows in preparation for the Easter Liturgies. Morning tea will be provided.

***Many hands make light work***

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!**

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**  
HQ: 1300 729 202 from 9.00am — 1.00pm



**St Vincent de Paul  
Modbury Conference**

We had 5 families call for assistance this last week covering 7 adults and 3 children.

Margaret has taken care of the request allocations, and Sally and Sarah are running with the bakery pick-up.

Our Gift Card options, for shopping for some perishables to complement the non-perishable groceries we deliver, are still limited to Drake's.

**Our needs in the pantry are:**

Spaghetti, Tinned Fish, Toilet Paper and Soap.

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**

**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**



The Legion of Mary ACIES will be held on Wednesday 17th March in the Dernancourt Parish commencing at 6.30pm. All Legionaries and Auxiliaries are invited to attend.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**

We are looking for volunteers who are passionate about teaching our children the sacraments of our Catholic Church.

We have a number of workshops held from September through to June when the children will receive their sacraments.

Anyone who feels they could bring something positive to this very worthy cause please contact Tash at the office any Tuesday or Wednesday.



*Congratulations  
Les Ost  
celebrating his  
80th Birthday*

**EASTER TRIDUUM**

**Holy Thursday**

7.30pm at Holy Trinity  
**No 9.15am Mass at St John XXIII**

**Good Friday**

10am Stations of the Cross at Holy Trinity  
11am Stations of the Cross at St John XXIII  
3pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at BOTH Churches

**EASTER MASSES**

**Easter Vigil**

8.30pm at St John XXIII

**Easter Sunday**

8am at St John XXIII  
10am at Holy Trinity Church

**MASS BOOKINGS FOR EASTER LITURGIES**

Please be aware that we will NOT be using the permanent booking lists for services during Holy Week.

As of this week there are booking sheets for each of the liturgies during Holy Week at the back of each Church and you will be able to book for your preferred time and place. Bookings can also be made through the Parish Office.

As space is limited please book only for yourself or family members who you are certain will be attending.

**LITURGY ASSISTANTS FOR HOLY WEEK**

Easter will soon be upon us and as always we will need many helpers for the Holy Week Liturgies.

The sign-up sheet for Liturgy Assistants is at the back of the Church. You are encouraged to think about which ceremonies you will be attending and to volunteer for ministries, preparation or clean up.

To assist with the preparations please add your name to the sign up sheet before Tuesday 16th March.

**Parish Keys**

We currently have no keys available to issue for St John XXIII and are unable to have more cut due to insurance requirements.

We ask all Parishioners who have had keys issued to carefully consider if they still need them.

If you no longer need a key to access the Mass centres due to commitments as ministers or group activities we ask that you please return your keys to the Parish Office.

We also take this opportunity to remind everyone that any keys issued must not be loaned to others or used to make copies.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.**

## PRAYER MEETINGS

<b>Tue</b>	<b>16th Mar</b>	Legion of Mary	12.30pm	<b>Holy Trinity</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>17th Mar</b>	Lenten Evening Prayer	6.30pm	<b>Holy Trinity</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>17th Mar</b>	Lenten Evening Prayer	7pm	<b>St John XXIII</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>19th Mar</b>	Stations of the Cross	7pm	<b>Holy Trinity</b>

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

<b>Mon</b>	<b>15th Mar</b>	Bowls Group	1pm - 3.30pm	<b>St John XXIII</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>17th Mar</b>	Holy Trinity Seniors	1pm	<b>Holy Trinity</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>19th Mar</b>	Craft Group	9.30am - 12noon	<b>St John XXIII</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>20th Mar</b>	Working Bee	9am - 12noon	<b>St John XXIII</b>



### DEVELOPMENT FUND 2021

Congratulations to our winner  
No 74, Anna Juricin  
Drawn by Trish Taylor

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

### **St Joseph's Devotion**



In this year of St Joseph, Holy Trinity Church, Para Hills will be celebrating St Joseph's Feast Day in a special way on Friday 19th March, starting with Adoration at 8:30am followed by Holy Mass at 9:15am.

With this Mass we begin our Novena Masses in honour of St Joseph our Spiritual Father and continue every first Wednesday of the month until November.

All are welcome to place their needs under St Joseph's care.



SA Council of Churches and Churches Together SA invites your community to join in the

### **Palm Sunday Peace Walk on Sunday March 28 2021.**

The Palm Sunday March is held in the heart of the city, and has been reflecting South Australia's voice on matters of Justice and Peace for nearly 40 years.

We have named it as a **PEACE WALK**, as we recognise the sorrow, pain and continuing injustice that arises across many areas of our community. We also acknowledge the prayerful presence and active living out of values within our communities that can make a difference to our wider world.

For more information and to register visit SACC Churches Together SA website [churchestogethersa.org.au](http://churchestogethersa.org.au)

May we continue to be bringers of peace and active justice and live grace-filled lives.



Arsad, an Indonesian farmer, had no toilet, so he and his family always had to walk into the forest to an open defecation area.

His family was often sick and open defecation caused many neighbourhood disputes.

With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner, Laz Harfa, Arsad took part in hygiene, sanitation and financial management training. He then funded the building of a toilet in his house and helped other

community members to save for toilets.

Now Arsad's family is healthier. Their community no longer practices open defecation and is more harmonious. Arsad inspired his community to 'Be More.'

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help improve health and wellbeing of communities in Indonesia so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a better future for all. .**

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.



### **THE SOUTHERN CROSS**

The March 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**

16th Mar	Joe Viceban
17th Mar	Lotte Gisi
18th Mar	Paul Gallagher Les Ost
19th Mar	Anne Valentine

