



# 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  
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GOLDEN GROVE 5125

## PARISH CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER

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16th May 2021

Ascension of the Lord, Year B - White

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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

**Reconciliation (Confession) Saturday after 9.15am Mass at Holy Trinity  
and 5.30pm at St John XXIII**

Due to capacity restrictions people attending 10am Mass at Holy Trinity  
may be required to wear a mask if numbers exceed 190.

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 Feast of Ascension: A call to Christian Mission

Each Sunday we profess through the Creed, "He ascended into Heaven." Christ's Ascension was the culmination of God's Divine plan for Christ Jesus; his return to his Father with his "Mission Accomplished." Ascension is the grand finale of all Jesus' words and works done for us and for our salvation. It is a culmination, but not the conclusion.

There are many references both in the Old and New Testament of the Bible, concerning Ascension. Some of these references refer to events that occurred before the event. For example, in Psalms, David foretold the Ascension of the Lord when he spoke of the enthronement of the Lord at the right hand of the Father, Psalms (110:1). The Lord Jesus Himself had spoken to His disciples about His Ascension. For example, while they struggled to understand Jesus' suffering and death, He told them that He was "going to the Father", John (14:12). While on trial, Jesus had told the High Priest, "From now on, you will see the Son of Man, seated at the right hand of God most powerful, and coming on the clouds of heaven", Matthew (26:64). While Mary Magdalene was at the tomb weeping, Jesus referred to His coming Ascension and return to the Father, John (20:17). The apostle Peter, in his sermon at Pentecost and in his first letter to Christian communities, cited David's prediction and asserted the resurrection of Jesus Christ and His Ascension to the throne at right hand of God, Acts (2:34-36) and Peter (3:22). However, only the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles have descriptions of the event itself, Luke (24:50-53) and Acts (1:9-11). Although there is considerable overlap between these two texts, Luke, probably the author of both books, gives us an inside glimpse into how the events, as reported by

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his sources, occurred. In the Gospel, Luke recounts that Jesus had led his disciples out of the city of Jerusalem to a place near Bethany, and “he raised his hands and blessed them. As he blessed them, he parted from them and was taken up to Heaven”, Luke (24:50-51). So, as Jesus was blessing his disciples, much as a priest would bless the people, two things occurred. Jesus “parted from them” and “was taken up to Heaven.”

We can also say that the Ascension is most closely related in meaning to Christmas. At Christmas, in Jesus, the human and the Divine became united in the person and life of one human being. At the Ascension, this human being, Jesus with His risen, glorified body became a part of who God is for all eternity. The Ascension, along with the Incarnation, is here to tell us that it is a good thing, a holy and wonderful thing to be a human being. Because God did it and even more, the fullness of God now includes what it means to be a human being. So, Ascension is a great feast to be celebrated.

The Biblical accounts of the Ascension focus not so much on the details of the event as on the mission Jesus gave to his disciples. For example, in the accounts narrated in Luke and Acts, the Ascension took place in Jerusalem. In Matthew and Mark, on the other hand, the event occurred in Galilee. In Luke and Acts, the Ascension happened forty days after the Resurrection, a period during which Jesus appeared repeatedly to his followers. In Matthew and Mark there is no indication of the time period between the Resurrection and the Ascension. The Gospel writers apparently were not aiming at accuracy of historical detail but were more concerned with transmitting Our Lord’s message.

The message is loud and clear. The work of Jesus has to continue through his followers. Jesus gives this mission to all the believers: “Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.” This mission is not given to a select few but to all believers. To be a Christian is to be a proclaimer and an evangelizer. There is a difference between preaching and proclaiming. “We preach with words but we proclaim with our lives.” As we celebrate the Lord’s return to His Father in Heaven; His Ascension; we are being commissioned to go forth and proclaim the Gospel of life and love, of hope and peace, by the witness of our lives. Let us today give heed to this call to each of us and live our Christian life with a true awareness of our Christian Mission.

Let me conclude with these words that St. Augustine proclaimed on the Feast of Ascension: “Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: ‘If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth.’ For just as he remained with us even after his Ascension, so we too are already in Heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies.”



### Readings for next Sunday, 23rd May 2021

1st Reading	Acts	2:1 - 11
2nd Reading	Gal	5:16-25
Gospel	Jn	15:26 - 27; 16:12 - 15

### Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

18th May	St John I
20th May	St Bernadine of Siena
21st May	St Christopher Magallanes & Companions
22nd May	St Rita of Cascia

### 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).

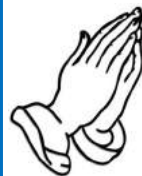
### Please Remember in your Prayers THOSE WHO ARE SICK, especially:

Mary Rose Probst, Molly Holmes, Maria Trotta, Darryl McManus, Joan Walmsley, Ursula Moore, Lil Buckley, Jason Mittiga, Pat Collins, Ruby Brokensha, Anne Van Der Arend, Margaret Pitt, Patricia Kopf, Darcy Ridley, 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, 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

Paul Holmes, John Caruana

### CHILDREN’S PRAYER



Ever loving Lord Jesus Christ, please help us to remember that you are with us always, and we need not be afraid. Please help us to go out and do your work in this world until we see you again.  
Amen

### Our Lady Help of Christians



The Legion of Mary are organising a 24 hour rosary on 24th May for the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians. A sign up notice has been placed on the notice boards at both Mass centres. If you would like to offer prayers for one hour privately please add your name to the sign up sheet.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

HQ: 1300 729 202 from 9.00am — 1.00pm  
or [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au)



**St Vincent de Paul  
Modbury Conference**

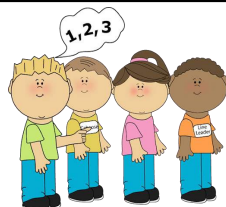
A busy week just gone with seven calls, one of which was to a new applicant – a single mother with three children.

Your assistance through donations to the Winter Appeal is much appreciated – it's been a tough year financially with social distancing provisions curtailing or cancelling fund raising activities.

As a Conference we don't operate at a "profit" and rely on grants from the State funds.

If you have the capacity to do a bit of shopping, our immediate needs are Coffee, Jam, Tinned Carrots and Peanut Butter.

Any help is greatly appreciated.



**May Mass Counts**

The Archdiocese of Adelaide conducts a Count of Attendance for All Masses and Other Sunday Assemblies held on weekends during the month of May each year. The information gathered is used by the archdiocese in its pastoral planning and financial reporting. This year it is also the 5-yearly National Count of Attendance conducted by the Pastoral Research Office of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC). This year the two counts have been incorporated together and are being coordinated by the Archbishop's office.

We are required by the Archdiocese to conduct attendance counts over four consecutive weekends in May. We have opted to begin on the weekend of 8th/9th, May and will continue each weekend until we conclude on the 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> May. The count will be taken at each of the 6pm Saturday, 8am and 10am Sunday Masses over those 4 consecutive weekends.

Parishes have this year been asked to provide information on the age and gender of those who attend Mass and Sunday assemblies as this data is no longer accessible via the source previously used. This information does not fall under privacy legislation as it will be reported as aggregate, not specific data.

To simplify the collection process, we have decided to include the collection of data onto our Mass booking sheets. Welcomers will be asking you to identify as Male or Female and to use a number from 1 – 5 to identify which of the 5 age categories you are in. Doing this means we can conduct the count without any disturbance to the Mass.

**THE POWER TO CHANGE A LIFE  
IS IN YOUR HANDS.**

DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.  
Please donate to the Vinnies Winter Appeal.



**Vinnies Winter Appeal**

Last weekend saw the launch of the Vinnies Winter Appeal across the Archdiocese, Vinnies is asking for your financial support to enable the continuation of good works in the various forms of assistance to the needy.

Donation envelopes (with a Conference stamp) are available from the back of the Church or from the Parish Office.

Your donation will be greatly appreciated and recognised with a receipt.

Be generous if you can – rest assured the money is well spent.

**Liturgy Assistants Roster July to September 2021**

The liturgy assistants roster for July to September 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 directly to Therese Meyers on 0421 533 761 or [theresemeyers@gmail.com](mailto:theresemeyers@gmail.com) by Tuesday 18 May 2021, even if you have mentioned the information to other parish personnel. I do what I can to accommodate specific requests.

Once the roster is distributed, then individual liturgy assistants need to make any necessary changes. If you have not already provided me with your email address and permission to email (BCC) the liturgy assistants' documents to you, and would like to change the arrangement to ensure receiving the electronic communication, please get in touch with me.

**New Liturgy Assistants Sought**

As a parish, we are in need of more people to offer their services to the ministries and roles required to be undertaken for the 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 me using the details above before Tuesday 18 May 2021.

Those who are about to celebrate full initiation into the Church (Confirmation & First Holy Communion) may especially consider the invitation.

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

Induction and training for new Liturgy Assistants will be provided for all roles.

Therese Meyers  
Liturgy Assistants Roster Coordinator

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel.  
I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!**



## PRAYER MEETINGS

<b>Tue</b>	<b>18th May</b>	Legion of Mary	12.30pm	<b>Holy Trinity</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>21st May</b>	Reconciliation (Sacramental Group)	7pm	<b>St John XXIII</b>

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

<b>Mon</b>	<b>17th May</b>	Bowls Group	1pm - 3.30pm	<b>St John XXIII</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>19th May</b>	Holy Trinity Seniors	1pm	<b>Holy Trinity</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>21st May</b>	Craft Group	9.30am - 12 noon	<b>St John XXIII</b>



### DEVELOPMENT FUND 2021

Congratulations to our winner  
No 16, Shirley Twedde  
Drawn by Sindi Kinloch  
for Kathryn Hudson

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

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Due to a lack of interest  
Religious Education classes,  
held on Monday afternoons,  
have unfortunately been  
suspended until further notice.

If you have children who would like  
to join the program please register  
your interest by contacting  
Tash Souter at the Parish Office.

### **Music Workshop with Gen Bryant**

**2pm - 4pm Saturday May 22  
at the Monastery Glen Osmond.**

A FREE EVENT

with renowned Catholic musician, Gen Bryant!  
This workshop is for young people who are  
passionate about music and are involved in music  
in their school, church or work.

Come along to pick up some awesome new skills!  
Register at: <https://www.trybooking.com/BQOHF>  
We hope to see you there!



### **Masks at Holy Trinity**

According to the latest SA Gov COVID Safe Plan  
provided to the parish, the maximum capacity in the  
Church at Holy Trinity is 254.

Under the current conditions for a venue with fixed  
pews we are permitted to have 75% of our capacity  
without wearing masks. That is, 190 people.

Over the last couple of weeks the attendance has  
been well below 190 and so we are permitting  
the removal of masks.

Parishioners are advised however that, should our  
numbers in attendance go over 190, we will all be  
required to wear masks once again.

Also we can expect to be required to wear masks on  
special occasions, such as the celebration of First Holy  
Communion in early June.

We will continue to use our attendance lists as they  
give us the total number of people in attendance as  
well as providing contact tracing details  
for the Health Department if needed.

Wherever possible you are encouraged to also  
use the QR code as we check in.

**As a parish we are committed to keeping everyone  
safe and to ensuring that we are permitted to  
continue operating.**

## Gleeson College

‘My Hope + Prayer for Our Community’



*“My hope and prayer for our community is to continue  
to support one another and work together. By working  
together and supporting each other, will can all learn,  
grow and achieve our goals.”*

- Sienna, Year 10 Faith + Living Class

*“I hope everyone in our community has a happy and  
successful year.” - Cooper, Year 10 Faith + Living Class*

### **Entertainment Membership**

The East Timor Committee wishes to inform  
Parishioners that the  
2021 digital Entertainment memberships can  
now be ordered on line at a cost of \$70.00.

Each Mass centre has a poster displayed  
with a QR code link or email address  
to help you with your purchase.  
Any enquiries to Marg Whennan on 8251 1577



### THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The May 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 MAY BABIES**

17th May Fr Jack Boog

