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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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15th August 2021

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 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**

**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 encouraged.**

Due to current regulations masks are required at all Masses.

**As we have seen in the last couple of weeks regulations can change
rapidly so please keep yourselves updated on the latest health advice.**

We Celebrate the Feast of the Assumption

We honour Mary, venerate her, express our love for her and never worship her.

The Feast of the Assumption is one of the most important feasts of the Blessed virgin Mary. Catholics believe in the Assumption of the Virgin Mary into Heaven. We believe that when her earthly life was finished, Mary was taken up, body and soul, into Heavenly glory, where the Lord exalted her as Queen of Heaven. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, # 966). The Assumption is the feast of Mary's total liberation from death and decay, the consequences of original sin. It is also the remembrance of the day when the Church gave official recognition to the centuries-old belief of Christians about the Assumption of their Heavenly Mother. In the Orthodox Church, the koimesis, or dormitio ("falling asleep"), of the Virgin began to be commemorated on August 15 in the 6th century. The observance gradually spread to the West, where it became known as the feast of the Assumption. By the 13th century, the belief had been accepted by most Catholic theologians, and it was a popular subject with Renaissance and Baroque painters. It was on November 1, 1950, that, through the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentimus Deus*, Pope Pius XII officially declared the Assumption as a Dogma of Catholic Faith. On this important feast day, we try to answer two questions: 1) What is meant by "Assumption"? 2) Why do we believe in Mary's Assumption into Heaven, despite the fact that there is no reference to it in the Bible? "Assumption" means that, Mary was taken into Heaven, both body and soul, as a reward for her sacrificial cooperation in the Divine plan of Salvation. "On this feast day, let us thank the Lord for the gift of the Mother, and let us pray to Mary to help us find the right path every day" (Pope Benedict XVI).

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The first trace of belief in the Virgin's Assumption can be found in the apocryphal accounts entitled *Transitus Mariae* (Latin; translated, "The Crossing Over of Mary"), whose origin dates to the second and third centuries. These are popular and sometimes romanticized depictions, which in this case, however, pick up an intuition of Faith on the part of God's People. (Pope St. John Paul II). In May 1946, with the Encyclical *Deiparae Virginis Mariae*, Pius XII called for a broad consultation, inquiring among the Bishops and, through them, among the clergy and the People of God as to the possibility and opportuneness of defining the bodily assumption of Mary as a dogma of Faith. The result was extremely positive (Pope St. John Paul II). When Pope Pius XII made the proclamation on November 1, 1950, he put into words a belief held by the faithful for over 1500 years. In AD 325, the Council of Nicaea spoke of the Assumption of Mary. Writing in AD 457, the Bishop of Jerusalem said that when Mary's tomb was opened, it was "found empty. The apostles judged her body had been taken into Heaven." Pope Pius XII based his declaration of the Assumption on both tradition and theology. The uninterrupted tradition in the Eastern Churches starting from the first century, the apocryphal first-century book, *Transitus Mariae*, and the writings of the early Fathers of the Church, such as St. Gregory and St. John Damascene, supported and promoted the popular belief in the Assumption of Mary. There is a tomb at the foot of the Mt. of Olives where ancient tradition says that Mary was laid. But there is nothing inside. There are no relics, as with the other saints. This is acceptable negative evidence of Mary's Assumption. Besides, credible apparitions of Mary, though not recorded in the New Testament, have been recorded from the 3rd century till today.

Since Mary's Assumption was a reward for her saintly life, this feast reminds us that we, too, must be pure and holy in body and soul, since our bodies will be glorified on the day of our resurrection. St. Paul tells us that our bodies are the temples of God because the Holy Spirit dwells within us. This feast also gives us the message of total liberation. Jesus tells us in John 8:34 that everyone who sins is a slave of sin, and St. Paul reminds us (Gal 5:1), that, since Christ has set us free, we should be slaves of sin no more. Thus, the Assumption encourages us to work with God to be liberated from the bondage of evil: from impure, unjust and uncharitable thoughts and habits, and from the bonds of jealousy, envy, and hatred. Finally, it is always an inspiring thought in our moments of temptation and despair to remember that we have a powerful heavenly Mother, constantly interceding for us before her Son, Jesus, in Heaven. The feast of Mary's Assumption challenges us to imitate her self-sacrificing love, her indestructible Faith and her perfect obedience. Therefore, on this feast day of our heavenly Mother, let us offer ourselves on the altar and pray for her special care and loving protection in helping us lead a purer and holier life.

Janakumbudramalakal

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

16th Aug	St Stephen of Hungary
19th Aug	St John Eudes
20th Aug	St Bernard
21st Aug	St Pius X

Readings for next Sunday, 22nd August 2021

1st Reading	Jos	24:19; 1 - 2,15 - 18
2nd Reading	Eph	5:21 - 32
Gospel	Jn	6:60 - 69

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:**

Allan Searle, Anne Valentine, Ken Randell,
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, Reta Lockyer, John MacGrath,
Ken Robinson, Mary Redmond, Graham Speed,
Marlen Piineda, David Truman, Rosa Maria Santos,
Betty Roper, Imperia De Ionno, Julie Reimann,
Gerry Canavan, Kay Kennedy, Marie Boulton,
Gary Lockyer, Yvonne Summers, Rita Robinson,
Sr. Marleen Dewar OLSH, Emelia Pudelek

Recently Deceased

Phyllis Anthony & Jim Marlow



Hail Mary full of Grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed are thou amongst women and blessed is
the fruit of thy womb Jesus.
Holy Mary Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now and
at the hour of our death
Amen.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, go up to the place of your rest, you and the ark of your holiness.



St Vincent de Paul Modbury Conference

Another quiet week for assistance calls, with only two needing assistance with food to carry their families through to their next benefit payment.

We've had the Regional meeting in Modbury this week as well as our Conference meeting.

Our immediate needs in the pantry are
Tinned Fruit, Sugar, Breakfast Cereal
and Long Life Milk

If you can, please put any or all of these in the basket.
We appreciate the assistance this provides us
in keeping the pantry stocked against
the assistance demand.



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2021

Congratulations to our winner
No 22 Alex Balayance

Drawn by Margaret Giebel

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

Liturgy Assistants Roster

The time is approaching to prepare the Liturgy Assistants Roster for October to December. If you are aware of any circumstances that will affect your ongoing involvement on the roster, please let Therese Meyers know by 17 August 2021 at

theresemeyers@gmail.com or
on 0421 533 761.

Similarly, if you would like to join the roster please let Therese know with a message or by forwarding a completed green Liturgy Assistant Volunteer sheet that is available at the back of the church.

Parish Bulletin

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AUGUST BABIES

15th Aug	Margaret Ferguson
16th Aug	Evan Weaver Marlene Fenwick
17th Aug	Alfred Cremona
19th Aug	Ursula Jones Edwin Thomas
20th Aug	John Dini Sr Cameron Horn
21st Aug	Pearl McGowan



Adelaide Diocesan Assembly

Our Parish will be represented at the 2021 Adelaide Diocesan Assembly to be held in the second half of September. Our representatives are keen to carry the voice of our Parishioners in discussions they will engage in at the Assembly. Individual consultation cards were made available at all masses for the last few weeks and we thank those that have submitted these. Understanding that not all our community may have had the opportunity to complete a card, and to offer the opportunity for more sharing, at all masses next week, the homily will take the form of an interaction around themes that are likely to be the centre of discussion at the Assembly; such as:

- Leadership & Clergy Care
- Being open to renewal & reform
- Serving the community & our missionary responsibility
- Inclusivity & Participation in the Church
- Meaningful & prayer-filled Eucharistic celebrations

We encourage each of you to reflect on these themes with prayer and be ready to share your thoughts at mass next weekend.



The Legion of Mary will lead a special Rosary for the Feast of the Assumption after Mass on Sunday 15th August.

Please join us to implore Her help to cope with this terrible pandemic we are going through.

Significant Wedding Anniversary Celebrations

Due to COVID restrictions the Archbishop has decided that the normal Archdiocesan celebration of significant Wedding Anniversaries which recognizes couples in their life-long commitment should be held in local parishes.

The date for this celebration in the diocese is Sunday 19th September, 2021.

Couples who are celebrating an anniversary of 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55 and 60 or more years during this year are invited to contact the parish office so that you can be included in the blessing for marriages to be included in the Mass on that day.

Your details will be forwarded to the Archbishop's Office and a certificate will be prepared for presentation to you marking your anniversary.

If you would like your anniversary to be included in this celebration please contact the office with your details before Thursday 26th August 2021.

PRAYER MEETINGS

Tue 17th Aug Legion of Mary 12.30pm Holy Trinity

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Mon 16th Aug Bowls Group 1pm - 3.30pm St John XXIII
Fri 20th Aug Craft Group 9.30am - 12.30am St John XXIII

The Parishioner of Inspiration Awards

Do you know a faith filled person in our parish who gives of himself or herself in outstanding service to our parish and/or our community?

We are asking you to submit nominations for the award to the Parish Pastoral Council by the end of September.

Nomination forms are available at the back of the church or from the Parish Office

National Day of Prayer for Pandemic

Parishes and other Catholic communities are being encouraged to participate in a **National Day of Prayer in this time of pandemic on Sunday, August 22.**

It is an initiative of a broad range of Christian communities, including the National Council of Churches Australia.

The theme is "Lord have mercy" and it calls people to be especially united in prayer, both individually and, where possible, in our liturgies.

Find out more at:

<http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au/LordHaveMercy/>

Diocesan Assembly

The Archdiocese of Adelaide will be holding a Diocesan Assembly this September. The Diocesan Assembly is a meeting of representatives from parishes, schools, communities and groups to discuss the life of our local church, discern a new vision for the diocese and prepare for the upcoming Plenary Council. Individuals and groups are invited to respond to the pre-assembly consultation question, "What do you think are the most important things to discuss at the Diocesan Assembly?"

Consultation process closes on Monday 16th August 2021

If you haven't already posted your response please do so by using the postcard provided or by going online to the diocesan assembly website.

For more information on the Diocesan Assembly, and to share your response to the consultation question, visit www.adelaidediocesanassembly.org or contact Sarah Moffatt in the Diocesan Office on P: 8210 8100.

Safeguarding our Children and Young People

Did you know that the United Nations Convention has established 42 rights for children and young people and we as adults have a responsibility to protect these rights?

These rights are known as articles, this is article number 27;

All children have the right to food, clothing, a safe place to live and to have their basic needs met. Children should not be disadvantaged in a way that means they can't do many of the things other children do.

Though we live in a developed country, there are still children who do not enjoy these rights.

Children are disadvantaged and live in poverty for various reasons. Many children do not have the food, shelter or clothing they need for survival. Our Catholic charities and agencies, both here and overseas, strive to help children and families to ensure that they receive what they need to be healthy and participate fully in society. As God gives so abundantly to us his love and forgiveness, let us give, through prayer, time or money, whatever we can to help children in need.

To find out more about child protection initiatives contact the Child Protection Unit on Ph. 8210 8159

PARISH RECORDS

As a Parish we need to regularly update our records of parishioners, as over the years there has been a number of changes as to how people communicate.

If you have changed your mobile phone number, landline or email address, could you please let the Parish Office know at your earliest convenience.

We would appreciate you providing us with the best phone number and email address to contact you on.

If you are a new parishioner to our Parish you can obtain a census card from the church foyer or the Parish Office.



THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The August 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