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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

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22nd August 2021
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B - Green

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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.

**Please keep yourselves updated on the latest health advice
as regulations can change rapidly.**

Choices for God, Our Conscious Act of Faith

The main theme of today's readings is that our life is a series of daily choices for God or against God, as we choose to live out or reject the truths He has revealed through His prophets in the Old Testament and especially through His Son Jesus in the New Testament. The readings remind us that the fundamental choice we make determines how we live our lives. Joshua, in our first reading, and Paul, in the second reading, make similar challenges to the people to make their choice. Today we, too, are challenged to decide whom we will serve as our God. In the first reading, Joshua challenges the Israelites to decide whom they will serve as their God: the gods of their fathers, the gods of the Amorites in whose country they were then dwelling or the God of Israelites Who has done so much for them. The Renewal of Covenant ceremony in Joshua 24 reminds us that the Eucharist is a Covenant meal that calls for a decision of Faith. Paul, in the second reading, emphasizes the unity that must exist in the Body of Christ and the intimate relationship between Jesus and His followers. Paul also challenges the Ephesian Christians to build Christian marriages on mutual respect and love, saying that the Christian husband and wife should stand together in love before God, respecting each other's rights and dignity. Paul also uses the husband-wife relationship as an analogy to explain the close relationship between Christ and the Church. That is why he urges his faithful community in Ephesus, "Live in love, as Christ loved us." He wants them to make the right choice in life. Concluding his long Eucharistic discourse in today's Gospel, Jesus challenges the Jewish audience to make their choice of accepting the New Covenant Jesus offers in His Body and Blood or of joining those who have lost their Faith and left Jesus, expressing their confusion and doubts about His claims.

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"This teaching is difficult. Who can accept it?" It was Jesus' disciples who made this complaint. They were offended by Jesus' language; the imagery and the metaphors Jesus used in the Eucharistic discourse, which was the Master's dramatic way of saying that we must accept totally, without any conditions or reservations everything Jesus tells us. Jesus' thoughts and attitudes, values, and life-view must become totally ours. Above all we are to identify with Jesus in the offering of His Flesh and the pouring out of His Blood on the cross, the symbol of God's unutterable love for us. Though people started to complain, without giving any further explanation, Jesus simply challenges them to open themselves to the gift of Faith that God is offering them and said: "No one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Peter's response, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life," reflects the Faith-filled, free, whole-hearted decision of the apostles and the early Christian community to follow Jesus in complete, accepting obedience and trust.

The complaints of the disciples, link them to the Israelites who followed Moses into the wilderness. Those early Israelites were unhappy because their journey was hard. Faithful discipleship is seldom easy. Why is the Gospel offensive and scandalous? It is because our ways are not God's ways. It is offensive because it is costly. When Christ calls us to "eat My Flesh and drink My Blood," this is an invitation to us to participate in Jesus' death that we may rise with Him. The Christians who first heard this Gospel experienced persecution. They knew martyred Christians, and they knew Christians who had avoided martyrdom by compromising their Faith. Faith is not simply a set of ideas to be held on to. It is a living relationship with a person, Jesus, and Jesus' vision of life. It is a relationship that needs to grow and be deepened with the years. It is a relationship that has constantly to be re-appraised in a constantly changing world. We must hear in our own heart and soul Peter's words to Jesus which have resounded through the centuries: "To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

The same option or possibility of choosing for or against Jesus is repeated over and over again in the modern age. We should resolve to take a stand for Jesus and accept the consequences. We recognize, in our going to Communion, the accepting of that challenge to be totally one with Jesus. We receive the Holy Communion, responding to the words, "The Body of Christ," with "Amen." That "Amen," that "Yes," is not just an act of faith in the Real Presence; it is a total commitment of ourselves to Jesus in the community of which we are members. Therefore, we must accept him totally, without any conditions or reservations. Christ's thoughts and attitudes, values, and life-view must become totally ours, and must govern and shape our lives.

Janakumbudramalakal

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

23rd Aug	St Rose of Lima
24th Aug	St Bartholomew, Apostle
25th Aug	St Louis, St Joseph Calasanz
27th Aug	St Monica
28th Aug	St Augustine

Readings for next Sunday, 29th August 2021

1st Reading	Dt	4:1 - 2, 6 - 8
2nd Reading	Jas	1:17 - 18, 21 - 22, 27
Gospel	Mk	7:1 - 8, 14 - 15, 21 - 23

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



CHILDREN'S PRAYER

God of all,
when we are finding things hard,
give us strength to carry on.
As we grow and learn,
may our belief in you also grow.
We ask this through Christ Jesus,
your Son, our Lord, Amen

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

HQ: 1300 729 202 from 9.00am — 1.00pm
or www.vinnies.org.au



**St Vincent de Paul
Modbury Conference**

Back to “normal” providing food and clothing in home visits in response to seven calls for assistance. Two were to 60 year old homeless men – one with a car to live in, the other doing it very rough. Neither of these had received assistance from us before.

Our immediate needs in the pantry are
Breakfast Cereal, Tinned Peas/Beans,
Peanut Butter and Jam

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 72 Carolyn Ost
Drawn by Alex Balayance

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

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

Giving App

Download the Adelaide Archdiocese’s **Find a Mass App** on your mobile phone and set up direct giving to the first and second collections, as well as special appeals.
Or go to www.goodgiving.com.au to set up direct giving from your computer.
The App also features daily readings, events, news from *The Southern Cross* and podcasts.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
AUGUST BABIES**

25th Aug Michael MacGrath
Neil Johnston
Monika Giebel
Lorraine Thalbourne
26th Aug Mitchell Horn
27th Aug Elaine Gallagher
Heather Cardinali



**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.



**DIVINE MERCY AT
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**

The next Divine Mercy Devotion will be on Sunday, 29th August at 3pm at Holy Trinity Church, 171 Kesters Rd, Para Hills.



**Adelaide
Diocesan Assembly**

Our Parish representatives are keen to carry the voice of our Parishioners in discussions they will engage in at the Diocesan Assembly. We thank those who have submitted individual consultation cards. Understanding that not all our community may have had the opportunity to complete a card, and to offer the opportunity for more sharing, this weekend, 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 get involved and share your thoughts during this time.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

PRAYER MEETINGS

Tue	24th Aug	Legion of Mary	12.30pm	Holy Trinity
Sun	29th Aug	Divine Mercy	3pm	Holy Trinity

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Mon	23rd Aug	Bowls Group	1pm - 3.30pm	St John XXIII
Fri	27th Aug	Craft Group	9.30am - 12.30am	St John XXIII

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/>

Child Safe Environment Volunteer Briefing

The Archdiocesan Child Protection Unit offers briefings which all volunteers in the parish are required to undergo every three years.

The purpose of the briefings is to enable our parish to be a community that provides a safe environment for all. It also allows us to meet our legal obligation as volunteers to be educated in keeping children safe. If you are a volunteer in any aspect of parish life and have not yet undertaken such a briefing, or if your last briefing was more than three years ago, you are required to participate in a briefing to be eligible to continue as a volunteer.

The next briefing in our area will be held on

Wednesday 22 September, 10.30am to 12.00pm
St Martin's Church Hall
113-117 Hampstead Road, Greenacres
Hosted by Greenacres-Walkerville Parish

Interested persons are asked to register by contacting the Child Protection Unit on 8210 8159 or email childprotection@adelaide.catholic.org.au

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Virtual Weekend

*Love one another as I have loved you
(John 15:12).*

A weekend of discovery ... a lifetime of love
Worldwide Marriage Encounter invites couples, priests, and religious for a virtual marriage encounter weekend to enrich and revitalise your sacrament of service.

It allows you to grow in your relationship with your spouse or your community.

Details are as follows:

WHAT: Virtual weekend via Zoom

WHEN: September 10-12, 2021

TIME: Commencing at 7pm on Friday September 10 concluding 4pm Sunday September 12

Gleeson College

'My Hope + Prayer for Our Community'



"My hope for our community is to be happy, healthy and environmentally-friendly."

- Ella, Gleeson Year 10 Faith + Living Class

"My hope is to be more accepting and welcoming of other people in our community, and to be nice to others." - Claudia, Gleeson Year 10 Faith + Living Class

Diocesan Youth Assembly

Due to current restrictions, the Diocesan Youth Assembly has been postponed until November 21, 2021 (World Youth Day). More information regarding the Youth Assembly will follow in the coming weeks.



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

Chuckle Corner



Two factory workers are talking.

The woman says,

"I can make the boss give me the day off."

The man replies, "And how would you do that?"

The woman says, "Just wait and see."

She then hangs upside-down from the ceiling.

The boss comes in and says, "What are you doing?"

The woman replies, "I'm a light bulb."

The boss then says,

"You've been working so much that you've gone crazy. I think you need to take the day off."

The man starts to follow her and the boss says, "Where are you going?"

The man says,

"I'm going home, too. I can't work in the dark."