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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

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GOLDEN GROVE 5125

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12th September 2021

24th 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.**

The Christian Identity

In the gospel today (Mark 8:27-35) Jesus does a kind of identity survey with his disciples by asking them two interrelated questions: "Who do people say I am?" and "Who do you say I am?" Firstly, an attentive reading will show that the answer is in the question. This is one of the places we encounter the phrase "I am". When Moses inquired to know the name of God in case the people should ask him who sent him, God told him: "Tell them that I am sent you" (Ex 3:14). During the argument with the Jews Jesus told them among other things that "Before Abraham I am" (John 8:58). There are other "I am" statements: "I am the way, the truth and the life." "I am the light of the world", "I am the gate to the Sheepfold" (In all these you can replace "I am" with "God is"). In any case, Jesus' questions bore the answer because he is "I am" (God is). So, the question actually should read: "Who do people say God is?"

Answering the question about the people's speculations about the identity of Jesus, the disciples reported that some say he is John, others Elijah, other people still say one of the prophets. It is good to note that though the people did not get the real identity of Jesus Christ, they connected him with men of God of proven integrity and power. They did not relate him to any person of questionable character and history. On the part of the disciples' identity analysis of Jesus Christ, Peter identified him as the Christ which in Hebrew is rendered as Messiah. In the account of Matthew (16:13-20), Peter got a prize for the answer which according to our Lord was revealed through the power of the Holy Spirit. However, we still recall that Andrew had already introduced Peter to Jesus as the Christ or Messiah in John (1:41). But for him to remember and profess it at the

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due moment was an act of the Holy Spirit. After Peter's profession, Jesus went on to tell them the fate of the Messiah which included suffering, rejection and death, not excluding resurrection after three days. Instantly Peter took Jesus aside and began to forbid him from talking that way, but Jesus rebuked Peter by saying: "Get behind me Satan your thoughts are man's not God's!"

This gospel passage invites all Christians to live by their identity. Firstly, Christ is the Messiah which also means the anointed one, who is identifiable as the one who is coming to save his people. This is explained very well in most of the Messianic prophecies in the Old Testament which are also confirmed in the New Testament. However, he was going to be an unusual messiah. If we take a look at the first reading, we discover that the prophet was describing the identity of the Messiah which includes suffering followed by divine vindication. These were elements that formed the identity of the Messiah. Hence when Jesus was telling them about his fate, he was more or less telling them that he is going to live out his identity.

Peter, on the other hand, was telling him not to do so. Peter can be viewed as telling Jesus you are the Christ, the Messiah, but don't carry out your mission. Peter could not stay on the profession he made as he started to advise the Messiah not to live by his identity. It is a wonder that the Peter who confirmed Jesus as the Christ (Messiah) a few minutes before could turn around and ask him not to complete his Messianic mandate. Jesus was right to say "get behind me Satan" because it is only the devil that can make such a devastating suggestion.

Sometimes our lives also reflect the stance of Peter. We profess Christianity but we are not ready to activate the Christian life in practice. This is where the letter of James today draws relevance. "Faith without good works is dead". In the same way "Christianity without Christian life" is useless just as "faith without faithfulness is worthless". To be a Christian is not just a name, it is a call into a life pattern; the life pattern of Christ. It is the life pattern of love and service to God and humanity. Do not allow any day to pass without living by your identity as a Christian. We are all Christians by identity but how many of us are ready to respond to the life of charity, fellow-feeling, forgiveness and trust in God which was characteristic of the life of Christ? Today we are challenged to live by our identity just as Jesus lived his identity as the Christ (Messiah) till the end. The way and manner we live our Christian faith will determine how people perceive it; it will indicate how people take what Christianity is. Once again let me recall the old saying: "Your Christian life is the only bible that some ever get to read".

Janakumbidramaleka

Readings for next Sunday, 19th September 2021

1st Reading	Wis	2:12, 17 - 20
2nd Reading	Jas	3:16 - 4:3
Gospel	Mk	9:30 - 37

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

13th Sep	St John Chrysostom
14th Sep	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
15th Sep	Our Lady of Sorrows
16th Sep	Sts Cornelius & Cyprian
17th Sep	St Robert Bellarmine

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:**

Bruce Tilley, 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

Fr John Neill OP OAM



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Will be celebrated at Holy Trinity Church on Wednesday 15th September, beginning with Adoration at 6:30pm and Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Mary, followed by Holy Mass at 7pm

"Holy Mother, pierce me through, in my heart each wound renew, of my Saviour crucified"

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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



**St Vincent de Paul
Modbury Conference**

A busier time this week with three home visits to assist with requests for food, and clothing. One call was to a young woman with two dependents coming out of domestic violence crisis care with very little to start with.

With rent at \$400 per week, and on a CentreLink income, budget pressure is very high.

There are still some receipts to pick up from the box attached to the Vinnies Notice Board at St John XXIII.

**Our immediate needs in the pantry are
Breakfast Cereal, Tea Bags,
Tinned Meat Products 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.



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2021

Congratulations to our winner
No 75, Margaret Giebel
Drawn by Ursula Moore

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

**Catholic Charities – 2021 Appeal
(September is Catholic Charities Month)**



*Making a difference to the lives of
South Australians since 1941.*

Please support the Catholic Charities 2021 Appeal. Pick up a brochure from the back of the church or make a donation online at www.adelaide.catholic.org.au or via Catholic Charities Appeal, Reply Paid 912, Adelaide SA 5001.

Catholic Charities is featured on the Archdiocese's Find a Mass app. You are able to make a donation through the 'Giving' page on the app using a debit or credit card.

For more information visit Catholic Charities pages on <http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/charity-and-giving/catholic-charities/about-catholic-charities-> Donations of more than \$2 are tax deductible.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

**The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council
is on Tuesday, the 14th September at
St John XXIII at 7pm.**



The Parish of Para Hills Modbury and the Diocese of Adelaide are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday



**Prayer for Safeguarding Sunday
(formerly Child Protection Sunday)**

Gracious God,
you love and care for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable. We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk

who have been sexually abused, and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed.

Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken. Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard.

We pray that, with the help of your grace, communities and families will find understanding and support, so that now and in the future their wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace.

Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience

to seek out assistance when required.

We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Amen

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

PRAYER MEETINGS

Tue	14th Sep	Legion of Mary	12.30pm	Holy Trinity
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OTHER ACTIVITIES

Mon	13th Sep	Bowls Group	1pm - 3.30pm	St John XXIII
Tue	14th Sep	Parish Pastoral Council	7pm	St John XXIII
Fri	17th Sep	Craft Group	9.30am - 12.30am	St John XXIII

**Multicultural Mass
Celebrating 107th World Day of
Migrants and Refugees**

**Sunday 26th September at 2.30pm
in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Adelaide**

Each year, the Church in Australia comes together on the last Sunday of September to pray especially for Migrants and Refugees in Australia and around the world.

This year in our Archdiocese we celebrate this special event with a Multicultural Mass. The Mass will be livestreamed as there is reduced capacity in the Cathedral.
Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there will be no refreshments after Mass.
All are welcome!

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

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

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.

Gleeson College

'My Hope + Prayer for Our Community'



"I hope our community continues to flourish together. I hope that our community continues to stay strong during tough times and works together to be in harmony."

- Charlotte, Gleeson Year 10 Faith + Living Class

"My hope for our community is love and safety for all."

- Conway, Gleeson Year 10 Faith + Living Class

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
SEPTEMBER BABIES**

12th Sep	Felipa Cruz
13th Sep	Marcus Jackson
14th Sep	Sean Norris
	Nelia Javier
16th Sep	Margaret Penny
17th Sep	Michael McLoughlin
18th Sep	Danielle Ellis



Liturgy Assistants Roster

The Liturgy Assistants Roster for October to December has been prepared and sent out via email.

If you require a printed copy you will find them at the back of the Church.

Please remember that if you are unable to fulfil your ministry you will need to arrange your own replacement.



THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The September 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