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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

171 KESTERS ROAD,
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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
40-60 SURREY FARM DRIVE,
GOLDEN GROVE 5125

PARISH CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER

THERESE MEYERS: 0421 533 761

ANGELA ZAKARIAS:
0401 205 636

24th October 2021

30th 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 covering both the mouth and nose
are required to be worn at all Masses.**

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

"Your Faith has Saved You"

Today's Gospel explains how Jesus showed the mercy and compassion of God by healing Bartimaeus, a blind man. On hearing that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by, Bartimaeus loudly expressed his trusting Faith in the healing power of Jesus by shouting, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me." As Jesus invited him to come near, Bartimaeus threw aside his cloak and came to him. His meeting with Jesus gave Bartimaeus the gift of spiritual as well as physical sight, and he became a disciple of Jesus. Today's Gospel describes Jesus' final journey to Jerusalem through Jericho, an ancient city fifteen miles away from Jerusalem. Jericho was the first city conquered by the Israelites when they entered Palestine. It was a city of great wealth and remarkable beauty, supporting many date palm plantations and fig trees. Great numbers of merchants and Jewish priests made their homes in this pleasant city. The Mosaic Law required every Jewish male over the age of twelve and living within fifteen miles of Jerusalem to attend the Passover. Those who, for one reason or another, were exempt from this obligation would often line the roads to Jerusalem to greet the crowds of pilgrims as they passed toward the city. The Jewish rabbis on pilgrimage often taught religious lessons to the pilgrims on their journey. Beggars also capitalized on the increased traffic through the city to beg for money. One such beggar was the blind man known as Bartimaeus.

It is not by coincidence that this Gospel of blind Bartimaeus follows immediately upon last Sunday's text about James and John's ambitious request for positions of primacy in Jesus' coming Kingdom. It is probable that Mark intends that the two stories be seen in contrast: James and John, although possessing physical

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sight, evidently do not “see” Jesus for who He is, do not understand Him and His message properly yet, and are still too filled with pride and a desire for power. Bartimaeus, on the other hand, although physically blind, evidently “sees” Jesus much better than some of His own disciples; he recognizes Jesus as the promised Davidic Messiah, but, instead of asking for power and glory, seeks only the healing and mercy that many Jews believed the Messiah to be bringing. (Rev. Dr. Watson, Jerusalem).

When the people told Bartimaeus the news of Jesus’ passage through the city, he screamed out for Jesus’ attention as one abandoned by both God and man, who could scarcely dare to dream of something better. He began to shout his remarkable prayer of Faith: “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me.” Jesus heard one voice crying out through the noise of the crowd. Who would have expected a Messianic greeting from a blind beggar? In spite of the crowd’s objections, Jesus stopped and, recognizing Bartimaeus’ Faith, called the blind man over. In the Law of Moses, the blind are among those who are to be accorded protection in the name of God. Leviticus admonishes the Israelites not to “curse the deaf or put a stumbling block in front of the blind.” In Deuteronomy, those who lead the blind astray along the road are placed under the same curse as those who withhold justice from the alien, the orphan or the widowed. Psalm 146 proclaims that God gives sight to the blind, lifts up those who are bowed down and loves the righteous.

At Jesus’ summons, Bartimaeus threw aside his long cloak, his only possession, which protected him from heat and cold. In throwing away his cloak, he gave up everything he had depended on, putting his complete trust in God. Discarding his cloak represented a radical break with his previous life (symbolized by his cloak), in the same way that Peter, James and John left their fishing boats and nets behind them when “called” by Jesus? The energy and the passion with which Bartimaeus responded to Jesus’ summons should characterize all those who seek to respond to Jesus’ call. Jesus rewarded his Faith by restoring both his physical and his spiritual sight. Having received physical and spiritual sight, Bartimaeus followed Jesus joyfully along the road. The gift of sight led Bartimaeus to Faith, and Faith came to full expression in committed discipleship. Bartimaeus is presented to contemporary believers as a guide in the Christian way because he was a man of Faith and vision, a man unafraid to recognize his need for healing and to cry out, “I want to see!” The man from Jericho invites us also to follow him up the road. Let us remember the old Persian proverb, “A blind man who sees is better than a seeing man who is blind.” Let us today, pray that we will be blessed with a clear vision of Christian values and priorities in our lives and to acknowledge the presence of God dwelling in ourselves and in our neighbours. Let us live by our Christian courage and convictions so that we will be people who, like Bartimaeus, will refuse to be silenced by all that is too secular and not Christian in our society.



Readings for next Sunday, 31st October 2021

1st Reading	Deut	6:2 - 6
2nd Reading	Heb	7:23 - 28
Gospel	Mk	12:28 - 34

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

28th Oct Sts Simon & Jude Apostles

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:

Henry Ozga, 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

Georgina Torcutti



DIVINE MERCY AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

The next Divine Mercy Devotion will be on Sunday, 31st October at 3pm at Holy Trinity Church, 171 Kesters Rd, Para Hills.

Blessed Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections

Blessed is a 92-page pocket-size book containing short spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (28 November 2021) through to the Baptism of the Lord (9 January 2022).

We will be placing an order for the Blessed Advent & Christmas Daily Reflection Book this year.

Books will be \$5 each and will be available to collect from the Parish office mid-late November.

If you would like to purchase a copy please contact the Parish office before

Wednesday 3rd November 2021
to place your order.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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



**St Vincent de Paul
Modbury Conference**

Two calls for assistance this week calls, covering 4 adults and including one homeless man.

The compilation of the Christmas Hamper List will commence in November, with requests being taken by the Call Desk – 1300 729 902 – Not the Parish Office. In this period we also take hamper requests from those we are visiting for normal assistance.

Last year we were only asked for 20 hampers. We will close the list at 30 this year.

November 13/14th is the weekend of the Vinnies Christmas Appeal across the Archdiocese - Stamped (so the money goes into the local conference account) envelopes will be available for donations toward the Christmas Appeal, and tax receipts will be provided if wanted. Please give a hand – our fundraising has been extremely limited this year.

Returned envelopes can be put on the second Collection basket, handed to a Vinnies member, or dropped off at the Parish Office.

Our pantry needs at the moment are Sugar, Tinned Fruit and Tinned Fish. Thank you for your help.

**St Vincent De Paul
Modbury Conference Fundraising
Peoples Choice Community Lottery**

Money is being raised for St Vincent De Paul by using Peoples Choice Community Lottery.

Instructions on how to enter the lottery online are available on the notice board at St John XXIII

Prizes are on the notice board and include 2 cars, computer package, entertainment package, TV's etc.

If you are aware of work places, schools etc that may be interested in supporting us through the lottery,

please either pass on their details for us to make contact or preferably (if you are connected to the organisation) you can place the advertising material at an appropriate place for others to see and join in.

All funds raised go to St Vincent De Paul Modbury Conference to assist the poor with basic needs.

Please contact John Proctor with any queries
jkatproc@gmail.com
clearly marking the email with
"Peoples Choice Community Lottery"

Planned Giving Envelopes

Thank you very much for your continuous support of the parish through the Planned Giving Program. The next round of envelopes have been prepared and can be found at the back of the Church. Please collect the bundle with your name on it as this will help the parish save on postage costs.

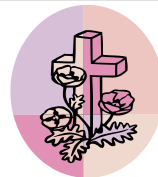
If you do not receive envelopes but give to our Parish via electronic methods there is also an envelope for you with your receipt and a letter from Fr Manu.

If you have received envelopes and wish to change to giving electronically by the following methods,

- Direct Debit,
- Credit Card,
- Direct Credit (where you set up your own regular giving via EFT),
- Online Giving through the Archdiocese Website or the
- Archdiocese of Adelaide App

Please contact Pauline at the Parish Office on 8264 7590 on any Thursday or Friday or leave a message and she will contact you.

If you are not already supporting the Parish through the Planned Giving Program but would like to join please contact Pauline.



**November - The Month
of Remembrance**

November is the month when we as the church remember those of our family, friends and parishioners who have died.

We especially remember those who have gone to their heavenly reward this past year.

If you wish to have a Mass said for your deceased relatives and friends during the month of November, please fill in the envelopes in your planned giving pack and place in the second collection plate at Mass or drop off to the Parish Office.

If you do not have a pack of envelopes there are extra envelopes in both foyers to use for November Masses.

**Catholic Mission – 2021 Appeal
(October is World Mission Month)**

Thank you so much for your generous support of Church-run mission programs like the Mother and Babies Home in Thailand through last week's Catholic Mission Appeal. Your gift helps to continue the work of Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters as they support Vulnerable mothers and their babies, as well as many other mission programs around the world.

To learn more about the impact of your support, visit: catholicmission.org.au/our-work, where you can also sign-up for our regular newsletter.

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SHARED ZONE



SAFETY FIRST

Please remember the carparks are shared zones and for safety the speed limit is 10kph (walking pace).

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

PRAYER MEETINGS

Tue	26th Oct	Legion of Mary	12.30pm	Holy Trinity
Sun	31st Oct	Divine Mercy	3pm	Holy Trinity

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Mon	25th Oct	Bowls Group	1pm - 3.30pm	St John XXIII
Fri	29th Oct	Craft Group	9.30am - 12.30pm	St John XXIII



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2021

Congratulations to our winner
No 25, Alex Balayance
Drawn by Ursula Moore

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

Diocesan Pastoral Council

The Archdiocese of Adelaide is establishing a new Diocesan Pastoral Council whose work will include furthering the discernment and implementation of recommendations from the Diocesan Assembly and the decrees of the Plenary Council.

We are seeking a diverse, skilled membership who can demonstrate leadership and commitment to the Gospel.

Expressions of interest for membership to the Diocesan Pastoral Council need to include a brief written description of why you feel called to be a member of the council and what experience, gifts and skills you can offer.

Two referees, one of which is their parish priest, must also be included.

Expressions of interest may be addressed to Archbishop Patrick O'Regan c/o Sarah Moffatt (email: smoffatt@adelaide.catholic.org.au; Mail: 39 Wakefield St, Adelaide, SA 5000).

Deadline: November 1, 2021.

RAFFLE

The East Timor Committee will be selling tickets for a raffle over the weekends of

23/24 & 30/31 October

at both Mass centres.

There will be several prizes for our final fundraiser for the year and tickets will be **\$1.00 each.**

Thanking you in advance for your continued support.

ET Committee

Reach Out News

Just a few Notes for the diary...

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 2nd 2021

A reminder to all Reach Out Members and Friends to meet for 'Coffee and Get together' at the Salvation Army OASIS CAFE after the 9.15am Mass at St John XXIII.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 30th 2021

Advance Notice ...

All Welcome to join Reach Out Members and Friends for CHRISTMAS LUNCH

at the Salvation Army OASIS CAFE at 11.30am

Cost \$27.00 for 2 Course meal and treats

NB ...As Covid 19 Restrictions will limit seating, PLEASE BOOK ASAP or before 22nd November with Maureen Kenny Mobile 0418 821 859

Looking forward to seeing you all there...

MAUREEN KENNY

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
OCTOBER BABIES**

25th Oct	James Irwin
27th Oct	Marg Dolman
29th Oct	Stephen Irwin
	Leo North
	Therese Meyers
30th Oct	Kylie Tye
	Sheila Clark



Our Parish is a Child Safe Organisation

We are a Child Safe Organisation which is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children and young people. We believe that all God's children and young people have the right to be healthy and safe, and to have their voice heard, respected and valued; A Safe Environment for All.

To find out more about our child safe policies and procedures please contact the Parish Office or the Archdiocesan Child Protection Unit on 8210 8159.

“Let Us Know...”

To all our parishioners who are currently unable to attend Mass, but still wish to receive the Eucharist please 'let us know' if you would like someone to bring the Eucharist (and some company) to you!

Please contact Tash at the Parish office on 8264 7590

Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9.00am to 2.00pm



THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The October 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