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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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31st October 2021

31st 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.**

Praying for the Dead: All Souls' Day

On November 2nd we celebrate All Souls' Day and remember all our departed brothers and sisters and pray for them. This is a day especially set apart that we may remember and pray for our dear ones who have gone to their eternal reward, and who are currently in a state of ongoing purification. From time immemorial, people of all religions have believed in the immortality of the soul, and have prayed for the dead. The Jews, for example, believed that there was a place of temporary bondage from which the souls of the dead would receive their final release. The Jewish Talmud states that prayers for the dead will help to bring greater rewards and blessings to them. Since Jesus in no way contradicted this ancient belief, the efficacy of prayers for those who have died was incorporated by the infant Church into its teachings and practice. Evidence suggests that the belief dates back to the first century of the Church. "Remember us who have gone before you, in your prayers," is a petition often found inscribed on the walls of the Roman catacombs (Lumen Gentium 50). In addition, Mass liturgies dating from these early centuries of the Church include "Prayers for the Dead." Some of the earliest Christian writings outside the New Testament, like the Acts of Paul and Thecla and the Martyrdom of Perpetua and Felicity (both written during the second century), refer to the Christian practice of praying for the dead. Praying for the deceased members of the family as part of their family night prayers was also an ancient practice of oriental Christians. The early Fathers of the Church encouraged this practice which they believed had been inherited from the Apostles. Tertullian (A.D. 160-240) wrote about the anniversary Masses for the dead, advising widows to pray for their husbands. St. Augustine remarked that he

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used to pray for his deceased mother, remembering her request: "When I die, bury me anywhere you like, but remember to pray for me at the altar" (St. Augustine of Hippo, Confessions, Book 11, Chapter 13 Sections 35-37).

The Catholic Church teaches that not everyone who dies in God's grace is immediately ready for the Beatific Vision, that is, the direct experience of God and His perfect nature in heaven. So, they must be purified of "lesser faults," and the temporal punishment due to sin in a place or state of purification. The Catholic teaching on Purgatory essentially requires belief in two realities: 1) that there will be a purification of believers prior to entering Heaven and 2) that the prayers and Masses of the faithful in some way benefit those in the state of purification. The synods of Florence and Trent encouraged the offering of prayers for the dead, citing Scriptural evidence to prove that there is a place or state of purification for those who die with venial sins on their souls. According to Rv 21:27, "Nothing unclean shall enter Heaven" (cfr. also Is 35:8 and Wis 7: 25). This teaching is also contained in the doctrine of the Communion of Saints. The Catholic Church understands the Communion of Saints as a relationship of love joining the faithful, living and departed. The Saints, both in Heaven and in Purgatory, pray for us, and we pray both to the Saints in heaven for their intercession, and for those in Purgatory, that they may swiftly enter the Beatific Vision. Thus, death is no barrier to prayerful communion with the dead. We lovingly remember them and thank God for their eternal reward.

There is also a biblical basis for offering prayer for the dead. 2Mc 12:46 is the main Biblical text incorporating the Jewish belief in the necessity of prayer and sacrifice for the dead. The passage (2Mc 12:39-46), describes how Judas, the military commander, discovered that those of his men who had died in a particular battle had been wearing forbidden pagan amulets. His men at once "begged that the sin committed might be fully blotted out" (2Mc 12:42). Judas then "took up a collection from all his men, totalling about four pounds of silver and sent it to Jerusalem to provide for a sin offering" (2Mc 12:43). St. Paul seems to have shared this traditional Jewish belief. At the death of his supporter Onesiphorus, he prayed: "May the Lord grant him mercy on that Day" (2Tm 1:18). In Sir 7:33 we read "Withhold not your kindness from the dead". The Jewish rabbis used to interpret this passage as imploring God to cleanse the souls of the deceased.

Let us raise this prayer to God: "God of infinite mercy, we entrust to Your immense goodness all those who have left this world for eternity, where You wait for all humanity, redeemed by the precious blood of Christ Your Son, who died as a ransom for our sins. Look not, O Lord, on our poverty, our suffering, our human weakness, when we appear before You to be judged for joy or for condemnation. Look upon us with mercy, born of the tenderness of Your heart, and help us to walk in the ways of complete purification. Let none of your children be lost in the eternal fire, where there

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can be no repentance. We entrust to You, O Lord, the souls of our beloved dead, of those who have died without the comfort of the Sacraments, or who have not had an opportunity to repent, even at the end of their lives. May none of them be afraid to meet You, after their earthly pilgrimage, but may they always hope to be welcomed in the embrace of Your infinite mercy. (Taken from Pope Francis' Angelus message on Nov. 2, 2014).

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Readings for next Sunday, 7th November 2021

1st Reading	Kgs1	17:10 - 16
2nd Reading	Heb	9:24 - 28
Gospel	Mk	12:38 - 44

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

1st Nov	All Saints
2nd Nov	All Souls Day
3rd Nov	St Martin de Porres
4th Nov	St Charles Borromeo

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

Fr Vimalraj Antonyadimai, 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I love you, Lord, my strength.

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 five calls this last week,
with coverage of seven adults and ten children.

When the Giving Tree goes up after our next meeting
on November 11th, we'll stop requesting pantry
supplies through the basket.

Your generous giving through the year has greatly
reduced the amount of shopping that we've had to do
to keep the pantry stocked.

If you can manage extra support,
our immediate needs in the pantry are

Tinned Meat, Breakfast Cereal, and Coffee.

**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
ikatproc@gmail.com

**clearly marking the email with
"Peoples Choice Community Lottery"**

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.

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING

**The next Liturgy Committee Meeting
Wednesday 3rd November at 7pm
Contact Therese Meyers on 0421 533 761**

**November 1st & 2nd
All Saints and All Souls' Day**

Holy Mass will be celebrated on All Saints Day
Monday the 1st of
November at 9.15 am at
St John XXIII and at 7pm at Holy Trinity .

Holy Mass will be celebrated on All Souls Day
Tuesday the 2nd of November
at 9.15 am at St John XXIII
and at 7pm at Holy Trinity .

Annual Memorial Mass of Remembrance

In this year that has been particularly challenging for
celebrating important family occasions, we invite all
those who have experienced a death in their family or
amongst friends to join us for this Mass.

We are celebrating this Mass on
Friday 26 November 2021
at St John XXIII from 7:00 p.m.

If you are coming to celebrate with the parish
community, please email Therese Meyers on
theresemeyers@gmail.com or the parish office
and let us know who you are particularly honouring.

We are looking for people to volunteer for various roles
and ministries for this Mass.

Please contact Therese via email or add your name to
the volunteer sheet at the back of the Mass centres.

Liturgy Committee



FIRST SATURDAY MASS

6th November 2021 9.15am
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Holy Rosary for PEACE in the world.

Commencing at 8.45am
with Acts of Consecration,

to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and
the Immaculate Heart of Mary
with the Sacrament of Penance.

Please bring a SINGLE flower
for Our Holy Mother

*"In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph"
(Our Lady of Fatima 1917)*

**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.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!**

PRAYER MEETINGS

Tue	2nd Nov	Legion of Mary	12.30pm	Holy Trinity
Fri	5th Nov	Two Hearts Prayer Group	8pm - 4am	
		8pm Rosary, 9pm and 3am Mass		Holy Trinity

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Mon	1st Nov	Bowls Group	1pm - 3.30pm	St John XXIII
Wed	3rd Nov	Liturgy Committee	7pm	Private Residence
Fri	5th Nov	Craft Group	9.30am - 12.30pm	St John XXIII



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2021

Congratulations to our winner
No 13, Ursula White
Drawn by Alex Balayance

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

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

RAFFLE

The East Timor Committee will be selling tickets for a raffle this weekend 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



St Joseph's Devotion

Wednesday 3rd November at Holy Trinity Church
Praying for Restoration of Family Life, Sanctification of Priesthood and Protection of the Unborn.

Prayers to St Joseph and Rosary start at 6.30pm, followed by Mass at 7pm finishing with Adoration and Benediction.

"I put all my desires, cares and wishes for you in the Sacred Heart. I know it protects and guards you." (St Mary of the Cross MacKillop)

Altar Servers

The number of altar servers has gone down from 18 to 5 now, since Covid has arrived. We would like to encourage any children who have now made their Sacraments and would like to be involved to contact

Phyllis Truman on 0438 873 270,
or Anne Craig on 0452 216 382

Training would be on a Saturday morning at 10am, after the 9.15am Mass.



2022 Columban Calendars

The 2022 Columban Calendars are available for purchase from the Parish Office at a cost of \$10 each.

TREASURE MARKET

**Second Saturday of each month
8am to 12noon**

**Next: 13th November 2021
St John XXIII Centre
Sellers \$10—Buyers free!**

**PLEASE SEND SMALLER GOODS OUR WAY,
THEY CAN BE LEFT ON THE SHELVES IN THE
MARKET WALKWAY**

**OR IN THE BOX AT THE BACK OF ST JOHN XXIII
CHURCH, ALSO IN A BOX IN THE CRY ROOM
AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.**

**All monies raised from the Market
are donated to the Parish.**

**WE CAN NO LONGER ACCEPT LARGE ITEMS
SUCH AS TVs, MATTRESSES, SOFAS,
LOUNGE CHAIRS & WARDROBES
AS WE ARE NOT ABLE TO SELL THEM.**

COVID SAFE REQUIREMENTS WILL APPLY

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
NOVEMBER BABIES**

- 2nd Nov Kate McLoughlin, Monica Augustyn
- 4th Nov Lynlee & Susan Thalbourne
- 5th Nov Linda Molloghan, Brendan Truman
- Carmen Fenech, Michael Callery
- 6th Nov Patrick Lum