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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
40-60 SURREY FARM DRIVE,
GOLDEN GROVE 5125

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7th November 2021

32nd 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.**

Giving isn't about Quantity, it's about Quality

Today's readings invite us to live out a total commitment to God's service with a humble and generous heart, free from pride and prejudice. The first reading and the Gospel today present poor widows who sacrificially gave their whole lives and means of livelihood to God. In the reading from the First Book of Kings, a poor widow who has barely enough food for herself and her son welcomes the prophet Elijah as a man of God, shares her food with him and receives her reward in the form of a continuing daily supply of food. In the Gospel, Jesus contrasts the external signs of honour sought by the scribes with the humble, sacrificial offering of a poor widow and declares that she has found true honour in God's eyes. The poor widows in both the first reading and the Gospel gave away all that they possessed for the glory of God.

Beginning from chapter 11 of Mark's Gospel, Jesus confronts the Temple authorities and challenges the abuses in the "organized religion" of his time. One by one he engages in debate with the Sadducees, the Pharisees, the scribes, and the Herodians. Jesus' overarching condemnation of the religious-political-economic establishment is summed up when he accuses the leaders of having transformed the Temple into a den of robbers (Mark 11:17). Today's Gospel text demonstrates why all those who held traditional positions of religious power found Jesus' presence and preaching so disturbing. Jesus' denunciation of the scribes forms the conclusion of the series of Jerusalem conflict stories. These stories show the widening gulf between Jesus and the Temple authorities that will result in the Sanhedrin's decision to get rid of Jesus.

The scribes of Jesus' day were experts in the Law of Moses, scholars to whom

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people turned for a proper understanding of God's will as revealed in Scripture. But in today's Gospel, Jesus publicly criticizes their behaviour as a ceaseless grasping for honour. The scribe's seat of honour in the synagogue placed him up front with the Torah, facing the congregation. Scribes were seated on a platform facing the people, resting their backs against the same wall that held the box which contained the Torah scrolls.

It is within this context that Jesus and his disciples sat and watched the comings and goings of those offering their gifts of support. They observed many wealthy worshipers placing significant sums into the temple treasury. But it was not until Jesus observed the tiny offering of two leptons (equivalent to a couple of pennies), made by a poor widow, that he was moved to comment on the proceedings. It was not the woman's poverty that made her gift significant for Jesus. For him, it was the fact that this widow, alone among all the contributors lined up to give their offerings, gave her all. The very rich put in much, and the moderately well-off put in a decent amount. But all those who had gone before this widow had limited their giving by holding back a major portion of their money for their own use. This widow stood alone as the one who had turned over, as an offering to God for His use, everything she had, two leptons. Those two, almost worthless coins represented her last shred of security, her fragile earthly thread of hope for the future. With her deep desire to be an obedient servant of God, the widow gave all she had as an offering; even her future, for the sake of God. Jesus appreciates the generosity of the widow and the trust she had in God's providence.

Let us learn to appreciate the widows and widowers of our parish community. They are often active participants in all the liturgical celebrations, offering prayers for their families and for their parish family. Frequently, they are active in the parish organizations, as well as in visiting and serving the sick and the shut-ins. Hence, let us appreciate them, support them, encourage them and pray for them.

We also need to accept Christ's criteria of judging people. We often judge people by what they possess. We give weight to their position in society, to their educational qualifications, or to their celebrity status. But Jesus measures us in a totally different way; on the basis of our inner motives and intentions hidden behind our actions. He evaluates us on the basis of the sacrifices we make for others and on the degree of our surrender to God's holy will. The offering God wants from us is not our material possessions, but our hearts and lives. What is hardest to give is ourselves in love and concern, because that gift costs us more than reaching for our purses.

We need to pour out our "whole life." Can we, like the poor widow, find the courage to share the wealth and talents we hold? Can we stop dribbling out our stores of love and selflessness and sacrifice and compassion and dare to pour out our whole heart, our whole being, our "whole life" into the love-starved coffers of this world?

Janakumbudramalakal

Readings for next Sunday, 14h November 2021

1st Reading	Dan	12:1 - 13
2nd Reading	Heb	10:11 - 14, 18
Gospel	Mk	13:24 - 32

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

9th Nov	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
10th Nov	St Leo the Great
11th Nov	St Martin of Tours
12th Nov	St Josaphat

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

Can you help?



A parishioner who has been regularly attending 6pm Mass at St John XXIII has recently stopped driving and is seeking a lift to Mass. She lives at St Agnes. If you are able to offer her a lift to either 6pm or 8am Mass at St John XXIII please contact the parish office.



We welcome to our community, those families who are preparing for their children's baptism during November.



Please show your support by making them feel welcome and remembering them in your prayers.

We also welcome with joy, **Lorenzo Giuseppe Piscioneri** who was baptised in October.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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



**St Vincent de Paul
Modbury Conference**

Three calls this week, including one to a Modbury Hospital patient that the hospital care provider is looking to home – probably in Woodville, so we didn't provide a food parcel, but provided Gift Cards (Drakes and Vinnies) to help in setting up a residence.

The Vinnies SA Annual Report is available for anyone to have a look at – some enlightening numbers and an indication of the breadth of activities.

Our impending pantry shortages are **Vegemite, Peanut Butter and Coffee.**
Thank you for your ongoing support.

**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"



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

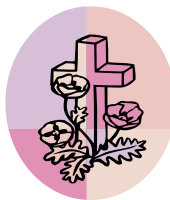
Our next workshop for the 2021/2022 Sacramental Program will be held on Saturday 13th of November 4pm at St John XXIII.

(Please arrive by 3.45pm for a 4pm start)

Please pray for the children and their families as they continue their preparation to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

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.

During November Fr Manu will pray and offer up intentions for the beloved deceased family and friends of:

Margaret Dolman, Araceli Manuel, Nik Toma, Tone Cuni, Ferdo & Patricia Radman, Barbara Mereszka, Joan Pfeiffer, Urbina Dayon, Cresela Smith, Mr & Mrs Tanilon, Joanne Chow, A Craig, Maureen Frost, Anne Hughes, M A Pascale, Weronika Zebol, Emilia Pudelek, Susan Barnett, Margaret Penny

"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be freed from their sins." 11 Machabees 12:46

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 collection plate at Mass or drop off to the Parish Office.

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

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](mailto: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

Advanced Notice

Volunteers Weekend

This year we will be celebrating Volunteers Weekend on 4th/5th December with a cuppa after all Masses.

We will also be announcing the first recipients of the Volunteer Of The Year Awards.

Please add this date to your diaries and join us as we celebrate all the wonderful work our volunteers do.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

PRAYER MEETINGS

Tue	9th Nov	Legion of Mary	12.30pm	Holy Trinity
Sat	13th Nov	Sacramental Program	4pm	St John XXIII
Sun	14th Nov	Legion of Mary (Curia)	2pm - 4pm	Holy Trinity

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Mon	8th Nov	Bowls Group	1pm - 3.30pm	St John XXIII
Tue	9th Nov	Parish Pastoral Council	7pm	St John XXIII
Thur	11th Nov	St Vincent de Paul	4pm	St John XXIII
Fri	12th Nov	Craft Group	9.30am - 12.30pm	St John XXIII
Sat	13th Nov	Treasure Market	8am - 12noon	St John XXIII



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2021

Congratulations to our winner
No 76, Olive McGovern
Drawn by Ursula Wythe

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

Reach Out News

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

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.



THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The November 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

EAST TIMOR RAFFLE RESULTS

The East Timor committee wishes to thank everyone
who generously purchased tickets
or gave a donation towards the raffle.
An outstanding amount of \$590 was raised.

Winners are

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| 1st | Lorraine McPeake | Quilt |
| 2nd | Trish McPeake | Painting |
| 3rd | Carolyn Ost | Wine |
| 4th | Phuong do | Bag |
| 5th | Memary | Doll and pusher |

May God bless you all for your support

ET Committee

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**

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| 7th Nov | Tania DeCeglie, Ann Stanton |
| 8th Nov | Matthew Knowles |
| 11th Nov | Gary LeLacheur, Margaret Viceban |
| 13th Nov | Margaret Grima,
Anne Van Der Arend |