



# PARA HILLS MODBURY CATHOLIC PARISH

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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  
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28th November 2021  
1st Sunday of Advent, Year C - Violet

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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.**

## **Advent: Liberation is Near at Hand**

Advent is a time of waiting and hoping, of renewing our trust in God's merciful love and care, and of reflecting on the several comings (advents), of Christ into our lives. Besides Jesus' first coming at birth, we are asked to reflect on Christ's coming as the risen Lord at Easter, in the Sacraments (especially the Eucharist), in our everyday lives, at the moment of death, and at the end of human history (the second coming). Just as we ended the previous liturgical season with an apocalyptic description of the end of the world, we begin the new season of Advent with similar apocalyptic warnings. The Church invites us to join a pilgrimage of Faith by showing us a prophetic vision of Christ's first coming (advent), through the prophecy of Jeremiah, and a prophetic vision of Christ's glorious, final Second Coming (Parousia) through the Gospel selection from Luke, while reminding us, through the second reading, of Christ's daily coming into our lives here and now in our brothers and sisters; everyone for whom He died. She also reminds us that these are days of "joyful and prayerful anticipation of Jesus' coming" because the Advent season is intended to fill us with great expectations of the coming of the Messiah just as parents expectantly wait for the birth of their child and make preparations for receiving the child into their family.

In the first reading, the prophet Jeremiah was waiting and hoping for an ideal descendant of King David, the Messiah of God, who would bring security and justice to God's people. We Christians believe that Jeremiah's waiting and hoping were fulfilled in Jesus. In the second reading, Paul gives instructions about how Christians should conduct themselves as they wait for "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His holy ones." He urges us to put God's promise of peace into action by cultivating a spirit of love for others. In today's Gospel (Lk 21:25-28, 34-36),

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Jesus prophesies the signs and portents that will accompany the end of the present world of matter, space, and time with the Second Coming of Jesus in glory as our Judge to give us the rewards our lives on earth have earned. Jesus encourages us to be expectant, optimistic, vigilant, and well-prepared.

We need to prepare ourselves for Christ's Second Coming by allowing Jesus to be reborn daily in our lives. Advent gives us time to make this preparation by repenting of our sins, by renewing our lives through prayer and penance, and by sharing our blessings with others. Advent also provides an opportunity for us to check what needs to be put right in our lives, to see how we have failed, and to assess the ways in which we can do better. Let us remember the words of Alexander Pope: "What does it profit me if Jesus is reborn in thousands of cribs all over the world and not reborn in my heart?" Jesus must be reborn in our hearts and lives, during this season of Advent and every day of our lives, in our love, kindness, mercy, and forgiveness. Then only will we be able to give people Jesus' hope by caring for those in need, give them God's peace by turning the other cheek when we are provoked, give them Jesus' love by encouraging those who are feeling sad or tired, and giving them God's joy by encouraging and helping those who feel at the end of their strength, showing them that we care and that God cares as well. When, with His grace, we do these kinds of things we will receive hope, peace, love, and joy in return. Then we will know that when the King, returns on the clouds of glory, we will be ready to receive our Lord Jesus fully in eternal bliss.

The Church begins the Advent season of Liturgical Cycle C by presenting the second coming of Christ in glory, in order to give us a vision of our future glory in Heaven and to show us the preparation needed for it. She reminds us that we are accountable for our lives before Christ the Judge. Today's readings invite us to assess our lives during this Advent and to make the necessary alterations in the light of the approaching Christmas celebration. Advent gives us time for improving our lives and for deepening the sincerity of our religious commitment. It is a call to "look up" to see that Christ is still here. We must raise our heads in hope and anticipation, knowing that the Lord is coming again. Luke reminds us to trust in Jesus amid the tragedies that sometimes occur in our daily lives. In these days of uncertainties caused by all that is going on around us, there is all the possibility that we can feel overwhelmed by disaster and feel that our lives have no meaning, Jesus says: "Stand up, raise your heads, because your salvation is near" (Lk 21:28). Two significant Advent values are Hope and Humility – and it can't be coincidental that they are listed consecutively in the Glossary to the Catechism (p.882). Hope enables us to desire and expect eternal life with God (CCC #1817), as we humbly and trustingly await the return of the Lord Jesus in glory (CCC #840).

*Janakumbidramalika*

## Readings for next Sunday, 5th December 2021

1st Reading	Bar	5:1 - 9
2nd Reading	Phil	1:3 - 6, 8 - 11
Gospel	Lk	3:1 - 6

## Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

30th Nov	St Andrew Apostle
3rd Dec	St Francis Xavier
4th Dec	St John Damascene

## 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:**

Paul Barry, 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

Abraham Karuthedathu, Henry Ozga



## Volunteers Weekend

Next weekend 4th/5th December we will be celebrating Volunteers Weekend

We will also be announcing the first recipients of the Prishioner Of Inspiration Awards.

Please join us for a cuppa after all Masses, as we celebrate all the wonderful work our volunteers do.

**Due to COVID restrictions we are unable to accept donations of food.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**



## St Vincent de Paul Modbury Conference

There were six assistance requests last week,  
for seventeen adults and eight children.



The Vinnies Christmas Appeal is still open and  
envelopes are available on seats and  
at the Vinnies notice board to contribute.

The envelopes can either be handed  
to a Vinnies member, or be returned  
through the planned giving collection.

Receipts will be available for tax purposes.

The requests for Christmas hampers has risen to 16,  
but is expected to grow in the next two weeks,  
we'll draw the line at about 30,  
but take requests until December 13th.

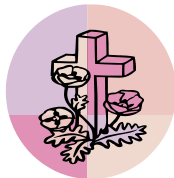
Great to see the return of tags and goods  
to the Giving Tree; the goods and tags  
can be returned (unwrapped) until December 13th.  
The task of matching supply to demand has started.

Thank you very much for your ongoing support.

In the pantry, any donations of  
Tinned Tomatoes and Tinned Carrots  
would be greatly appreciated

## 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:

Hans Woznitza, Doug Tilley

*"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.

## Christmas Liturgies

As Christmas is fast approaching  
the Liturgy Committee have outlined the list of  
duties required at our Christmas Masses.

If you are kindly available to volunteer in anyway  
at all, please add your name to the list.

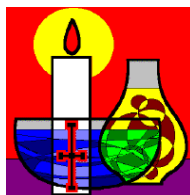
## Introduction to the Jesse Tree

Advent is the long night watch, the waiting time,  
the yearning for the coming of Christmas, and  
more fundamentally, for the second coming of  
Christ. We experience this waiting time in a  
pervasive atmosphere of instant gratification and  
the secular world's holiday season. There may be  
a longing for the spiritual in a world that moves too  
fast for reflection and fills whatever time that is left  
with empty values. The Church calls for watching,  
waiting, longing and expectation. The ancient  
communities of Israel handed down their beliefs in  
the same way that Jesus taught, through story.

The Jesse Tree is a very old Advent Tradition and  
first started in medieval times. It tells the story of  
the Bible from creation to the birth of Jesus. The  
Jesse Tree was named after the biblical figure  
Jesse, and the tree is a reference to the passage  
from Isaiah, 11:1 "A shoot shall come out of the  
stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his  
roots." Jesse is one of the ancestors of Jesus. He  
was the father of David, Israel's greatest king and  
Jesus is descended from the line of David. He is  
the branch God promised would grow from Jesse's  
family tree. Each symbol represents a story from  
within this family tree and a step toward the birth of  
Jesus. Using the background of a tree, over the  
four Sundays of Advent leading up to Christmas, a  
selection of symbols that represent the people,  
prophesies, and events leading up to the birth of  
Jesus is placed on the tree. The faithfulness of  
God across four thousand years of history will  
become apparent in how God prepared for the  
coming of the Messiah through many generations.

As we use Advent as a time to prepare ourselves  
for the coming of Jesus, the Jesse Tree is an  
opportunity for prayer. The Jesse Tree stories con-  
nect us with the countless generations of people  
who have sought God and experienced God's  
presence in the world. We are placed in the  
company of people who sought answers to hard  
questions, who strove to be faithful no matter what  
the difficulties. In sharing in these stories, we are  
given our place among the People of God.

## Anointing of the Sick



We will have the Sacrament of the  
Anointing of the Sick on the  
following dates:

**Tuesday 30th November at  
St John XXIII Mass at 9.15am.**

**Wednesday 1st December at  
Holy Trinity Church Mass at 7pm**

*If there are people at home who require  
anointing and are unable to attend,  
please call the office to arrange  
a visit from Fr Manu.*



PRAYER MEETINGS

<b>Tue</b>	<b>30th Nov</b>	Legion of Mary	12.30pm	<b>Holy Trinity</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>3rd Dec</b>	Two Hearts Prayer Group 8pm Rosary, 9pm and 3am Mass	8pm - 4am	<b>Holy Trinity</b>

OTHER ACTIVITIES

<b>Mon</b>	<b>29th Nov</b>	Bowls Group	1pm - 3.30pm	<b>St John XXIII</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>29th Nov</b>	Liturgy Committee	7pm	<b>Private Residence</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>29th Nov</b>	Parish Finance Council	7.30pm	<b>St John XXIII</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>1st Dec</b>	Seniors Social Group	1pm	<b>Holy Trinity</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>3rd Dec</b>	Craft Group	9.30am - 12.30pm	<b>St John XXIII</b>



**DEVELOPMENT FUND 2021**

Congratulations to our winner  
No 35, Sheila Cooper  
Drawn by Pauline Lai

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

**A reminder for all Reach Out members and friends**

Our Gathering for Christmas Lunch is on  
**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 30th 2021**  
at the Oasis Cafe .

NB ... The 9.15am Mass on TUESDAY November 30th  
will be offered for all deceased members of Reach Out  
and their families.

Looking forward to seeing you all there...  
**MAUREEN KENNY**

**TREASURE MARKET**

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

**Next: 11th December 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/DECEMBER BABIES**

28th Nov	Christine Healey
29th Nov	Judy Rogers
2nd Dec	Mark Ager
4th Dec	John Dini Junior



**ADVANCED NOTICE**

**WORKING BEES TO PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS**

**Holy Trinity**

Saturday 11th December 10am - 12noon

**St John XXIII**

Saturday 18th December 9am - 12noon  
Our aim is to do a general clean up of both

Mass Centres and to wash the windows  
in preparation for the Christmas Liturgies.

Morning tea will be provided.  
**Many hands make light work**



**DIVINE MERCY AT  
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**

The next Divine Mercy Devotion will be on  
Sunday, 28th November at 3pm  
at Holy Trinity Church,  
171 Kesters Rd, Para Hills.



**St Joseph's Devotion**

Wednesday 1st December  
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)*

**JOY OF THE GOSPEL:  
DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR 2022**

We will have copies available again this year.  
The cost is expected to be \$10 - \$12.  
These books have been very popular in past years  
and sell out quickly.

If you would like to order a copy  
please contact the Parish Office



**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](http://www.thesoutherncross.org.au)