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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 OFFICERS

THERESE MEYERS: 0421 533 761

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19th December 2021
4th 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**

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve

Friday 24th December

Holy Trinity Church - 6.30pm Family Mass

St John XXIII Church - 8.30pm Mass

St John XXIII Church - Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Saturday 25th December

St John XXIII Church - 8am Mass

Holy Trinity Church - 10am Mass

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL NOT BE A
6PM MASS AT ST JOHN XXIII
ON SATURDAY 25TH DECEMBER.**



As with all Masses everyone attending is required to provide their full name and a contact phone number or email address for the purpose of contact tracing.



**Masks covering
both the nose and mouth are mandatory
for all those over the age of twelve.**



If you and your family wish to attend a Christmas Mass and you haven't already booked please add your details to the sign up sheets at the back of the Church this weekend.



The Visitation: Share Your Christ Experience

The fourth Sunday of Advent reminds us that the mystery of the Incarnation comes to ordinary people living ordinary lives, who have the openness to do God's will and the willingness to respond to God's call. Today's readings suggest that we should not celebrate Christmas as just an occasion for nice feelings. Instead, commemorating Jesus' birth should inspire us to carry out God's word as Mary and Jesus did, in perfect obedience to His will, and thus to become true disciples. In the first reading, the prophet Micah insists that God chooses what is humanly insignificant and unpromising to bring about His own loving purposes. Micah gives assurance to the Jews who were under the Assyrian slavery that God is faithful to His promises. The second reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, reminds us that Jesus Christ offered the perfect sacrifice of obedience that liberates us from sin. The reading portrays the Son of God as accepting a human body, the true Christmas theme. By his eagerness to do God's will, Christ offered himself, in the place of all the other ritual sacrifices offered. In the Gospel, Luke tells us how two seemingly insignificant women met to celebrate the kindness and fidelity of God. It shows us how sensitive Mary was to the needs of Elizabeth, her older cousin, who had miraculously become pregnant in her old age. For Luke, discipleship consists in listening to God's word and then carrying it out, and Mary does both, to become the most perfect disciple. Mary, filled with the fire of the Holy Spirit, hurried to the mountain country where Elizabeth lived, thereby conveying the Holy Spirit to her cousin Elizabeth's and her unborn child. The two cousins greeted one another, one running to assist the other, both pregnant with life and Faith. Mary's formal salutation served both as a prophetic gesture and as a prophetic oracle. Elizabeth's unborn child leapt with joy in recognition that salvation was near. Already, before his birth, John had been touched by the Holy Spirit. No wonder, John would be the first to recognize the presence of Jesus as He began His public ministry! We too can "leap for joy," because Jesus has come to us. Elizabeth, in turn, gave Mary an assurance and confirmation to strengthen the

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young woman's Faith in the early stages of her pilgrimage and pronounced a blessing over Mary. Mary helped Elizabeth in her time of need and served her till John was born. That was her perfect, loving, and sacrificial gift to Elizabeth. This story teaches us the importance of mutual ministry. Each of us has a unique call, leaving us no reason for envy. What about our visitations? Only when we need something or when others are in need?

First of all, during this season we are invited to carry Jesus to others as Mary did. We can make a real difference in the lives of others by carrying Jesus to them. However, we cannot give what we do not possess. Christmas is the ideal time for us to be filled with the spirit of Christ, allowing his rebirth within us. Thus, he enables us to share his love with all whom we encounter by offering them humble and committed service, unconditional forgiveness and compassionate caring. Sharing Jesus with others is the best Christmas gift we can give. It is easy to send flowers, Christmas cards or gifts. To give the gift of oneself, however, is the greatest gift of all. First of all, let us take the time to visit others this Christmas, to bring some inspiration into their lives, and hopefully to bring them closer to God. Let us share with them the Spirit of God, the Spirit of consolation, of courage, of peace and joy, just as Mary did.

Secondly, we need to bless and encourage the younger generation. Elizabeth demonstrates the responsibility of the older generation to inspire the younger generation. We need others to recognize our gifts, to honour our true being, and to pronounce "the goodness of God upon us." Grandparents and parents, teachers and leaders, have the responsibility of encouraging those around them by saying, "You are an important person, valuable to God and to me." Finally, Mary's pilgrimage should be our model. As we journey with Mary to the hill country, we shall continue to contemplate our own life's journey, its joys and sorrows, its triumphs and its tragedies. Our Christian journey began in Christ at the Baptismal font where he joined himself to us forever. Our journey continues with Christ as he nourishes us along the way with the food of his Word and the food of his flesh. It will end with Christ as we await our blessed end and join him and all his Saints in Heavenly splendour. It is up to us to prepare for that great day by spending our lives glorifying God in serving others with love and commitment.

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OFFICE CLOSURE

THE PARISH OFFICE IS NOW CLOSED

AND WILL REOPEN:

TUESDAY 18TH JANUARY 2022.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

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 in our last week of home visits. With finalisation of hamper packing and dispersal, so far the hamper items have no deficits compared to the requests.

We'll be in recess until Australia Day next year. Surpluses of Christmas items will go to Fred's Van.

We finish the home visiting year with our pantry in a healthy state, thanks to your support and the St Francis Xavier School appeals.

Remember your appeal receipts are in the box attached to our notice board.

We'll continue to empty the food basket through the break if you get the chance to snap up any specials on staples.

Our only shortages are **tinned fish and tinned meat.**

Christmas Liturgies

As Christmas is almost here!

There are still a few gaps in our volunteer lists for all Christmas Masses. If you will be at Masses and are able to help please add your name to the volunteer lists at the back of the Church.



**Christmas Day Appeal for the
Aboriginal Catholic Ministry**

Again this year we will be conducting the annual Christmas Day Appeal collection for the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry (ACM) with special collections to be taken up at all Christmas Masses.

We ask that you continue to support this appeal generously, and that you remember the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry in your prayers and celebrations this Christmas.

Your support is essential for the continued outreach of the Otherway Centre to Aboriginal people in the Archdiocese of Adelaide.

Readings for next Sunday, 26th December 2021

1st Reading	Sam	1:20 - 22, 24 - 28
2nd Reading	I Jn	3:1 - 2, 21 - 24
Gospel	Lk	2:41 - 52

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

21st Dec	St Peter Canisius
23rd Dec	St John Kanty
25th Dec	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

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:**

Anne Hughes, David Truman, Paul Barry, Bruce Tilley, Allan Searle, Anne Valentine, Ken Randell, Mary Rose Probst, Molly Holmes, Maria Trotta, 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, 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 Stanislaus Joseph Barry CM (Stan), Tom McDonald, Teodulo Molabola Giban, Darryl McManus, Abraham Karuthedathu, Henry Ozga

WORKING BEES

Many thanks to the people who attended the working bees on Saturday 11th at Holy Trinity and on Saturday 18th at St John XXIII to prepare our Churches for the Christmas celebrations.

Friendly Reminder

We encourage you to arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass begins. This will allow time for you to check in and be seated so Mass can commence on time and with minimal disruption.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2021

Congratulations to our winner
No 70, Grace Healey
Drawn by Margaret Giebel

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



DIVINE MERCY AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

The next Divine Mercy Devotion will be on
Sunday, 26th December at 3pm
at Holy Trinity Church,
171 Kesters Rd, Para Hills.

CHURCH FLOWERS

You will have noticed that there haven't been any
flowers in the church during the Season of Advent.
All donations for flowers will go towards
the Christmas arrangements.
We take this opportunity to thank those who have
donated towards the flowers during the year

Christmas Mass on Channel 44

We are pleased to announce that
Christmas Day Mass will be aired
from St Francis Xavier's Cathedral
on Channel 44
on Saturday, December 25 at 5pm.
We hope this will bring joy to those who will
not be able to attend services in person.
Please share the news with family and friends
or anyone you know would regularly
tune into Mass on Channel 44.



JOY OF THE GOSPEL: DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR 2022

Joy of the Gospel Reflection Books
have arrived and are on sale
at a cost of \$12 each.

If you would like a copy please contact the
Parish Office via email at
office@paramodcath.com.au
or by leaving a message on the
office answering machine
and we will arrange to get a copy to you.



*And blessed is the fruit
of your womb*

Hail Mary full of Grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed are thou amongst women and blessed is
the fruit of thy womb Jesus.
Holy Mary Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now and
at the hour of our death
Amen.

Decorating for Christmas

We will be decorating our Mass centres
in preparation for our Christmas celebrations
this coming week.

This will occur at Holy Trinity on
Monday 20th December at 9.30am
and at St John XXIII on
Tuesday 21st December at 10.00am.

If you are able to help please come along.
We would be grateful for any assistance.



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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DECEMBER BABIES

24th Dec Gail Martin
25th Dec Ursula Moore



THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The December edition of *The Southern Cross*
is free and available from both Mass Centres
or online at www.thesoutherncross.org.au