



# 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  
CARIGNANE ST,  
WYNN VALE 5127

## GLEESON COLLEGE

(SECONDARY) 8282 6600  
40-60 SURREY FARM DRIVE,  
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THERESE MEYERS: 0421 533 761

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13th February 2022

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C - 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.**

## The Blessedness of God's People

Today's readings teach us that true happiness, or beatitude, lies in the awareness that we are all children of a loving Heavenly Father and that we will be happy only when we share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in need, and when we work to uplift them, thus declaring our "option for the poor," as Jesus did. In the first reading, Jeremiah tells us that true happiness consists in our placing our trust in God and in putting our trust in His promises. The Responsorial Psalm finds beatitude in keeping God's Law. In the second reading St. Paul warns us that true beatitude is obtainable only in Heaven, and that Christ's Resurrection gives us our assurance of reaching Heaven for an everlasting life of happiness. In today's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples in the paradoxical blessedness of poverty, hunger, sorrow, and persecution.

The eight beatitudes Jesus gives in Mathew and the four in Luke contradict the ideas of real happiness found in the Jewish culture and in our modern society, according to which wealth, health, power and influence are the true beatitudes. Luke presents the Sermon on the Plain as following immediately upon the choosing of the twelve apostles (Luke 6:13 ff). Therefore, one of the Fathers of the Church called this sermon "The Ordination Address to the Twelve." Both the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew and the Sermon on the Plain in Luke are also known as "The Compendium of Christian Doctrine," "The Magna Carta of the Kingdom," and "The Manifesto of the King." In these two sermons we have the essence of Jesus' teachings to his chosen apostles. Jesus, after choosing His apostles, came down the mountain and proclaims the four beatitudes and four

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woes. Jesus turns worldly values upside down. If we compare the worldly preaching and the preaching of Jesus, the world preaches efficiency, it glorifies success and worships power. Society announces that happiness comes from wealth, affluence and freedom from any form of pain while Jesus says "Blessed are those who are poor, hungry, weeping, hated, excluded, insulted and denounced." They are God's preferred people, because in poverty, we recognize our dependence on God; in hunger, God's providence; in sorrow for sins, reconciliation with God; and in persecution, the true joy of standing for the Faith with heroic convictions. What makes one blessed is not simply poverty or hunger or sadness or suffering for the Faith but living these in the context of one's commitment to Jesus and his spirit of sharing. Beatitudes consist in humble selflessness and compassionate, generous sharing of our blessings with the needy. The beatitudes must be understood as eschatological statements which see and evaluate the present in terms of the future glory and everlasting happiness.

Poor is called in the Scripture as the poor of 'Yahweh' and it has four stages of understanding.

First, the poor are those people who are without material wealth. Second, because they are materially poor, these people are usually without power and clout. The poor are helpless and without influence. Third, because they are powerless, these people are often oppressed and exploited. The poor are exploited people and many people take advantage of them. Fourth, because they are helpless and unprotected, these people turn to God. God is the only person that they can turn to. They are those people who put their total trust in God.

These are the people Jesus called 'blessed.' They realized that they could not depend on the things of the world for happiness. They do not hold on to anything whether wealth or power or security. Unlike the rich who are trapped because they hang on to their material riches, influence and comfort. The poor are capable of letting the tasty food go and of seeking their happiness in God alone. Even if others may have a lot of money, this is nothing in the Kingdom of God. God chooses the weak to compound the strong. God chooses the weak to bring His mission to completion.

Today when we reflect on this scripture let us resolve to respond to the challenge of the Beatitudes in our daily life. Millions are starving, persecuted, homeless, and leading hopeless lives. The only way the promises of the Beatitudes can become a reality for them is through the efforts of people like us. Hence, let us remember that each time we reach out to help the needy, the sick, or the oppressed, we share with them a foretaste of the promises of the Beatitudes

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### Readings for next Sunday, 20th February 2022

1st Reading	1 Sm	26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23
2nd Reading	1 Cor	15:45 - 49
Gospel	Lk	6:27 - 38

### Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

14th Feb	St Cyril & Methodius
17th Feb	The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

### 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:**

Kim Pope, Anne Hughes, David Truman, Bruce Tilley, 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

Allan David Searle, Marzenna Maria Kalicinski, John Alan Davies



here and now. We must take care to choose our way wisely. "There are two Ways, one of Life and one of Death, and there is a great difference between the two Ways." These are the opening lines of the "Didache" a first century Christian catechism used to teach new Christians the essence of the Christian Faith. The way of life and true happiness is the way of Jesus, the way of the beatitudes, the way of rendering loving service to God by serving our brothers and sisters.

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Happy are they who hope in the Lord.**

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

HQ: 1300 729 202 from 9.00am — 1.00pm  
or [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au)



**St Vincent de Paul  
Modbury Conference**

We've had 8 calls for assistance for food and clothing for 12 adults and 19 children in the first one and a bit weeks. Demand seems to be coming back to normal.

Soon we'll have to replenish our stocks of Drake's Gift Cards.

We have been able to provide some assistance with bills where there is a threat of eviction or termination of supply through emergency relief funds and some back-to-school assistance through the Children's Social Equity Fund.

Our immediate needs in the pantry are still Canned Peas/Beans, Coffee, Sugar, and Breakfast Cereal.

It will greatly help if any or all of these items could be placed in the Vinnies' collection basket.



**Modbury Community and Craft Group**

Will resume on

**Friday 18th February 2022  
9.30 – 12noon.**

Current Covid-19 restrictions, such as mask wearing and social distancing still apply

Please bring \$4 in coin

Bring your own cup or mug from home

Names and phone numbers will be recorded for the purpose of contact tracing.

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**PARISH RAFFLE AND PRODUCE STALL**

Raffle tickets will be sold after each Mass at both Mass Centres over the weekends of

**Feb 12/13 and 19/20**

for \$1.00 per ticket.

This weekend, Feb 12/13,

We are holding a produce stall as well.

Any queries to Marg Whennan 82511577 please. Thanking you in advance.

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**Day of the Unborn Child Appeal 2022**

Next weekend a special collection is being taken up in support of the work undertaken by Birthline Pregnancy Support, Mothers without Medicare & Genesis Pregnancy Support Inc.

The Day of the Unborn Child assists us to focus on those people in our families and communities who have experienced any sort of child-bearing loss, whether miscarriage, still-birth, the death of a baby soon after birth, or abortion.

We thank you in anticipation for your generous support of those who work tirelessly with individuals and families who require these important resources and services.



**THE SOUTHERN CROSS**

The February edition of The Southern Cross is available from both Mass Centres at a cost of \$2 or online at [www.thesoutherncross.org.au](http://www.thesoutherncross.org.au)



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Join our online forum:

<https://palms.org.au/event/zoom-information-session/> at 5.30pm AEDT on Thursday 17 March, attend and engage with a panel of Palms most experienced program participants.

**CHILDREN'S PRAYER**

Confident in God's love,  
we turn to God with our needs.  
For the poor..  
For the hungry..  
For those who are sad..  
For those who are mean  
and for the people they are mean to..  
For those who love us..



Loving God, Give us the strength we need to live as followers of Jesus. Give us the confidence we need to live in a loving, caring way, trusting in your loving presence in our lives.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad;  
your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!**



## PRAYER MEETINGS

**Tue 15th Feb** Legion of Mary 12.30pm **Holy Trinity**

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

**Mon 14th Feb** Bowls Group 1pm **St John XXIII**  
**Wed 16th Feb** Seniors Social Group 1pm **Holy Trinity**  
**Sat 18th Feb** Craft Group 9.30am - 12noon **St John XXIII**



### DEVELOPMENT FUND 2022

Congratulations to our winner

No 21, Susan Barnett  
Drawn by Peter Cooper

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

### **Synod of Bishops Local Consultation**

Hundreds of groups and individuals across the country have shared their stories about how all members of the Catholic Church can walk together to carry out our mission as Christians. Have you?

The local consultation process for the global Synod on Synodality is open for two more weeks – until **Sunday February 27**.

You can participate as a group or individually  
Find out more at: [www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch](http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch)

### **Collecting for Charities and Others**

We are collecting the following items for charities and others



#### **Ring Pulls**

drink cans only **NOT** food cans  
these go towards the making of titanium joints for landmine victims in Thailand.

#### **Stamps**

Childhood Cancer.



#### **Tea Bag Strings & Tags**

The strings are used for knitting, no charity involved.  
The tags are reused in paper making.

#### **Bread Tags**

These are melted down, made into bowls and proceeds go to wheel chair charities.

### **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.

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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).**

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY FEBRUARY BABIES**

15th Feb Karrie-Anne Taylor  
16th Feb Marianne Weaver  
17th Feb Joanne Cruz  
18th Feb Catherine Agar



### **Safeguarding our Children and Young People**

Did you know that the United Nations Convention has established 42 rights for children and young people and we as adults have a responsibility to protect these rights?

These rights are known as articles, this is article number 29;

Children have the right to an education that helps them to develop their talents and abilities and that helps them to learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.

Our children learn in many ways, at home, at school and in our church.

Our Catholic schools as well as our Archdiocese are committed to ensuring children are not just taught literacy and numeracy, but also learn compassion for others, to care for our Earth and their own unique value as a child of God.

The greatest lessons in life are those taught in the Gospel for in it we learn to love as we are loved, to forgive as we are forgiven and to live humbly in the service of others as Jesus humbly came to serve us. Whether our children are schooled in a Catholic, public or private setting, whether their talents lie in Maths, English, Sport or Music, let us above all seek and provide an education for our children that embodies the Gospel message of love and encourages our children to live out the compassion and care of Christ in the world.

*To find out more about child protection initiatives contact the Child Protection Unit on Ph. 8210 8159*