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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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20th February 2022

7th 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 Christian Call to Love without any Reservation

Today's gospel challenges us to make a conscious choice to love and be graceful in forgiving instead of harbouring revenge and planning retaliation. If we want to find the most challenging, most difficult, most confounding passage in all of the gospels, this just might be it.

It is also the most fundamentally Christian, because it is the passage that calls on each of us to be the most like Christ. More than that, it calls on us to be "perfect, like the Father is perfect."

That is a tall order. And look at what it entails:

Turning the other cheek.

Giving away your cloak.

And the most radical and counter-cultural of all, loving our enemies and praying for our persecutors.

It sounds so nice and reassuring. But do you know what that means? Do any of us? Let us take a moment to think and reflect on our own life. Consider all the people who have hurt us. Those who have lied to us. Stabbed us in the back. Remember the ones who spread rumours about us that were untrue. Those who have gossiped about us, or judged us, or mocked us, or bullied us. Consider the friend whom we trusted but who betrayed us. The co-worker who broke a confidence. The person whose name we would rather forget who wounded us, or disrespected us, or took advantage of us or even abused us. Look back on all the people in our life who have left bruises and scars, with a word or a look or a touch. Now, imagine doing what Jesus commands. Love them...

This command proposes a course of action that is contrary to human nature. Jesus invites those who follow him to renounce their natural inclinations and instead follow his example and the example of the heavenly Father. He recommends, not merely a warm affection, such as one might have for one's

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family, or a passionate devotion, such as one might expect between spouses, but a gracious, active interest, in the welfare of precisely those persons who are antagonistic to us. Agape, a love that cares deeply for others simply because they are created in God's image, and wishes them well because that is what God wishes. Jesus not only commanded us to love our enemies, he also gave us the most vivid and awesome example of this type of love in action. While hanging on the cross, he prayed, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

In saying so Jesus is not saying that we should permit the destruction of the innocent and defenceless or allow ourselves to be abused or killed! The Catechism is very clear on this point:

"Self-defence is morally legitimate, as long as it's proportionate to the attack. Let us remember that the commandment is 'Love your neighbour AS YOU LOVE YOURSELF'...Love toward oneself remains a fundamental principle of morality. Therefore, it is legitimate to insist on respect for one's own right to life" (CCC 2264). What are the challenges Jesus gives us in this command to "turn the other cheek"? First, he challenges us to forgive others totally and completely, which means letting go of any and every grudge. He also challenges us not to seek vengeance. In addition, he wants us to be patient with the shortcomings of others and to love everyone, even our enemies. (CCC-2264). So, the bottom line is this: It's morally wrong not to defend the innocent, when we have a responsibility to do so; it's morally legitimate to defend ourselves from an unjust aggressor; but it can be virtuous to endure unjust sufferings and even martyrdom for the sake of Jesus Christ and his Gospel.

Christian ethics consist not in merely refraining from evil, but in actively doing good, not only to those who are friends, but to those who hate us or do evil against us. In other words, Jesus expects us to rise above our human instincts and imitate the goodness and generosity of God. The observance of the golden rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," makes us like God whose love and mercy embrace saints and sinners alike. At the same time the Golden Rule does not require that we allow others to take advantage of us.

Let us today, examine our conscience. Is generosity central to our lives, or do we often choose selfishness instead? Are we willing to trust in God's providence, or do we place our Faith in ourselves? Do we really accept and embrace our responsibility for one another and for the world we live in, or do we see all things in terms of our own wants and needs? Do we allow emotions such as hatred and jealousy guide our spiritual lives, or do we try to be more like our Lord? And we shall pray that we are strengthened in faith and love to live the commandment of love just as Jesus showed it through his life and death.



Readings for next Sunday, 27th February 2022

1st Reading	Sir	27:4 - 7
2nd Reading	I Cor	15:54 - 58
Gospel	Lk	6:39 - 45

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

21st Feb	St Peter Damian
22nd Feb	The Chair of St Peter, Apostle
23rd Feb	St Polycarp

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, Marzena Maria Kalicinski, John Alan Davies



Day of the Unborn Child Appeal 2022

This 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is kind and merciful.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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



**St Vincent de Paul
Modbury Conference**

A few weeks in, our visit rate is getting back to normal; The assistance went to 13 adults and 3 children through 6 calls, with some also requesting assistance with clothing, and outstanding bills.

Thirty percent of the calls this year have been from “newcomers”.

We’ve had to use both the Emergency Relief Funds (Utilities and Rent) and the Children’s Social Equity Funds (Extra-curricular student costs).

Our immediate needs in the pantry are Margarine, Toilet Paper, Soap, and Pasta Sauce.

It will greatly help if any or all of these items could be placed in the Vinnies’ collection basket or be dropped at the Parish Office.

There are still some receipts in the box on the Notice Board.



We pray that we will all maintain our vigilance in preventing the spread of Covid-19, remembering its threat to the vulnerable in our communities. Amen



‘Safer Internet Day’ was celebrated around the world on February 8, 2022.

Since Online safety is a skill that is to be learned, the Child Protection Unit of Adelaide has provided easy access to help our young children be safe and knowledgeable.

‘Be an eSafe Kid’ provides 10 tips for keeping safe online, for more details visit: esafety.gov.au/kids/be-an-esafe-kid/being-safe-online

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.

PARISH RAFFLE

This weekend is your last chance to by a ticket for the Parish Raffle

Tickets will be on sale after each Mass at both Mass Centres this weekend

for \$1.00 per ticket.

Any queries to Marg Whennan 82511577 please.

Thanking you in advance.

**Mary MacKillop Walk:
Ideal Summer Activity**

If you’re in or around Adelaide, here’s an ideal summer activity!

Step back into history any day – or evening, while daylight saving lasts!

The Adelaide suburbs of Kensington and Norwood figured prominently in Mary MacKillop’s story.

Together with her pioneering companions, Mary was an active and much loved figure in the local community.

A footpath plaque along the Norwood Parade tells us that: “The heart and soul of Mary MacKillop and the Josephite Order an an essential part of the rich history of this district.” These were women ahead of their time who believed in educating the mind and heart and who had a keen sense of social justice.

The Mary MacKillop Walk (launched in 2021) is self-guided and takes about 90 minutes, is accessible for all and is clearly signposted.

Pick up a copy of the walk booklet from the High Street Cafe adjoining the Mary MacKillop Museum or the Norwood Town Hall (both during business hours)

The starting point of this walk is the Mary MacKillop Museum and, very fittingly, the walk finishes at the Museum’s High Street Café

(Open early, closes mid-afternoon)



World Day of Prayer

AUSTRALIA

**World Day of Prayer 2022
England, Wales & Northern Ireland**

The Christian Churches in the North and North Eastern Regions are holding World Day of Prayer 2022 services at

Salvation Army Ingle Farm
Corner of Bridge & Maxwell Roads
at 7pm on Thursday 3rd March.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
170 Flinders St, Adelaide
at 10am on Friday 4th March

Hope Valley Church
1263 Grand Junction Road , Hope Valley
At 1.30pm on Friday 4th March

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

PRAYER MEETINGS

Tue	22nd Feb	Legion of Mary	12.30pm	Holy Trinity
Sun	27th Feb	Divine Mercy	3pm	Holy Trinity

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Mon	21st Feb	Bowls Group	1pm	St John XXIII
Wed	23rd Feb	Seniors Social Group	1pm	Holy Trinity
Fri	25th Feb	Craft Group	9.30am - 12noon	St John XXIII



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2022

Congratulations to our winner

No 83, Olive McGovern
Drawn by Susan Barnett

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

REACH OUT

The Reach Out Morning-Tea Gathering
is 'ON' again.

We will be meeting at the
Salvation Army OASIS CAFÉ
(Corner of Montague Road and Reservoir Road,
Modbury) on
Shrove Tuesday 1st MARCH
after the 9.15am Mass at St John XXIII.

For those wanting pancakes for Morning Tea
they will be available on the menu for the day.

Looking forward to seeing you all there

Maureen Kenny
Reach Out President
PH: 0418 821 859

Festival of Hymns

On Friday March 11 at 7pm, **James Lloyd**,
Cathedral Organist at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral
will give a concert featuring well-loved hymns played
on the magnificent Cathedral Casavant Frères pipe
organ to which you are warmly invited
to both attend and join in singing.

James is the regular organist at the
11am Sunday Solemn Mass at the Cathedral
and his vibrant and effusive style
has pleased Mass-goers for many years,
both at Dernancourt and in the city.

This promises to be a night of high entertainment and
great delight to those who love organ music played on
one of the world's most significant instruments.

Entrance is free.
This is part of our Fringe organ recitals 2022.

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

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



DIVINE MERCY AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

The next Divine Mercy Devotion will be on
Sunday, 27th February at 3pm
at Holy Trinity Church,
171 Kesters Rd, Para Hills.



Palms Australia

Getting involved in people centred Human
Development as an invited guest means
humbly putting your person and your skills
at the disposal of your trusted hosts.
You will be a stranger in the place and for six months a
Pilgrim learning the wisdom of local ways.

Palms Australia has 60 years of experience
preparing and assisting Australians to learn
and pass on their skills in another culture.

Is one of our assignments your
opportunity to Reach Beyond?

Find Out More: <https://palms.org.au/current-opportunities/assignments-abroad/>
or Phone: 0422 742 567.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FEBRUARY BABIES

26th Feb Gary Lockyer
Odette Dotter
Helen Podgorski

