



# PARA HILLS MODBURY CATHOLIC PARISH

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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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27th March 2022

4th Sunday of Lent, Year C - Violet/Rose

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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 Mercy of God: The Reason for us to Rejoice



This Sunday is set aside for us to recall God's graciousness and to rejoice because of it. In the Gospel, the joy is that of a young son's "coming home," where he discovers and is healed by the reality of his father's forgiving and freely given love. It is also the story of a loving and forgiving father who celebrates the return of his prodigal son by throwing a big party in his honour: a banquet celebrating the reconciliation of the son with his father, his family, his community, and his God. It is really

the Parable of the Forgiving Father, the story of Divine love and mercy for us sinners, a love that is almost beyond belief.

The parable of the prodigal son is called "the greatest short story in the world" (Charles Dickens), "the gospel of the gospels", "the gospel of the outcasts," and the "parable of the prodigal father" (because the father is generous, excessive and extravagant with his love and because the Father's prodigal love finds its completion in Jesus Christ). In this parable Jesus outlines the three aspects or dimensions of repentance, by presenting three characters in this parable: 1) the repentant younger son, 2) the forgiving father and 3) the self-justifying elder son. This is a double-edged parable. The lesson of Divine mercy to sinners is shown by the Father's reception of the returned younger son. A stern warning is given to self-righteous people by presenting the dialogue between the father and his older son.

The repenting younger son: He began by wanting freedom from his father. Hence, he forced his father to give him his right to one-third of his father's property (as stipulated in Dt 21:17). The son then sold his property and travelled to a far-off

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city where he realized all his wild dreams of a carefree life. Finally, bankrupt, abandoned by his “friends,” and faced with a local famine, he was forced to take up the job of feeding pigs – a job forbidden to the Jews. At last, awakened by his sufferings, he gathered enough courage to return to his father and confess his sin, thus becoming the model for repentant sinners. He had resolved to become a “hired servant” of his family, thereby regaining a measure of honour and independence, but with a social status matching his guilt and failure. Moreover, he would be able to take care of his father for as long as the father lived.

The prodigal and forgiving father: The father in the story represents God the Father. According to the law and customs in ancient Palestine, a father could dispose of his property by making a will that would be executed when he died (Nm 36:7-9), or he could give his possessions to his children while still alive. Usually, the eldest son received a double share or twice the amount that each of the other sons would receive. But in the parable, the father promptly gave a share of his property to his younger son, bid him a tearful farewell, and waited daily for his return. Finally, after squandering his money, his morals, and even his Jewish religious heritage, the boy returned in rags. He confessed his sins, and his father promptly forgave him, kissed him on the cheeks, and healed the broken relationship between them. Although the story of the prodigal son is often given as an example of repentance, it is actually the story of how God forgives and heals the repentant sinner. Like God, the father in the parable was ready to forgive both of his “sinful” sons even before they repented. St. Thomas Aquinas explains that God already forgives us as soon as we repent, even before we go to confession or perform any penance. The forgiveness the father offers in the parable parallels the forgiveness God offers in real life. That is why Jesus in the Gospels frequently describes God more like a defense attorney than a prosecuting attorney. Let us not ration God’s mercy, because he is a “prodigal” lover (CCC #2845). Nor should we ever judge another as unworthy of our forgiveness or of God’s mercy, because all love is unconditional (CCC #2843,44).

The self-justifying elder son: The unforgiving elder son represents the self-righteous Pharisees. He had no feelings of sympathy for his brother. He played the part of a dutiful son, but his heart was not in it. He was resentful, bitter, and angry. He was so jealous of his younger brother that he never wanted to see him again. He leveled a series of allegations against his prodigal brother, whom he viewed as a rival. Instead of honoring his father by joining him in accepting his brother and playing an appropriate role at the meal, the elder son publicly insulted and humiliated his

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father. Jesus includes this character in the story to represent the scribes and Pharisees “who began to complain, saying, ‘This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.’”

Today, let us consciously accept the fact that we are all prodigal children who have squandered our inheritance from our Father. We shall resolve to make use of this Lent as a time to “pass over,” from a world of sin to a world of reconciliation, with God and with each other.

*Janakumbudramalika*

### Readings for next Sunday, 3rd April 2022

1st Reading	Is	43:16 - 21
2nd Reading	2 Phil	3:8 - 14
Gospel	Jn	8:1 - 11

### Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

2nd Apr St Francis of Paola

### 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:**

Carmel Adam, Vesna Zagar. 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

Peter Collaton, Des Haydon, Robert John Hornby



### STATIONS of the CROSS

on Friday Nights during Lent  
at HOLY TRINITY 7-00pm

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Taste and see the goodness of 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**

Three home visits requested last week, and we're continuing to make them with added precautions against the COVID risk, not entering homes.

We've been requested to submit a budget for 2022/23, and it highlights our lack of capacity to do much fund-raising. However, after Easter we'll be selling raffle tickets after Mass with the first prize an electronic keyboard.

Selling for the People's Choice raffle has finished for this year. But we'll give plenty of notice next year if it continues.

The most pressing needs are  
**Jam, Peanut Butter, Canned Fish  
and Small Vegemite.**



**Project Compassion**



Rosalie 44, is an ex-combatant who lives with her husband and seven children in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Forced to join the army when she was just 15-years-old, Rosalie experienced significant trauma and hardship during her years in the military. After she was demobilised from the army, Rosalie, like other

ex-combatants, was left to fend for herself in the community.

With your generous support and through our local partners, Rosalie was able to connect with other members of her community and participate in business skills training to help her to reintegrate into society.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help women like Rosalie to succeed in the future, providing hope For All Future Generations.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting: [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413

**Parish Bulletin**

If you would like to receive the bulletin via email please contact us at [bulletin@paramodcath.com.au](mailto:bulletin@paramodcath.com.au)

**WORKING BEE**

**St John XXIII**

Saturday 2nd April 9.30am - 12pm

Our aim is to do a general clean up of the Mass Centre and to wash the windows in preparation for the Easter Liturgies. Morning tea will be provided.

**Many hands make light work**



**FIRST SATURDAY MASS**

2nd April 2022 9.15am

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Holy Rosary for PEACE in the world.

Commencing at 8.45am

with Acts of Consecration, to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary with the Sacrament of Penance.

Please bring a SINGLE flower for Our Holy Mother

*"In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph"*  
( Our Lady of Fatima 1917 )

**LITURGY ASSISTANTS  
FOR HOLY WEEK**

Easter is almost upon us and as always we will need many helpers for the Holy Week Liturgies.

The sign-up sheet for Liturgy Assistants is at the back of the Church. You are encouraged to think about which ceremonies you will be attending and to volunteer for ministries, preparation or clean up.

The Roster will be updated each week.

**Please volunteer early,  
don't wait for us to ring you to fill spots.**



**DIVINE MERCY AT  
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**

**\*Please note change of time\***

The next Divine Mercy Devotion will be on Sunday, 27th March at 2.30pm at Holy Trinity Church, 171 Kesters Rd, Para Hills.

**PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL**

The next meeting of the Parish Finance Council is on Monday, the 28th March at St John XXIII Meeting Room at 7.30pm.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council is on Tuesday, the 29th March at St John XXIII at 7pm.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
I will rise and go to my father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.  
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

## PRAYER MEETINGS

<b>Tue</b>	<b>29th Mar</b>	Legion of Mary	12.30pm	<b>Holy Trinity</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>1st Apr</b>	Stations of the Cross	7pm	<b>Holy Trinity</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>1st Apr</b>	Two Hearts Prayer Group 8pm Rosary, 9pm and 3am Mass	8pm - 4am	<b>Holy Trinity</b>

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

<b>Mon</b>	<b>28th Mar</b>	Bowls Group	1pm - 3.30pm	<b>St John XXIII</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>28th Mar</b>	Parish Finance Committee	7.30pm	<b>St John XXIII</b>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>29th Mar</b>	Parish Pastoral Council	7pm	<b>St John XXIII</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>30th Mar</b>	Seniors Social Group	1pm	<b>Holy Trinity</b>
<b>Thur</b>	<b>31st Mar</b>	Multicultural Melodies	10am - 12noon	<b>St John XXIII</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>1st Apr</b>	Craft Group	9.30am - 12.30pm	<b>St John XXIII</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>2nd Apr</b>	Working Bee	9.30am - 12noon	<b>St John XXIII</b>



### DEVELOPMENT FUND 2022

Congratulations to our winner

No 59, Jim Bell

Drawn by Miriam Morrison

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

### **REACHOUT MORNING TEA MEETING:**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April at the  
Salvation Army OASIS Café, Modbury  
I look forward to seeing you all there as we gather  
together for Morning Tea  
In fellowship and preparation for Easter after the  
9.15am Mass at St John XXIII.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:**

Holy Week ... Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April,  
after the 9.15am Mass at St John XXIII  
we invite you all to join us in meditating the  
Stations of The Cross, recalling  
'The way of The Cross' and honouring  
the Passion of Our Lord.

For further information contact on  
Mobile: 0418 821 859

Maureen Kenny,  
Reach Out President

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARCH/APRIL BABIES**

27th Mar	Robert Javier
28th Mar	Joan Weaver
29th Mar	Joseph Gavini
	Odessa Palmer
31st Mar	Eugene Augustine
	Crystal Forrester
1st Apr	Patrick North



## **TREASURE MARKET**

**Second Saturday of each month**

**8am to 12noon**

**Next: 9th April 2022**

**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**

### **Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine**

God of peace and justice,  
who change the hardened heart  
and break the power of violence,  
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril;  
let them know not death but life,  
not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all;  
we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength to live that truth in love,  
choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

