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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

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WYNN VALE 5127

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13th March 2022
2nd Sunday of Lent, 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.

The Message of Transfiguration



The common theme of today's readings is metamorphosis or transformation. The readings invite us to work with the Holy Spirit to transform our lives by renewing them during Lent so that they radiate the glory and grace of the transfigured Lord to all around us by our Spirit-filled lives. The first reading describes the transformation of Abram, a pagan patriarch, into a believer in the one God (Who would later "transform" Abram's name to Abraham), and the first covenant of God with Abraham's family as a reward for Abraham's Faith and obedience to God. In the second reading,

St. Paul argues that it is not observance of the Mosaic Law and circumcision that transforms people into Christians, and therefore, Gentiles need not become Jews to become Christians. St. Paul urges us to stand firm in our Faith and to live a life of discipleship with Jesus now, so that we may share in a glorious future later. In the Transfiguration account in today's Gospel, Jesus is revealed as a glorious figure, superior to Moses and Elijah. The primary purpose of Jesus' Transfiguration was to allow Him to consult his Heavenly Father to ascertain His plan for His Son's suffering, death, and Resurrection. The secondary aim was to make Jesus' chosen disciples aware of his Divine glory, so that they might discard their worldly ambitions and dreams of a conquering political Messiah and be strengthened in their time of trial. On the mountain, Jesus is identified by the Heavenly Voice as the Son of God. Thus, the Transfiguration experience is a Christophany, that is, a manifestation or revelation of Who Jesus really is. Describing Jesus' Transfiguration, the Gospel gives us a glimpse of the Heavenly glory awaiting those who do God's will by putting their trusting Faith in Him.

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The Church invites us to reflect on Christ's humanity by presenting the temptations of Christ on the first Sunday of Lent. On the second Sunday, by presenting the Transfiguration scene, the Church invites us to reflect on Christ's Divinity. The Transfiguration of Our Lord on this Second Sunday in Lent gives us a glimpse of the coming future glory of Christ at Easter. But it also reminds us that the only way to Easter is through the cross.

While praying, Jesus was transfigured into a shining figure, full of Heavenly glory. "In 1st century Judaism and in the NT, there was the belief that the righteous get new, glorified bodies in order to enter heaven (1 Cor 15:42-49; 2 Cor 5:1-10). This transformation means the righteous will share the glory of God. One recalls the way Moses shared the Lord's glory after his visit to the mountain in Ex 34. So the disciples saw Jesus transfigured, and they were getting a sneak preview of the great glory that Jesus would have. (NET Bible notes)." Moses and Elijah are seen with Jesus at the Transfiguration because both of them had experienced the Lord in all His glory. Moses had first met the Lord in the burning bush at Mount Horeb (Ex 3:1-4). The Transfiguration scene closely resembles God's revelation on Mt. Sinai to Moses, who also brought along three companions and whose face also shone brilliantly (see Ex 24:1; 34:29). After his encounter with God on Sinai, Moses' face shone so brightly that the people were frightened, and thereafter, whenever Moses went into the Tent to consult the Lord, he had to wear a veil over his face when he came out (Ex 34:29-35). Elijah travelled for forty days to Mt. Horeb on the strength of the food brought by an angel (1 Kgs 19:8). At Mt. Horeb, Elijah sought refuge in a cave as the glory of the Lord passed over him (1 Kgs 19:9-18). Moses and Elijah are representatives of the law and prophets and foreshadowed Jesus, who is the culmination of the Law and the Prophets.

1 Kgs, 8: 10 tells us how, by the cover of a cloud, God revealed His presence in the Ark of the Covenant and in the Temple of Jerusalem on the day of its dedication. The Jews generally believed that the phenomenon of the cloud would be repeated when the Messiah arrived. God the Father, Moses and Elijah approved the plan regarding Jesus' suffering, death and Resurrection. God's words from the cloud, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him," are the same words used by God at Jesus' baptism (Mt 3:17), with the addition of "listen to Him." At the moment of Jesus' death, a Roman centurion would declare, "Truly, this man was the Son of God" (Mk 15:39). These words summarize the meaning of the Transfiguration, that on this mountain, God revealed Jesus as His Son, His beloved, the One in whom He is always well pleased and the One to whom we must listen. By the words, "This is my Son; listen to Him!" Jesus is not simply presented to the apostles as the Son of God, but as God's mouthpiece.

The Transfiguration offers us a message of
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encouragement and hope. In moments of doubt and during our dark moments of despair and hopelessness, the thought of our transfiguration in Heaven will help us to reach out to God and to listen to His consoling words: "This is My beloved Son." Let us offer our Lenten sacrifices to our Lord, that through these practices of Lent and through the acceptance of our daily crosses we may grow closer to him in his suffering and may share in the carrying of his cross so that we may finally share the glory of his Transfiguration.

Janakumbudramalika

Readings for next Sunday, 20th March 2022

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| 1st Reading | Ex | 3:1 - 8, 13 - 15 |
| 2nd Reading | I Cor | 10:1 - 6, 10 - 12 |
| Gospel | Lk | 13:1 - 9 |

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

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| 17th Mar | St Patrick |
| 18th Mar | St Cyril of Jerusalem |
| 19th Mar | St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary |

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:**

- 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

Des Haydon, Robert John Hornby, Allan David Searle



STATIONS of the CROSS

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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



St Vincent de Paul Modbury Conference

We had 4 families call for assistance this last week covering 5 adults and 3 children.

Our Gift Card options, for shopping for perishables to complement the non-perishable groceries we deliver, are still limited to Drake's.

Our needs in the pantry are Coffee, Tinned Fish, Tinned Peas and Spaghetti. It will greatly help if any or all of these items could be placed in the Vinnies' collection basket.

Vinnie's has opened a new assistance centre at Pooraka and is seeking volunteers on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00am to 2:00pm to provide support to the companions.

Interested parishioners would be provided with training and support. Further information can be obtained from your local Vinnie's Conference or our Regional President, Neil Dwiar either by email ndwiar@svdpsa.org.au or mobile 0402 345 493.

Unfortunately, as Vinnies in each state is an independent legal entity, we are not able to accept donations in South Australia towards the flood appeal, as legally we are not permitted to transfer public funding to another entity.

People who wish to donate can do so via the Vinnies website: www.vinnies.org.au where there is a link (Flood Appeal).

The choice is then to donate to the New South Wales or Queensland appeal.



St Joseph's Devotion

Resumes on St Joseph's Feast Day
Saturday 19th March
Holy Trinity Church
Prayers to St Joseph and Rosary at
8.30am followed by Mass 9.15am

"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)

Anointing of the Sick



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

**Tuesday 22nd March at
St John XXIII Mass at 9.15am.**

**Wednesday 23rd March 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.

STATE ELECTION

**SATURDAY 19TH MARCH
DUE TO ST JOHN XXIII
BEING USED AS A POLLING PLACE
FOR THE STATE ELECTION
MASS WILL COMMENCE AT 6.30PM
ON THE NIGHT.**

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Our next workshop for the 2021/2022 Sacramental Program will be held on Saturday 19th of March 4pm—5pm at Holy Trinity

Please pray for the children and their families as they continue their preparation to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

LITURGY ASSISTANTS FOR HOLY WEEK

Easter will soon be 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.**

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

Church Flowers

There will be no flowers during Lent; All donations will go towards Easter arrangements. Thank you to all who have donated during the year.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

PRAYER MEETINGS

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| Tue | 15th Mar | Legion of Mary | 12.30pm | Holy Trinity |
| Wed | 16th Mar | Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion | 7pm | St John XXIII |
| Fri | 18th Mar | Stations of the Cross | 7pm | Holy Trinity |
| Sat | 19th Mar | Sacramental Program | 4pm - 5pm | Holy Trinity |

OTHER ACTIVITIES

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| Wed | 16th Mar | Seniors Social Group | 1pm | Holy Trinity |
| Thur | 17th Mar | Multicultural Melodies | 10am - 12 noon | St John XXIII |



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2022

Congratulations to our winner

No 39, Jason Walker
Drawn by Gwen Barry

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



Project Compassion



Biru 30, lives in a rural village in Jharkand State in India's east. He lost mobility in one of his legs, after contracting polio as a child, which makes it difficult for him to walk. With your generous support, Biru was able to access an entrepreneurship and livelihoods development program, run by

Caritas Australia's partner, Caritas India. He gained the skills, support and encouragement he needed to establish his own bicycle repair business.

Now, Biru is able to provide a good life for his family, and an essential service to his community. He has discovered a sense of pride, confidence and hope which has inspired others living with a disability and paved the way For All Future Generations.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help people living with disabilities in India gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to build a better future for all.

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, or by calling 1800 024 413



Introduction to Lent: Almsgiving

By Mike Aquilina

Of the three marks of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving almsgiving is surely the most neglected.

And yet, in the only place where the Bible brings all three together, the inspired author puts the emphasis firmly on the last: "Prayer and fasting are good, but better than either is almsgiving accompanied by righteousness ... It is better to give alms than to store up gold; for almsgiving saves one from death and expiates every sin. Those who regularly give alms shall enjoy a full life" (Tob 12:8-9).

Why is almsgiving better than prayer and fasting?

Because it is prayer, and it involves fasting.

Almsgiving is a form of prayer because it is "giving to God" — and not mere philanthropy. It is a form of fasting because it demands sacrificial giving — not just giving something, but giving up something, giving till it hurts.

Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35),

Charity begins at home, where we daily make the choice to give our time, our attention, our affirming smile, and give generously. But charity must not stop there, because for Catholics "home" is universal, and our family is as big as the world.

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, March 13**.

You can participate as a group or individually

Find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch



THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The March edition of The Southern Cross is available from both Mass Centres at a cost of \$2

or online at www.thesoutherncross.org.au

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARCH BABIES

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| 16th Mar | Joe Viceban |
| 17th Mar | Lotte Gisi |
| 18th Mar | Paul Gallagher, Les Ost |
| 19th Mar | Anne Valentine |

