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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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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

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20th March 2022
3rd 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.



Lent: A Time for Self-Renewal

In today's gospel, Jesus is trying to draw his hearers into the middle of things. Rather than looking on, and debating why this is happening, or why that happened, he asks them to look at themselves, at their own situation, and become more concerned with what's happening or not happening there. He uses an illustration to show them how many chances they are getting, how patient and tolerant God is with them. He goes on to say that this will not go on indefinitely, and that, sooner or later, they must be responsible, or else they will be held responsible for what they have done, and for what they have failed to do.

We may feel a little uncomfortable when we hear today's gospel. I sure am! I prefer "Comforter Jesus," "Peace Jesus," "Good Shepherd Jesus," "Jesus loves me Jesus." UNLESS YOU REPENT, YOU WILL ALL PERISH JUST AS THEY DID! is not the Jesus I like to think about. Jesus is making us uncomfortable.

It is good to ask today where do I find myself in this scripture? Am I one of the followers who is rushing to tell Jesus about the Galileans whom Pilate has killed while they were worshipping? Am I trying to figure out why, looking to Jesus to make some sense of these tragedies? Am I one of those trying to figure out if there is something about me and my loved ones who "deserve" to not be a victim of such tragedies? Maybe I am... but listen again to Jesus' response. UNLESS YOU REPENT, YOU WILL ALL PERISH JUST AS THEY DID! He says it twice, so it must be important. Are you feeling uneasy again? I am. That's not the response I want, but maybe, just maybe it's the response I need to hear.

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Jesus asks, "Do you think that these Galileans suffered in this way because they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?" "Do you think they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you." "But unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." We must all examine our lives. Because the reality is that we are like all these people. Sometimes we will suffer when we have done nothing to deserve it. Sometimes we will stand up for what is right in the face of opposition. And sometimes we will be the oppressors, the ones who hurt others, all the time believing that we are better than them.

Thankfully, Luke moves us from Jesus the demanding one to Jesus the Comforter, the gardener. Today's gospel speaks about a fig tree that did not produce fruit. Producing fruit was the whole reason and purpose of it being planted in the first place. God gives me nothing for myself. He doesn't give me my gift of speech to go around talking to myself! As a Christian, I am called into the service of others. It is in giving that I receive. There are three groups in every society. There is a small group that cause things to happen. There is a larger group that watch things happening. And then there's the largest group who haven't a clue what's happening! Christianity is more about walking the walk than talking the talk. It is about action, and not just ideas.

Christianity is about walking the walk, and not just about talking the talk. Faith is not some sort of mental concept up in my head, like, for example, knowing that Jesus is God. Satan knows that too! Faith has more to do with my feet than with my head, when the message has come through the heart, down to the feet, that inspires some sort of stepping out, leading to Christianity in action. Remember, I am responsible for what I do, and for what I have failed to do.

Many of us remember Retreats when we were in school, or, perhaps occasionally since then. A Retreat is a time when we can get away from the ordinary everyday schedule of our lives, and take time out for reflection, prayer, and teachings on the gospel message. It is important to remember that we can do this any day we wish. We can all find those few quiet moments for reflection. It is out of such times that a response can come to the message we hear. Finding the time is a test of how seriously we take the message of Jesus, and how real he is in our lives. If we are too busy to have these times, then, in truth, we are too busy. Prayer is giving God time and space in our lives. There will be no response from us if we don't take time out to listen to him.

The gospel is an invitation, with R.S.V.P. written all over it. Not to respond is, in itself, a response. By becoming Christians and being part of the

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worshipping community there is a response on our part, and it is good that we have made a start. We need to make progress and growth. Lent is an ideal time "to dig around and manure" the tree of our life so that it may bring forth fruits. The "fruits" God expects from us during Lent are repentance, renewal of life, and the resulting virtues of love, compassion, mercy, forgiveness, selflessness, and humble service. Let us start producing these fruits by becoming more sensitive to the feelings of others and by accepting everyone with love and respect.

Janakumbudramalika

Readings for next Sunday, 27th March 2022

1st Reading	Jos	5:9 - 12
2nd Reading	2 Cor	5:17 - 21
Gospel	Lk	15:1 - 3, 11 - 32

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

23rd Mar	St Turibius of Mogrovejo
24th Mar	St Oscar Romero
25th Mar	The Annunciation of the Lord

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, Allan David Searle



STATIONS of the CROSS

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

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

There were three requests for assistance last week, with food and clothing requested, and one seeking rental assistance. The clothing is covered by the issue of Vinnies Gift Cards.

This time last year we were a year into our COVID-safe mode of visiting and COVID supplementary income assistance was closing off.

We've had more requests for bills under Emergency Relief Funding since then.

We've started taking a turn at staffing the Pooraka Hub to take the strain off the Salisbury and Para Hills area, but if you can do a 10am. to 2pm. shift every two or four weeks, your help would be much appreciated.

We would greatly appreciate any donations of Tinned Fish, Coffee, Peanut Butter and Long Life Milk.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Central District Region

invites you to a Forum
to hear stories about what Vinnies is doing
in the region and what opportunities exist
for transformation as we move forward in 2022.

Sunday 27 March 2022, 3pm-4pm

Parish Family Centre,
23 Commercial Rd, Salisbury
All welcome – please share
with your networks, and bring a friend!

Due to Covid care, please let us know
if you can come along

E: rsvp@svdpsa.org.au or
T: 8112 8700

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 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.***



Fasting

Lent is a time when Catholics are called to carry out a three-fold mission, with the key pillars being fasting, almsgiving, and prayer. It is during this time that we strive to become more aware of the sacrifice that Jesus made for us on the Cross, as well as his forgiveness of our sins and unconditional love for us.

Just as Jesus fasted in the desert for forty days, we are called to forgo something for the same period when observing Lent. It is important, that while our fasting should involve a personal sacrifice and a challenge for us, we should ensure that we keep ourselves healthy.

In addition to fasting, Catholics are required to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and on Fridays during Lent.

Despite the challenge of fasting, we can take solace in knowing Jesus protects us during our struggle, as St. John Henry Newman reminds us:

"Even in our penitential exercises, Christ has gone before us to sanctify them to us. He has blessed fasting as a means of grace, in that He fasted."

During Lent, Catholics and other Christian participants are given a reprieve from fasting on Sundays as a "mini-Easter".

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

PRAYER MEETINGS

Tue	22nd Mar	Legion of Mary	12.30pm	Holy Trinity
Fri	25th Mar	Stations of the Cross	7pm	Holy Trinity
Sun	27th Mar	Divine Mercy	2.30pm	Holy Trinity

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Mon	21st Mar	Bowls Group	1pm - 3.30pm	St John XXIII
Wed	23rd Mar	Seniors Social Group	1pm	Holy Trinity
Fri	25th Mar	Craft Group	9.30am - 12.30pm	St John XXIII



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2022

Congratulations to our winner
No 81, Miriam Morrison
Drawn by Carolyn Ost for Jason Walker

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



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.



Project Compassion



Janice 44, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, living in a remote community in the Northern Territory. As elders grow older and pass away, she knows she must share her knowledge with the younger generation. However, the community faces multiple challenges, including a lack of jobs,

limited educational opportunities, and other socio-economic issues which can lead to young people becoming disconnected from culture.

With your help, Caritas Australia supports Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation, which operates a centre for traditional and contemporary Aboriginal arts and culture, providing employment and generating income for local communities.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive.

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

Lenten Retreat

Saturday 26th March
11am - 3.15pm

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church
420 Seaview Road Henley Beach.

Topic: The Last Seven Words
Jesus Spoke from the Cross.

Speaker Fr Josy Sebastian MSFS.
The day includes talks, reconciliation, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection and Mass.

Please bring your own food tea/coffee provided
Enquiries and bookings phone Pauline on 0403002240
before 24th March

Cost by donation All welcome.
Covid 19 protocols to be observed

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.

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.



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

22nd Mar Sean Ford
26th Mar Ken Randell