



# PARA HILLS MODBURY CATHOLIC PARISH

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1st Sunday of Advent, Year B - Violet

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171 KESTERS ROAD,  
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## ST JOHN XXIII CHURCH

50 RESERVOIR RD,  
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### BAPTISMS

BOOKINGS TO BE MADE  
THROUGH THE PARISH OFFICE.

### MARRIAGES

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

## REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

## ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S

(PRIMARY)  
CARIGNANE ST,  
WYNN VALE 5127  
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PH: 8282 6600

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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

Saturday 6pm  
Sunday 8am  
Tuesday 9.15am  
(Rosary Before Mass  
commencing 8.50am)  
Thursday 9.15am



### 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



## *Congratulations*

Last Sunday, on the  
Feast of Christ the King,  
Joseph Selvan and Ethan Neri  
were recognised as  
Parishioner of Inspiration and  
Youth Parishioner of Inspiration  
respectively.

We thank them for their service  
leadership and we thank every volunteer  
who contributes to making Christ  
present in and through our parish.



**"It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us  
memories of goodness and thus open doors of hope."  
Pope Benedict XVI**

During the Advent season many of us will have an Advent wreath on the table.  
Let each candle not only mark the countdown to Christmas  
but also serve as a daily reminder to spread kindness.  
In the hustle and bustle, take a moment each day to brighten someone's world,  
a smile, a small gesture, a thoughtful word.  
As we anticipate the joy of Christmas, let the spirit of giving and compassion guide  
us through the days of Advent, creating a ripple effect of warmth and connection.  
In these simple acts, find the true magic of the season, making each day  
leading up to Christmas a testament to the power of kindness.

**Dear God, as we approach Christmas,  
may our actions be reflections of Your boundless love.  
In simple acts of kindness, let us sow seeds of joy and unity.  
May the spirit of the season spread through our hearts,  
creating a world where Your love is felt by all. Amen.**

Sourced from [www.majellan.media](http://www.majellan.media)

**Readings for Sunday, 10th December 2023  
2nd Sunday of Advent, Year B**

1st Reading Is 40:1 - 5, 9 - 11  
2nd Reading 2 Pt 3:8 - 14  
Gospel Mk 1:1 - 8

**Saints & Feast Days**

4th Dec St John Damascene  
6th Dec St Nicholas  
7th Dec St Ambrose  
8th Dec The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
9th Dec St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

**Our Community's Prayer Petitions**

**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:**

Kathleen Ryan, Margaret Dunn, Clarence Rodericks, Sue Rodericks, Margaret Penny, Theresa Camilleri, Corrie Bowman, Martha Fernandez, Carmel Adams, Vesna Zagar, Kim Pope, Anne Hughes, David Truman, Bruce Tilley, Anne Valentine, Ken Randell, Mary Rose Probst, Emelia Pudelek, Maria Trotta, Joan Walmsley, Lil Buckley, Pat Collins, Margaret Pitt, Anne Van Der Arend, Patricia Kopf, Darcy Ridley, Jayden Lee, Maria Hand, Molly Holmes, Asher Caudle, Emma Gammon, David North, Elijah Neri, Marg Dolman, Sean Molloy, Antoinette Pascale, Reta Lockyer, John MacGrath, Mary Redmond, Graham Speed, Marlen Piineda, Rosa Maria Santos, Betty Roper, Imperia De Ionno, Julie Reimann, Gerry Canavan, Kay Kennedy, Gary Lockyer, Rita Robinson, Yvonne Summers

**Recently Deceased**

John Wilson, Joanne Pountney, Mona Reid.

**Deceased Anniversaries**

Estelle Tilley, Teodulo Giban

**Family Mass for Christmas**

The Family Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, 24 December 2023 at 6:30p.m. at the Holy Trinity Church, Para Hills.

This Mass will include children acting out the Gospel of the Nativity.

Primary school aged children [having been to school in 2023] of the Para Hills Modbury Catholic Parish are welcome to the first practice on Monday, 18 December 2023 from 10:30 to 11:30a.m. at Holy Trinity Church.

Bring a drink bottle and a soft toy of an animal that may have been in the stable.

Please register your interest with an email to [pa@paramodcath.com.au](mailto:pa@paramodcath.com.au)

.Therese Meyers

**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**

There were eight assistance requests last week, for fourteen adults and seven children.

The Vinnies Christmas Appeal is still open and envelopes are available at the Vinnies notice board to contribute. The envelopes can either be handed to a Vinnies member, or be returned through the planned giving collection. Receipts will be available for tax purposes.

The requests for Christmas hampers has risen to 26, but is expected to grow next week; some long term regulars haven't asked yet, we'll draw the line at about 30.

Last weekend was the second to return tags and goods to the Giving Tree; many thanks for your support; the goods and tags can be returned (unwrapped) until December 17th. We'll pack the hampers on Wednesday Dec 20th for collection on the following Thursday morning.

Thank you very much for your ongoing support. In the pantry, any donations of

**Pasta Sauce, Spaghetti and Jam**

would be greatly appreciated.



**Anointing of the Sick**

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

**Wednesday 13th December at Holy Trinity Church Mass at 7pm**

**Tuesday 19th December at St John XXIII Mass at 9.15am.**



**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

Friday 8th December

There will be "The Hour of Grace" from 12 noon to 1 pm at

Holy Trinity Church, Para Hills to pray for Priests as requested by the Blessed Virgin Mary.

She promised that whatever a person asked her for during this hour would be granted, if it was in accordance with the will of the Eternal Father.

On the same day the Holy Mass will be celebrated at Holy Trinity Church, Para Hills at 9.15am

*O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

## The 2023 Christmas Bulletin

Once again we will be publishing a 'bumper' edition of the Parish bulletin for Christmas.

Groups are asked to submit items for inclusion. You might like to write something summing up the special achievements of your group for the year or it could be as simple as a Christmas and New Year message to the parish and your recommencement date in the New Year.

If possible, we would ask that you include some photos of group members involved in the activities of your group. We don't promise that all will be published, but it is always good to have a range to choose from.

The closing date for those submissions will be **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December.**

Please send your submissions electronically if possible to [bulletin@paramodcath.com.au](mailto:bulletin@paramodcath.com.au) with Christmas Bulletin in the subject line.

Hard copies can be dropped off to the parish office.

### Save The Date!

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December:  
Regional Second Rite of Reconciliation  
(DERNANCOURT - TEA TREE GULLY  
MODBURY PARA HILLS)**

To celebrate the joy of Christmas, spiritual preparation is also essential.

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm, there will be the Second Rite of Reconciliation at Dernancourt Parish.

Please make use of this spiritual opportunity to prepare ourselves well and to celebrate the joy of Christmas. Please save this date in your diary.

### Christmas Liturgies

Advent begins this week and Christmas is fast approaching!

Liturgy Assistants Sign up sheets for the Christmas Masses are now available at the back of the Church.

Please consider which Masses you will be attending and whether you are able to volunteer for any of the ministries.

If you can help out please add your name to the list as soon as possible.

### Advent Reflection Book

Advent commences this weekend and the Office for Worship has produced a free Advent Reflection Booklet. The booklets are available at the back of the Church and we encourage everyone to take a copy.



## THE PARAMOD CATHOLIC PARISH YOUTH GROUP

Will be hosting an

**ADVENT RETREAT**

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December

from 2.30PM – 5.30PM

at St John XXIII Church

50 Reservoir Road, Hope Valley, SA 5090

The program will include:

Prayer, Worship, Discussion,

Music, Games and Activities

The Retreat will conclude with Mass at 6pm.

**All are welcome.**

For inquiries please contact:

Kimberlyn 0405 131 822

Aaron 0426 622 110

### Advent Reflections

A series of Advent reflections looking at the significance of Christmas in the context of 'The Big Story of the Universe' – how do we connect the Big Bang to the stable in Bethlehem and Adelaide in 2023?

Each session will include prayer, reading, reflection, sharing and discussion.

When: Wednesdays of Advent,  
December 6, 13, 20.

Time and place: 10am at the Mercy Centre,  
4 Victoria St, Mile End and 7pm,  
Hallett Cove Catholic Church foyer.

All sessions 90 minutes.

Presenter: Kevin Liston.

Sponsored by SA Catholics for an Evolving Church.

For more information and to register for the first handout:

E: [Kevin.liston1@gmail.com](mailto:Kevin.liston1@gmail.com) or

P: 0411 197 829.

### WORKING BEES

#### TO PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS

##### Holy Trinity

Saturday 9th December 10am - 12noon

Our aim, as usual, is to do a general clean up of both Mass Centres in preparation for the Christmas Liturgies.

***Many hands make light work!***

### 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)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!**



PRAYER MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

|            |                |                      |                 |                          |
|------------|----------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Tue</b> | <b>5th Dec</b> | Reach Out            | 9.15am          | <b>St John XXIII</b>     |
| <b>Wed</b> | <b>6th Dec</b> | Seniors Social Group | 1pm             | <b>Holy Trinity</b>      |
| <b>Wed</b> | <b>6th Dec</b> | Liturgy Committee    | 7pm             | <b>Private Residence</b> |
| <b>Fri</b> | <b>8th Dec</b> | Craft Group          | 9.30am - 12noon | <b>St John XXIII</b>     |
| <b>Fri</b> | <b>8th Dec</b> | Hour of Grace        | 12noon - 1pm    | <b>Holy Trinity</b>      |
| <b>Sat</b> | <b>9th Dec</b> | Treasure Market      | 8am - 12noon    | <b>St John XXIII</b>     |
| <b>Sat</b> | <b>9th Dec</b> | Working Bee          | 10am - 12noon   | <b>Holy Trinity</b>      |
| <b>Sat</b> | <b>9th Dec</b> | Legion of Mary       | 12noon          | <b>Holy Trinity</b>      |
| <b>Sat</b> | <b>9th Dec</b> | Youth Group          | 5.30pm          | <b>Holy Trinity</b>      |



**DEVELOPMENT FUND 2023**

Congratulations to our winner

No 24, Stephen Sherlock  
Drawn by Sindi Kinloch  
for Kathryn Hudson

Please contact: Barbara Mathews 8258 8806  
for more information.

**REACHOUT END OF YEAR BREAK-UP AND CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA**

Tuesday 5th December 2023

After the 9.15am Mass at St John XXIII, all Reach Out members and friends are invited to come along to our end-of-year break-up and celebrate with a Christmas morning tea, friendship, conversation and Christmas singing.

All attending are kindly asked to please bring a plate of savoury or sweet food to share.

Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances, the 'Multicultural Melodies' group will be unable to join us on the day to entertain and lead us in song.

However, a few members of the group will be attending and will help us forge ahead with some Christmas singing.

Hope you will all join in the fun and celebration.

Maureen Kenny  
Reach Out President  
Mobile: 0418 821 859



**Advent Reflection Book  
"With Expectant Hearts"**

We still have some copies of "With Expectant Hearts" available for \$7.50 from the Parish Office.

**TREASURE MARKET**

**Second Saturday of each month  
8am to 12noon**

**Next: 9th December 2023  
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.**

**Maintenance Support**

Just like our homes constantly need upkeep, so do our church properties.

We are blessed to have the dedicated services of many who work behind the scenes.

Peter van der Arend is seeking the support of someone who could work with him in two hour blocks at a time to waterproof around the windows of St John 23rd.

The task could include painting, repairing existing timber, fitting poly-carb sheeting and being comfortable up a ladder.

Please contact Peter on 0403 632 599

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
DECEMBER BABIES**

4th Dec John Dini Jr  
5th Dec Delice Regan  
7th Dec Pat Collins



**THE SOUTHERN CROSS**

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