

HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH HUNTERS HILL ST PETER CHANEL WOOLWICH



We acknowledge the Walumatagal people — the first custodians of this place

14 APRIL 2019

PALM SUNDAY

LET'S CHEER THE WINNER!

Calendar

April

- 18 **Holy Thursday**
- 19 **Good Friday**
- 20 **Holy Saturday**
- 21 **Easter Sunday**
- 24 **Anzac Day Service**
Hunters Hill Town Hall 7.00pm
- 25 **Anointing Mass** Chapter Hall 11.30 am

May

- 1 **Social Justice Meeting**
Parish House 7.30pm
- 3 **Monthly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**
HNM 7.00 am
- 4 **Orientation Morning Pastoral Council**
Parish House 9.00 am
- 9 **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**
Chapter Hall 7.30pm
- 12 **Pastoral Council Commissioning Mass** HNM 10.00am

It was a very pleasant spring day. The Romans were going about their usual business, keeping an eye on us all and always ready with a gruff command with its implied threats of punishment. But it was still a pleasant spring day! There was something afoot that was offering a change of pace and even a bit of hope. The word was out that this fellow Jesus, straight-talking, good-humoured and seemingly frightened of no one, might well be the One we'd been waiting for so long.

Of course in these uncertain times you had to be a bit cautious when it came to pinning your hopes on new movements and people who popped up from left field. Still and all, there was a groundswell that felt like hope.

We went to see for ourselves as he rode into town and it was impossible not to get caught up with the mood of the crowd. "Hosanna", "Save Us" became the crowd's mantra. People laid palms in front of him as a mark of respect and there was a feeling of expectation that things might indeed change. His calm presence in the midst of all the excitement spoke of an authority that we had rarely if ever seen in others who claimed leadership here.

We heard stories about Jesus' care for those who lived beyond the boundaries of respectable society. There were whispers about his healing touch and reports of his story-telling which raised the ire of those who saw themselves as the guardians of orthodoxy. Despite these tensions, he seemed to be on safe ground and we went to bed that night feeling we were on a winner!

It was too good to last! Within days, the wheels had come off and here is Jesus arrested, charged and sentenced to death. The people in power had their way and he was on his way to the Cross.

The crowds always love a winner. Those who had been cheering him just days before, now knowing that they were under the watchful eye of the authorities, changed their song from "Hosanna" to "Crucify him." It was clear he was not all they'd hoped, and any power they thought he had was replaced by a picture of abject, silent weakness. How could we cheer such a pathetic figure? Sure, we'd changed our tune, but at least we were consistent in cheering for the winning team, whoever it was!

This all-too-human pattern is played out again and again through history. The winners take the spoils and the rest of us follow along or disappear from view. In the Church we have played this game as well as anyone. All was well as long as we seemed to have our act together. People cheered and were happy to be counted among the crowd of supporters.

At different times in our history, the frailty of the Church becomes exposed as it has once again in our time. Many erstwhile supporters have not only left but joined in the chorus of ridicule and condemnation. "Crucify him" becomes again the fashionable mantra.

There were a few on that Good Friday who continued to journey with the humiliated, wounded Jesus. While not ignoring his wounded state, they managed to hold on to the truth they'd learned from him.

In our time, the wounds of the Church are indeed profound and deeply distressing. There is much still to be done by way of healing, reparation, justice and transformation. It's very understandable that these wounds are so painful that some can no longer see themselves as part of this broken body.

There are others who feel deep sadness and shame at a system that protected wrong-doers and failed to listen to victims. Somehow they still manage to see that there is more to this community than its broken parts. They stand at the foot of the Cross this Good Friday and ache for the day of Resurrection. Father Kevin

What's on?

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR PARISH?

See if anyone in your pew knows the name of this parish-ioner. Her name next week. Last week's photo: Patrick Lauren



CHOIR PRACTICE FOR HOLY WEEK

Holy Saturday 20 April 10.30am HNM Church

EASTER VIGIL SUPPER

Following the Easter Vigil Ceremony on Holy Saturday, we will have the usual supper in the Chapter Hall. If you are attending the Vigil ceremony, please bring something to share. The Parish will provide liquid refreshments.

GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS

The Annual Inter-Church Good Friday Way of the Cross will commence at All Saints Anglican Church at 10.30am and will conclude in the grounds of Villa Maria Monastery. All Welcome.

CHILD SAFETY OUR SPECIAL PRIORITY



HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

RECONCILIATION SERVICE: HNM, Tuesday 16 April 7.30pm

MASS OF THE OILS: St Mary's Cathedral, Thursday 18 April 10.30am

MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER: HNM, Thursday 18 April 7.30pm

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: HNM, FRIDAY 19 April, 3.00pm

EASTER VIGIL: HNM, Saturday 20 April 7.00pm

EASTER SUNDAY: HNM 8.00 & 10.00 am, (No Sunday Evening Mass)

SPC 9.00 am

WAY OF THE CROSS MORNING TEA

Once again the parish will host the morning tea at the completion of the Way of the Cross on Good Friday morning. We are calling for volunteers to assist with :

- ◆ setting up (from approx. 10-10.30)
- ◆ Setting up the morning tea
- ◆ Serving morning tea
- ◆ Packing up after the morning tea (approx. 1-1.45pm)
- ◆ Making our famous cross shape biscuits (recipe and shape can be supplied). Last year, we ran out of biscuits and buns so we need more cooks please.

You are all welcome to arrive at 10am and stay until 1.45pm

If you are able to participate in any of these tasks, or for more details please contact Helen Farrell 0421 450 650.

PROJECT COMPASSION IMPORTANT NOTICE:

All those who have Project Compassion Boxes, please return them to the parish office or one of our churches by 28 April, the weekend after Easter.

JOIN ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR

St Patrick's Cathedral choir, Parramatta is recruiting singers! This is an exciting opportunity to join a group of highly talented musicians. Choral scholarships are also available to singers who demonstrate advanced skills and musical leadership qualities. For further information visit stpatscathedral.com.au/music or Bernard Kirkpatrick on 0430 431 884.

SYDNEY WELSH CHOIR CONCERT

2PM SUNDAY MAY 5TH 2019 Parish Hall

\$20 for Probus Members and friends. (Children welcome free of charge). After the concert join the audience and choir for a good chat and light refreshments.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT REFLECTION MORNINGS. THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH 10-1PM

For family and friends who grieve and their companions. Understanding and managing life's changes in Loss, Grief & Bereavement. Morning tea provided. For further information please contact bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au

PALM SUNDAY WALK



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTION

The following people have generously accepted nomination for election:

Carmen Pelling, Marita Winters, Caitlin Pfafflin, Kerry Moroney, Paul Trainor, Robert Bailey, Lester Cantem, Lilijana Gorringer, Michael O'Hara, Patricia Curtin, Daniel Dominguez & Bobby Mackun.

Voting forms are available at each Church this weekend and are being emailed along with the bulletin this Friday.

Please return your ballot papers to the boxes provided in each Church, to the parish office or by email to villamar@bigpond.net.au by Wednesday 24 April when voting closes

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

We wish all our School and College communities an enjoyable, safe and creative holiday period after this very long First Term.

Along with your time of relaxation, may you pause to reflect and celebrate the great mysteries of our faith during this coming Holy Week.

The ceremonies of Holy Week always provide good inspiration and reflection. As well we have our Inter-Church Good Friday Walk which is a wonderful way to celebrate the faith we share with our brothers and sisters in the other local churches.

Well Done...CONGRATS AND THANKS ZONE

Congratulations and welcome to **Harrison Ramsay, Penelope Molluso and Tiana McEvoy**, all of whom will be baptized into our Christian community this weekend.



FAREWELL DR DAN WHITE

After 10 years as Executive Director of Catholic Schools for the Archdiocese Sydney, Dr Dan White was farewelled by a Cathedral full of the education and Church community, with a Mass and luncheon on Tuesday.

Dr Dan has been an outstanding educationalist, negotiator with government and pastoral leader. We thank God for him and wish him well in his retirement.

POINT TO PONDER

Alone with none but Thee my God,
I journeyed on my way,
What need I fear when thou art near
O King of night and day?
More safe am I within thy hand
Than if a host did round me stand.

The child of God can fear no ill,
Our chosen dread no foe.
We leave our fate to Thee and wait
Thy bidding when to go.
'Tis not from chance our comfort springs,
Thou art our trust O King of Kings.

St Columba

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Pray for... PRAYER ZONE

Please pray for all those who are sick or in special need in our community:

Marie Ferris, Janet Muscat, Judy Craig, Andrew & Lina Gullotta, Suzanne Traill, Frank Lloyd, Winifred Wall and John Burton.



I WAS SICK AND YOU VISITED ME

A CHILD IN NEED

We join our prayers to those of a local family whose very young child has been diagnosed with a brain tumour.

We pray for them that they receive all the support and love they need at this time.

May our prayers accompany them through this most worrying time.

Coming Soon

Anzac Service Hunters Hill Town Hall
24 April 7.00pm

New Pastoral Council First Meeting
9 May Chapter Hall 7.30pm

This Week... Scripture Zone

First Reading:

Isaiah 50:4-7

This reading is most of the third of the Songs of the Suffering Servant. Although somewhat darker than the other Songs, this reading ends with the confident profession of faith; I know I shall not be shamed.

Response

The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with joy.

Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11

This reading is the majestic hymn to Christ. After we read of the humiliation of Christ, we read of his exaltation. Because of this, we do him homage.

Gospel Acclamation

Passion Reading:

First Reading : Isaiah 43:16-21

Second Reading : Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel Reading : John 8:1-11

Luke 22:14-23:56

Listen for the five ways in which Luke's version of the Passion is different from its synoptic cousins:

-A farewell discourse in the Last Supper in which Jesus reminds the disciples about service

-Jesus prays by himself in the Garden of Gethsemane that the Father's will be done (as he had earlier taught the disciples in the Our Father)

-Jesus is "handed over" or "delivered up" by Pilate to the people.

-Simon of Cyrene carries the cross "after" Jesus, echoing Jesus' words about those who come "after" him, they must take up their cross.



A PARISH OF THE MARIST FATHERS

PARISH OFFICE:

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Holy Name of Mary:

Sat.6.00pm
Sun.8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm.

St. Peter Chanel: Sunday – 9.00am.

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

Holy Name of Mary:

Monday to Friday – 9.00am.
Saturday – 8.00am.

St Peter Chanel: Wednesday 12.15pm

RECONCILIATION:

Holy Name of Mary: Saturday
5.15pm-5.45pm or by request.

PARISH TEAM:

Parish Priest:

Father Kevin Bates SM
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Priests Assisting:

Fathers Aiki Langi SM, Ph: 0408 896 839
John Worthington SM, Paul Pearce SM

Parish Secretary: Sylvia Gutierrez

New or Returning Parishioners...

Please come along to the Parish Office for a warm welcome and to pick up a Parish Information Kit.

Associate Secretary: Maggie Mullane

Sacramental Coordinator: Rosalia Foley
fft@hnom.com.au 0409 608 979

Parish Safeguarding Support Officers:

Caitlin Pfafflin & Kathleen Lee:
hnompsso@gmail.com

BAPTISM:

By arrangement. Parents please contact the presbytery to book & arrange to attend the Baptism Prep Program

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENINGS:

Tuesdays: 14 May, 18 June, 16 July, 20 August, Chapter Hall @ 7.30pm

MARRIAGE:

At least six months notice must be given. The parish clergy will officiate primarily for parishioners. Others will generally need to arrange their own Priest or Deacon.

PARISH PASTORAL GROUPS AND CONTACTS

Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson:

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 Tues 9:30-11:30am Par-

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OUR PARISH PRAYER

Loving God,

you are the home for our hearts' deepest longings.

We find our way as families and as individuals only in you, through our brother Jesus,
encouraged by the breath of your Spirit.

We thank you for all the blessings we enjoy in our parish family.

May we continue to share our gifts of life and love with glad and generous hearts.

May our world be somehow more alive because we have passed this way.

May Mary our parish patron continue to inspire us as we give new birth to your Word in our turn.

We make our prayer in Jesus' Name. Amen.