

HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH HUNTERS HILL ST PETER CHANEL WOOLWICH



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

21 APRIL 2019

EASTER SUNDAY

PICKING UP THE PIECES

Calendar

April

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

The fire that engulfed Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris this week, certainly grabbed attention all around the world. The sight of this 856 years' old icon of western culture let alone of Catholic faith, being devastated by fire was a lot to take in.

Here on show was the truth that we have not here a lasting city and that even the most resilient reminders of our history are subject to decay and destruction. A quaint one-liner of the father of one of my Marist confreres seems apt: "Whatever man makes, breaks." (Uttered in an era some generations ago, I'm sure he didn't mean to exclude women from this!)

We don't much like reminders of our own frailty or that of those monuments that seem to anchor our sense of well-being, but ultimately they are all subject to the ravages of time. Acid rain, building faults, neglect, fire and rain can all play their part in bringing down our most treasured cultural symbols.

The same is true of every relationship. Even the most precious and intimate of these has a timeline and a completion date from which we have no escape. We can hide, run for cover, deny, rant and cry all we like, but the clock keeps ticking and our most precious attachments one day will be no more.

Even as the fire at Notre Dame still burned, the resilience of the human spirit was on show. There was immediate talk about how the Cathedral could be returned to its pristine state. Immediately, people began to pick up the pieces, seeking to restore what was lost.

The mystery with which we engage during this Holy Week, speaks to the deep truth that has been modelled for us in Paris these past days.

Here we have commemorated the destruction of a life, the apparent defeat of truth and integrity and the snuffing out of hope.

The ashes of Notre Dame are a reminder of what was and is now no longer. The evening silence on Calvary's hill likewise speaks of a story that has come to its ending too soon. Those who were carried along by the story and saw themselves as the future bearers of the story were nowhere to be seen.

Along life's way, we are prone to clinging. Whether it be the monuments we have made, the judgements we've formed, the anger we've made our own or the possessions we've gathered, we cling, and sometimes we cling desperately. We both love the objects of our clinging and are full of fear at the thought of losing them.

It's an exhausting way to spend this precious time that we've been granted.

The pattern of Jesus' life, death and rising to new life provides us with a clear alternative. Here love is at the centre of everything, love that is pure gift, love that satisfies our deepest longings, love that is unfailing.

No fire, no anger, no physical or personal destruction removes love from our grasp. In rising from the dead, Jesus announces from the depths of his being, the power of this love.

It is love that weaves its way through all our enterprises, enabling us to enjoy our monuments, relationships and possessions. Now however, we can hold them all more lightly, and while enjoying them, we look past them to the love which gifted them to us in the first place, the love in which they and we will come to rest.

The people of Paris will soon enough be picking up the pieces and re-building. Jesus' first disciples, once they saw the full picture, also picked up the pieces and the rest is history.

This Easter time, God's love for us all and for all creation is on full display. May we allow this love to transform all that we hold precious into icons of this refreshing grace.

Father Kevin

What's on?

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR PARISH?

See if anyone in your pew knows the name of this couple with their Easter smiles. Their names next week. Last week's photo: Olivia Edwards



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.

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.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safe-guardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

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HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

GOODFRIDAYSERVICE: HNM, FRIDAY 19 April, 3.00pm

EASTER VIGIL: HNM, Saturday 20 April 7.00pm

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

SPC 9.00 am

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

TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Reaching out to all who have experienced a marriage breakdown and question the validity of their first marriage as understood by the Church

Enquiries : (02) 6239 9813

Email : tribunal@cg.org.au

POSITIONS VACANT

Housekeeper/Cleaner, St Mark's Parish Drummoyne. Part-time position 3 days per week. For further information please contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources 0402 210 055.

COMPLETE YOUR FAMILY PICTURE WITH ADOPTION

Family Spirit is a new agency that unifies the expertise and compassion of CatholicCare and Marist 180. We are the only Catholic adoption agency in NSW. Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out how recent policy reforms enable more adoptions in NSW

DISCIPLES SCHOOL OF MISSION 23-28 APRIL

Are you aged between 18-40 and searching for an adventure in 2019? Then join us for Disciples School of Mission. This 5-day live-in school calls young people to be equipped for youth ministry and evangelisation. Short term missions available to PNG, Indonesia, Townsville, Port Pirie, Darwin and back in your own parish. Be renewed in your own faith, equipped for mission/youth ministry and formed in the Catholic faith. Run by the Disciples of Jesus Community www.dojcommunity.com.

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

WELCOME FATHER PAUL PIDCOCK SM OAM

Father Paul is the newest member of our parish team. After long service at St John's College Woodlawn near Lismore and as chaplain to Grafton Gaol, Father Paul has joined our Marist community at Hunters Hill.

He will be celebrating Mass from time to time in the parish and is also available for other duties in the parish.

A very healthy 88 years' old, Father Paul was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in this year's Australia Day Honours.

We welcome him warmly.



HE IS RISEN!

Well Done...CONGRATS AND THANKS ZONE

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



CHAMBER POT OPERA

Following seasons at the Queen Victoria building, the Adelaide Fringe, Edinburgh Fringe & St Petersburg, this quirky, brilliantly conceived and performed piece is now running at the Opera House.

Co-written by our Thomas de Angelis, the performance centres on three women meeting in a Female Bathroom and their unfolding relationships told through operatic arias. Congratulations to Thomas and all involved.

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

NOTRE DAME FIRE

The faith and labour of generations built the iconic Notre Dame Cathedral and the faith of subsequent generations has drawn them to the Cathedral on pilgrimage.

May the love, creativity and generosity of people to come, manage to restore this symbol of Christian faith for future generations.

POINT TO PONDER

Draw Us Forth

Draw us forth, God of all creation.

Draw us forward and away from limited certainty

into the immense world of your love.

Give us the capacity to even for a moment taste the richness of the feast you give us.

Give us the peace to live with uncertainty, with questions, with doubts.

Help us to experience the resurrection anew with open wonder and an increasing ability to see you in the people of Easter.

- Author Unknown

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:
Acts 10:34, 37-43

Peter summarises the Christian Paschal narrative for all who would be willing to listen, for God shows "no partiality". It is truly a message for all as everyone who believes in Jesus received "forgiveness of sins through his name".

Response

This is the day the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading
Colossians 3:1-4

As our lives are entwined with the resurrected Christ, it affords us a perspective to seek things which are truly life giving.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia,

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;

Let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Gospel Reading
John 20:1-9

John's account of the first encounter with the empty tomb launches the ongoing journey from darkness to light that all Christians will make. Three figures are present in the Gospel reading; all experience the empty tomb in slightly different ways. Through their witness, we are encouraged to continue to seek the risen Christ.

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First Reading : Acts 5:12-16
Second Reading : Apoc 1:9-13, 17-19
Gospel Reading : John 20:19-31



A PARISH OF THE MARIST FATHERS

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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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kev@kevinbates.com

Priests Assisting:

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

Matt Fehon
mfehon@mcgrathnichol.com

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 Tues 9:30-11:30am Par-

ish Hall. Mercedes Simola 0414 625 384

www.hnom.com.au/children

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Meditation Group: Gabrielle Woodcock, 9817 0097

Young Adults Group: Nicholas Fearnley 0401 722 839

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Margaret Gambley 9807 2160

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Children's Liturgy:

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Richard Korkor Ph: 0410 431 022

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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.