

HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH HUNTERS HILL ST PETER CHANEL WOOLWICH



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

8 April 2018

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

GETTING A TASTE FOR EASTER

Calendar

April

8 Youth Mass

HNM 6.00pm

10 Baptism Prep Session

Chapter Hall
7.30pm

14 Marist Laity Meeting

Chapter Hall 9.00 am

19 Anointing Mass

Chapter Hall 11.30am

May

1 Grief Support Group Meeting

Parish House
7.30pm

2 Social Justice Group Meeting

Parish House
7.30pm

5 Inter-Church Council Meeting

OLQP
Hall Gladesville,
9.00 am

8 Confirmation Parent Reflection Evening

Parish Hall
7.00pm

11 Youth Group

Parish Hall
6.30pm

The beautiful experience of our Easter Ceremonies provided wonderful nourishment for all those who participated here in our parish. The mail is that the same kind of experience was common to many parishes and dioceses over these holy days.

Certainly in our own little home here, while the numbers of people attending the ceremonies seemed larger than in previous years, the real joy was in the prayerful attentiveness of everyone involved. The faith of the people was something palpable, and it was on the shoulders of this faith that we were carried into a real encounter with the Cross on Calvary and with the Risen Jesus.

There was a gentleness of spirit and a great patience on the part of those who couldn't find seats in the Church, but whose joy in just being present was so clearly evident. Conversations and emails following on from our Easter celebrations, tell me that this deep joy was a shared experience for so many.

This deep listening spirit, expressed in silent prayer, in song, in action, seemed to take on a new intensity and focus.

Perhaps there is a new hunger to find a way forward following all the challenges we are facing as a Church. Perhaps for some, the story of Jesus is starting to impact more on our lives as we grow older, and we start to understand where he may be found each day, as the disciples did on that road to Emmaus.

Perhaps the Spirit we receive at Confirmation is breaking through in our community with a new clarity and those Gifts of the Holy Spirit are taking shape in daily life.

Whatever the case, the beautiful ceremonies of Holy Week seemed to carry us all along with them and grace us with a renewed awareness of the presence of the Risen One.

It's easy I suppose to get carried away with all this when for so many Easter simply means time off work, for taking a break, visiting family, going to the Easter Show or the footy or some other recreation. All of these are worthy pursuits and we all need them. .

It's possible to combine the Easter celebrations and good recreation. It's also possible that we push the Easter story to one side in order to devote our whole Easter break simply to recreation.

Our state of health may well make this necessary. We may also regard the Easter celebrations as optional extras for those who are interested but are not really necessary. I can still think of myself as Catholic without going overboard! In this mode I may be a bit like the folk we read about in Acts Chapter 8. They'd been baptised but they didn't quite get what it was all about, or in the words of Acts, they hadn't yet received the Spirit.

It's a bit like when we baptize our children, see that they receive their Sacraments and leave it at that. If we fail to pray with them at home, or fail to help them participate in the life of the community through the regular celebration of Mass and the Sacraments, we limit their opportunities to get a taste for the nourishment that their faith has to offer them.

We may know a few prayers and some of the stories that Jesus has left us. Occasional participation in Mass may serve to keep our connection with the community ticking over, but like those folk in Samaria, we may not really get it. Only a daily encounter with the One who longs to love us into life, will enable us to taste something of the joy and grace our faith means to provide which we glimpsed during our Easter celebrations.

May we take hold of this Easter season to refresh our acquaintance with Him who died and rose and who calls us to become truly a new kind of people.

Father Kevin

What's on?

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR PARISH?

See if anyone in your pew knows the name of this parishioner. Her name next week. Last week's photo: **Marvic Blowers**



HNOM PARISH YOUTH GROUP

Here at Holy Name of Mary, we've started our very own Youth Group! It's a fun, relaxed place for young people to meet, socialise and become part of the community in which they live. We're trying to fill that gap in involvement in the parish between Confirmation and Marriage, as we build and strengthen connections between old friends and new. There's food, drinks, games, discussions and a lot of fun!

Our next Youth Group Night will be held May 4th at the Parish Hall. All are welcome and encouraged to come by!

CHURCH CLEANING

If you can spare **1hr** on a Saturday morning **once a month**, please consider joining the cleaning roster. Please contact Maggie Mullane 0411 475 469

MARIST LAITY MEETING

To be held on 14th April
Chapter Hall 9am

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING AN ALTAR SERVER?

A training session for both churches will be held in the Chapter Hall at HNOM on Sat. 28th April 3.30-6pm with an opportunity to stay to observe the servers at the 6pm Mass. Please email Kathleen Lee at klhnom@gmail.com. Please note, you must have made your First Holy Communion to be a server.

Current servers are most welcome to attend a refresher's course.

A WORTHY INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

Are you looking for an authentic charity to donate to? If so please visit the website of Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation www.baabayn.org.au or visit the Elders who are the Directors at 252 Luxford Road, Emerton. 0400967727. Your donation is tax deductible. With thanks from the Elders and Sr Naomi Smith rsj (volunteer Administrator).

JOIN POPE FRANCIS IN PANAMA FOR THE 34TH WORLD YOUTH DAY IN JANUARY 2019

Sydney Catholic Youth are inviting you on the pilgrimage of a lifetime to Panama where you will celebrate Mass with Pope Francis and millions of young Catholics from around the world.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will lead the Sydney pilgrimage departing on 15 January 2019 which will travel from Sydney to Washington DC, then to WYD Panama with the optional extension to travel to Mexico City. Register your interest and find out more by visiting the website www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/wyd

PETITION TO SUPPORT ANTI-TRAFFICKING LEGISLATION

Following receipt of the following letter, we will have a petition available for your signatures at all Masses this weekend.,

*Dear Father Kevin Bates,
I was recently approached to help with a petition for the Modern Slavery Bill 2018. As mentioned in an address by Sydney Archbishop Anthony Fisher, to the Select Committee of the NSW Legislative Council on Human Trafficking in March 2017, most people think human trafficking is a thing of the past, yet the very existence of the Committee is testament to the ongoing problem. Modern slavery practices take many forms and prey on the most vulnerable in societies. Pope Francis has called it a 'crime against humanity'.*

As Christians we are called to help eradicate such practices in order to liberate victims currently trapped in the slavery web. Also included herewith is an email from the Anti-Slavery Taskforce commissioned by Archbishop Fisher encouraging me to help in this anti-slavery petition. It is hoped that we can reach the target of over 10,000 signatures in order that the Parliament is obliged to discuss the matter.

I would like to seek your support and approval to have the petition advertised in the church bulletins. It would also help tremendously if the celebrant priest can mention during mass about the call for Christians to help eradicating human trafficking as it has been done by many Christians from the earliest times in history.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

*God bless,
Maria Wong*

HOLY WEEK THANKS

Thanks to all who participated in our Holy Week Ceremonies with such lively faith.

Thanks to the members of our Liturgy Group who coordinated so much of the week's activities.

To our servers, readers, altar society members, cantors, choir and musicians, you grace us with your gifts with such generosity and joy. For this we thank you and pray a blessing on you all.

Many others contributed to the ceremonies in different ways and to each of you a heartfelt thanks.

ROSEBANK COLLEGE OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 6 MAY 11-3.00PM

Join us to experience an innovative co-educational learning environment.

Take a guided tour of the College. View Curriculum displays. Enjoy drama, dance and music performances and take part in a variety of workshops.

Interact with students, teachers and parents.

Attend the Assistant Principal's address at 11.30am or 1.30pm

Discover our dynamic learning program. Enjoy the hospitality of the College community. Hope to see you there.

1A Harris Road Five Dock
tel. 9713 3100
Email:enquiries@rosebank.nsw.edu.au

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Well Done... CONGRATS AND THANKS ZONE

BAPTISMS

Congratulations and a very warm welcome to **Oliver Turner, Heath Sullivan, Jackson Newman, Olivia Carter, Imogen Byrne, George Berry, Niamh Berry, & Aria Laguzza** all of whom will be received into the Catholic Church this weekend.

JOHN & MYRA 60 YEARS MARRIED

Congratulations and a special blessing to John and Myra Edwards who celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary this weekend. We thank God for their long years, their living faith and the great family with which they have blessed us all.



POINT TO PONDER



WHAT IF THE FIRST EASTER WAS THIS YEAR?

Villa Maria Primary School

Principal: Mr. Kevin Turner
Phone: 98796100
www.vmhuntershill.catholic.edu.au

St Josephs' College

Principal: Dr Christopher Hayes
Mark Street, Hunters Hill, NSW 2110 T +61 2 9816 0802
www.joeys.org

Marist Sisters' College

Principal: Dr Anne Ireland
Ph: 9816 2041
www.mscw.nsw.edu.au

ENROLMENTS FOR 2020

Applications to Enrol for Year 7 2020 for Marist Sisters College will close on Wednesday 11 April 2018.

Pray for... PRAYER ZONE

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

Peter Jackson, Marie Ferris, Janet Muscat, Joe Bannon, Judy Craig, Monica Carroll, Lina Gullotta, Janet Greene, Bryan Sidgreaves and Lisa.

MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

We pray a blessing on all medical professionals, especially those who are members of our parish community.

Often enough under great pressure, scrutiny from patients and their families, medical and legal authorities or the media, they serve the community with dedication, skill and often great sacrifice. God bless them all.

Coming Soon

Youth Mass 8 April HNM 6.00pm

Confirmation Parents' Reflection Evening 8 May Parish Hall 7.00pm

Youth Group 11 May, Parish Hall

This Week... Scripture Zone

First Reading:

Acts 4:32-35

These few verses from the Acts of the Apostles remind us of what is central to the life of the Christian community: unity in faith in God's word leading to a sharing of that faith through witnessing to the Lord's resurrection, and a sharing of the things that sustain our life.

Response

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading :

1 John 5:1-6

God's love for us his children, shown in the gift of his Son, and our love for God and for one another, sums up the message of the First Letter of John. John even dares to say, God is love.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe !

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading:

John 20:19-31

This Gospel passage recounts Jesus' appearance to the disciples on the day he was raised from death, Thomas being absent, and his appearance a week later when Thomas is present. Thomas's act of faith leads to Jesus declaring blessed those who, unlike Thomas, have not seen but yet believe.

Next week: First Reading : Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

Second Reading : 1 John 2:1-5

Gospel Reading : Luke 24:35-48



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
Ph: 0425 333 129
kev@kevinbates.com

Priests Assisting:

Fathers Wills Melteras SM, John Worthington
SM, Paul Pearce SM JP.

**New or Returning
Parishioners...**

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

Parish Secretary: Sylvia Gutierrez

Associate Secretary: Maggie Mullane
Sacramental Coordinator: Rosalia Foley
fft@hnom.com.au 0409 608 979

Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson:
Matt Fehon
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Parish Pastoral Council Secretary:

Richard McNamee:
richard_mcnamee@baxter.com

Parish Finance Committee Michael Lindsay
0423 020 002

Parish Youth Minister:

Caitlin Story, Ph: 0450 847 979

BAPTISM:

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

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENINGS**COMING UP:**

Tuesdays 10 April, 16 May, 12 June, 17 July, 14 August, 18 Sept, 16 Oct, 13 Nov, 11 Dec, in the 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**

Counselling: Allison Cahill 0402 405 843.
& Deborah Khoury 0409 719 443

Villa Play Group: Tues 9:30-11:30am Parish Hall. Elsa Hietbrink 0422 237 356
hnom.com.au/children

Meditation Group: Gabrielle Woodcock,
9817 0097

Young Adults Group: Nicholas Fearnley
0401 722 839

Parish Finance Committee:

Aged Ministry :

Margaret Gambley 9807 2160 or

Grief Support Group:

Cecilia Brungs 0412 284 028

Liturgy Group : Moya Preece

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Eucharistic Ministry Coordinator :

Kate Buckland 9817 2558

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Kathleen Lee 0433 500 648

Social Justice Group: Marnie Butler:

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RCIA: Janet Greene 9879 6515**Cleaners:** HNM Mike Burfitt 9879 4197**SPC:** Claire Glase 0418 668 486**Readers HNM:** Barry Buffier 9817 8805**Readers SPC:** Mark Volpato 9816 4431**Children's Liturgy HNM:**

Olivia Edwards: 0409 541 177
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Gerardo D'Angelo Ph: 0418 294 063

Marist Laity Group: Cathy Gallo 9817 2959,
Josiane Espinosa 9807 9199

Family Faith Educator: Marea De Angelis
Ph: 0419 448 201

Inter-Church Council: Richard Korkor
Ph: 0410 431 022

St Peter Chanel Management Team:
Claire Glase 0418 668 486

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.