

HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH HUNTERS HILL ST PETER CHANEL WOOLWICH



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

August 1 2021

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR
EUTHANASIA—LOOKING FOR FRESH PERSPECTIVES**

Calendar

JULY

**ALL SUBJECT TO
PREVAILING
LOCKDOWN
CONDITIONS**

AUGUST

**10 Finance Committee Meeting
7.00pm**

Everything on hold until we are out of lockdown.

Independent State MP Alex Greenwich has announced his proposed bill in support of voluntary assisted dying. We thank our parishioner Warwick Benson who has provided us with the following reflection raising perspectives that you may find insightful. Next week's bulletin reflection will begin to open up the faith and moral implications around this issue.

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All of us are aware and some have personal experience of people with a terminal illness or those living with severe mental or physical difficulties. Why is there not a legal option in these circumstances for their suffering to be ended? Such is the proposed legislation coming before the NSW Parliament. There are many issues to consider and controversy around the proposed legalising of euthanasia ("a good death") in those terminally ill. In some countries, voluntary suicide (physician-assisted or otherwise) in those who may not have life-limited illness but have irretrievable existential suffering or severe disabilities now, legally have the choice. In the majority of those availing themselves of the choice, even those dying with cancer, the reason given is not pain but loss of autonomy, overwhelming feelings of despair and life totally devoid of meaning.

In medical ethics there are often quoted "four pillars" to consider in medical procedures for the management of complicated illness. These are relevant to discussions on legalised euthanasia: **beneficence** (doing good), **non-maleficence** (not doing harm), **autonomy** (the person's freedom of choice), **Justice** (ensuring fairness).

As in so many areas of life today, autonomy has become the dominant factor on which we decide (*whatever I want I should have the right to request and if available receive it*). The dilemma is often that such approaches may not necessarily be without **harm** to others or indeed **just** if it limits access of others to treatment or in the case of issues such as euthanasia – the impacts on the linguistically, culturally, and religiously diffuse segments of our society.

Other groups within our society who have expressed anxiety are those with disabilities, who may be made to feel a burden on others and who are presumed to have a life devoid of meaning and hope so why not have the freedom to end it. More resources to improve the quality and access to good supportive and palliative care are needed. However, there is a concern that many in our community with fears about euthanasia may be fearful that these services are another form of euthanasia and be disadvantaged. There have been extensive surveys and articles in the medical literature which review the experience in jurisdictions which have introduced legislation allowing for euthanasia and voluntary suicide.

Consideration of issues of race, class and gender have received limited attention in proceeding down this path. Several studies have also revealed that the majority of people exercising these choices are white males dying from cancer. In several states in the USA, it is clear that the poor, people of colour and the uneducated are either opposed to euthanasia or harbour deep fears should they find themselves in a medical institution who may decide or persuade them to accept this course of action. To quote from one study* "what is deemed a liberating practice for one group may be experienced as an oppressive or abusive practice for another group. Paying heed to the diversity of lived experience generated by multiple and interpenetrating relations of privilege and oppression could provide us with fresh perspectives on euthanasia.

* *A Good Death? White Privilege and Public Opinion: Jennings P.K and Talley Clarence R*
<https://www.jstor.org>

Dr Warwick Benson,
Consulting Physician

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: Ross Barbagallo



REACHING OUT DURING LOCKDOWN

During last year's lockdown we had a wonderful initiative led by Marea DeAngelis and our Social Justice Group – the Forget-Me-Nots where we actively paired up older parishioners with those more able to encourage connection and regular communication. Great friendships and ideas come from this including our parish knitting group the Twiddle Muff Team.

During this second lock-down it is an ideal time to remind ourselves how important it is to connect with others we know who are doing it tough and offer a helping hand, a good conversation or indeed help with food and essentials.

If you are aware of people in our parish who need help or meals please let the Social Justice Group know and we can follow through on this. Patricia Curtin dbpc@bigpond.net.au

CONGRATULATIONS EMILY

From Larissa Buriak: Below is the notification that we have received from Loreto Kirribilli that our daughter Emily Buriak's written piece "Keep small strong" – an article about the HNOM 'Forget me not' has received a highly commended mention in the Australian Catholic Young Voices Award.

Keep Small Strong
by Emily Buriak

During COVID-19 we have had various restrictions placed on us as a community. These restrictions have increased and decreased over the year. Having to stay at home - or in our local areas, people have changed their focus to our local community rather than other major issues. A great local program that was run through the Holy Name of Mary Parish was the 'Forget me not program'. This program was started by Marea De Angelis and other parishioners. "It's a program that started in the parish to help the elderly and struggling families during COVID-19" said Marea.

"I got together a group of 75 parishioners to help me. They went out and mowed lawns, picked up groceries, dropped off meals and called parishioners to check up on them".

"We even started a crocheting and knitting group in the church hall. It was socially distanced of course! We made twiddle muffs - to help sufferers of dementia and gave them to nursing homes in the area" said Marea.

The program has now finished "I'd definitely love to do it again. It was delightful! Some of the volunteers are still in regular contact with the elderly parishioners"

A year later, we are in a new normal. The possibility of COVID-19 restrictions is a part of our daily lives and many people are refocussing on major issues. We should still focus on our local community and keep small strong!

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Emily is in Year 5 at Loreto Kirribilli. We congratulate her on her achievement.

EUTHANASIA LEGISLATION

Independent State MP Alex Greenwich has announced his proposed bill in support of voluntary assisted dying.

Archbishop Fisher encourages us to sign a petition opposing this legislation. The link to this petition is: www.no euthanasia.org.au

SPIRITUALITY ON THE SOFA

If you're looking for some creative conversation during the lockdown the following may interest you.

We are about to gather on our communal sofa as we welcome **Jacki Short** and the Rev **Doug Purnell** to lead us in good, probing conversation. We are strong believers that conversation at this level can emerge as a transforming force. It is not "just talk".

The topic on 4th August, 7.30 - 9pm (NS.W time)

" Reconnecting with our Creative self"

Jacki Short, the Director, Principal Psychologist and Play Therapist at the Sydney Centre for Creative Change; and **Doug Purnell**, a retired Uniting Church Minister and a professional artist are our speakers. **Susan Eichorn**, now living in Port Macquarie, will be our MC and "Anchor" - through the magic of Zoom.

The evening's proceedings will not be recorded.

Links re participating via Zoom/ SOS

We hope that those of you who have a smart-phone, computer or tablet will be able to participate on 4th August – either in Australia or overseas. Here are the links you will need ... Marea Donovan is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87072759094?pwd=c0JhbnpQQkFTZGpvRWtZa3FYWklnNdz09>
Meeting ID: 870 7275 9094
Passcode: 180599

REQUEST FROM SISTER FIDELIS SM

Could this be put in the Parish Bulletin and forwarded to members of the Social Justice Group Please:

Sr Fidelis would appreciate donations of clothing, shoes and toiletries for her ministry with the homeless. (The Feeding of the Homeless that runs Saturdays and Sundays out of St Patrick's Church Hill).

She has also requested that if anyone has some old costume jewellery- nothing valuable – that they could donate it would be appreciated, as the Victims of Violence have asked for donations of such items as they remodel them and sell them to make money.

Also Sister has asked that we advertise a request for used women's bras as she has been asked to collect them for overseas missions.

If anyone is able to help with these requests, could they leave them outside the Presbytery with her name on them - the costume jewellery and bras separate from the other items, and if you let me know, I will collect them and arrange delivery to her.

Thank you for your help
Jen Bolster

HELLO MARVIC AND DAVID

Parishioners Marvic and David Blowers are stuck in Malta as they have been for over twelve months now.

In lovely 30 degree heat and enjoying a daily swim, they send their good wishes to us all and the support of their prayers.

They hope to return in October. We send them a greeting. the support of our prayers and a hope that good swimming weather awaits them on their return!!

CHILD SAFETY— OUR SPECIAL PRIORITY



Well Done...CONGRATS AND WELCOME ZONE

BAPTISMS: We're keeping the water warm and the oils ready for when the lockdown is lifted!



NONNA TURNS 90!

Congratulations to **Elena Romano**, mother of Rosalia Foley who turned 90 this past weekend. We thank



God for her life and pray for a peaceful entry into this coming year.

POINT TO PONDER FROM A BOOK OF BLESSINGS

Glynn Cardy

*Blessed be sunlight through green leaves,
dappled radiance, filtered glory.*

Time to pause, look, and wonder.

*Blessed be the smell of a warming drink,
afternoon incense, tonic for the weary.*

Time to inhale, sip, and ponder.

*Blessed be the lure of a good book,
massaging the mind, catching the novel.*

Take time to let the mind meander.

*Blessed be the slow time needed
for wondering, pondering, and meandering.*

A sacred, holy watch.

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This week, Marist Sisters' College celebrates Jaricot Week in honour of Jaricot House patron, Pauline Jaricot, who committed her life to helping those less fortunate than herself. Her work reminds us of the importance of supporting charitable initiatives and looking after those in need in our community, especially during challenging times.

Pray for... PRAYER ZONE

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

Janet Muscat, Judy Craig, Andrew & Lina Gullotta, Suzanne Traill, Jill Caldwell, Valerie Grant, Catherine Keating, Eddie & Carmel Walsh Michelle Makin, Patrick Dowling & Colleen Hussin.

VERONICA FITZGERALD

Ralph's Mother Veronica died last weekend following her final battle with illness. We pray for her, for Ralph, Rosie and all the family as they farewell their gracious and much loved mother and grandmother. May she rest now in God's peace.

ROSALIA FOLEY

Rosalia, our dedicated Sacramental and Catechist Coordinator is taking six weeks medical leave following upcoming surgery.

We pray for a patient and sound recovery and the opportunity for a good rest for her!!

Let's all keep her in our prayers.

COMING SOON

FOUR MORE WEEKS OF LOCKDOWN!!

This Week... Scripture Zone

First Reading:

Exodus 16: 2-4; 12-15

I will rain bread from heaven upon you

Response

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Second Reading:

Ephesians 4: 17; 20-24

Put on the new person that has been created in God's image

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,

But on every word that comes from the mouth of God

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

John 6: 24-35

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,

Whoever believes in me will never thirst

*First Reading : 1 Kings, 19:4-8
Second Reading : Ephesians, 4: 30-5:2
Gospel Reading : John 6: 41-51*



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:

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John Worthington SM, Paul Pidcock SM,

OAM, Paul Pearce SM, JP

Parish Secretary: Catherine Byrne

Associate Secretary: Maggie Mullane

New or Returning Parishioners...

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

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:

Tuesday 10 August, 14 September, 12 October, Parish 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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Villa Play Group: Tues 9:30-11:30am

Parish Hall. Mercedes Simola 0414 625 384

www.hnom.com.au/children

St Vincent De Paul: Tony Adukwicz 0411 641 895

Meditation Group: Gabrielle Woodcock, 9817 0097

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Danielle: 0400 871 423

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Richard Korkor 0410 431 022

Prayer Group: Maryanne Knoblanche

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.