

HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH HUNTERS HILL ST PETER CHANEL WOOLWICH



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

13 July 2017

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

A THANKFUL SUNBURNT COUNTRY?

Calendar

August

- 15 Solemnity of the Assumption**
- 17 Anointing Mass** Chapter Hall 11.30am
- 17 Marist Laity Afternoon Tea** Chapter Hall 1-3pm
- 17 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** Chapter Hall 7.30pm
- 18 First Communion Retreat Day**
- 21-7 World Migrant & Refugee Week**
- 22 Baptism Prep Evening** Chapter Hall 7.30pm
- 25 La Paroisse Restaurant** Parish House 6.30pm
- 31-1 Villa Maria Staff Retreat**

September

- 3-8 Child Protection Week**

“Let us give thanks to the Lord our God” invites the priest at each Mass. We reply “It is right and just”. In this brief exchange we capture the essence of Christian prayer and the essence of a Christian way of being in the world.

Being thankful is a central hallmark of the person of faith. This thankfulness is born of knowing that we are loved unconditionally by God. This thankfulness then becomes our gift to one another and to our world. Saying “thank you” is one of the first things that we learned from our parents as little children. These two little words given graciously never fail to bring a smile or warm a heart. Thankfulness is the prayerful attitude that underlies our prayer together. Our Eucharist, our great prayer of thanks, is meant to be the template for all our prayer and all our living.

Our parish school Villa Maria, this term is undertaking a project centred on gratitude. Staff and children are becoming more mindful of the reasons to be thankful each day and giving expression to this with each other. They could be teaching us something!

When I’m thankful and receive each day, each person, each circumstance as a gift to be treasured, understood and explored, then instinctively I will be wanting to share the benefits I’ve received with anyone who passes me by. A thankful heart, a thankful community will be a grace to be reckoned with.

If thankfulness lives at the heart of each of us, the question rises as to why fear rather than trust shapes so much of the way we are with each other. We have deadlocks not only on our doors, but in some cases on our gates, and even more sadly on our hearts. We are watchful in our dealings with one another. Much of the legislation which governs our life together is designed to protect us from one another.

We argue and go to lawyers to sort out our disputes over tiny bits of property where boundaries have gone wobbly! The list of such behaviours seems endless.

If we are like this locally, then no wonder our national spirit is suffering as a result.

For instance, why is it such a difficult thing for us to respond to the simple, unassuming request of our first Australians that they be mentioned appropriately in our Constitution and that they be given a voice that will be able to be heard in the Parliament? Our leaders are fluffing around looking for reasons why this may not be possible!

Why is it that we have developed such toxic policies and practices regarding the trickle of people seeking refuge here who have been unable to come to us through the “normal” channels? Many other nations are managing this challenging situation with a compassion and sense of justice that is missing from our spirit.

Events such as next week’s World Day of Migrants and Refugees may prompt us for a minute or two to reflect on our stance towards each other, but in the end self-interest always seems to have the last word and we retreat behind our barriers and leave the hard questions for others to answer.

Any pretence that Australia is a Christian country is long gone, but is it possible for us to reclaim some dignity and breadth of spirit still? A good starting point would be for each of us to practice more consciously an attitude of thankfulness each day, with each other and in the quiet of our own hearts. The transforming effect of a spirit of thankfulness is something within the reach of each of us and will give birth to a new, infectious generosity of spirit around us.

Rather than give up on ourselves, our community our nation, let’s refresh our spirits with a good dose of thankfulness and see where that might lead us!

Father Kevin

What's on?

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR PARISH?

See if anyone in your pew knows the names of this parishioner. His name next week. Last week's photo: **Weston Liao**



LA PARISSSE RESTAURANT

Book in for a meal cooked by Father Kevin and meet some of your fellow parishioners. Bookings through Sylvia at the parish office and our dates are: 25 August, 6 October, 1 December Parish House 6.30pm.

WELCOME FATHER JIM CARTY SM

We welcome Father Jim Carty to the parish this weekend. At the youthful age of 78, Father Jim is planning to walk over 700kms of the Camino starting later this month.

He is hoping to raise sponsorship funds to support a project which aims to bring hope to stateless children in Thailand. Initially this project is focusing on one child and Father Jim will tell her story this Sunday as he celebrates each of our Masses at Holy Name of Mary Church.

PARISH DINNER Save the Date! Friday 24 November

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

7-9 December

For more information and to register, go to: www.acyf.org.au

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

Assumption Day Masses:

Holy Name of Mary Church
9.00 am & 7.00pm

St Peter Chanel Church:
12.15pm

LETTER DROP TO RESIDENTS

A gentle reminder that parishioners can obtain a letter addressed to all residents in our parish. It is an inclusive letter in which we offer nothing more than our prayers for all in our community and offer support. We need help to deliver the letters to each street and ask parishioners to email Sylvia in the Parish office -

villamar@bigpond.net.au to offer to assist with the letter drop in your own street.

This is an initiative of our Parish Pastoral Council.

Thanks to all of you who have generously undertaken this project so far.

THE ROSARY IN OUR PARISH

The Rosary is prayed in our parish each week at the following times:

Holy Name of Mary Church,
Monday morning after the 9.00 am Mass,

Saturday Morning after the 8.00 am Mass and

St Peter Chanel Church each
Wednesday after the 12.15 pm Mass

PARISH YOUTH WORKER

Holy Name of Mary Parish Hunters Hill is looking to employ a Youth Worker. The position would be initially for eight hours a week.

A full job description is available on request.

Applications can be made through the parish Office tel. 9817 5325 email: villamar@bigpond.net.au

Applications close on

31st August 2017

MARIST LAITY THURSDAY 17TH AUGUST AFTERNOON TEA IN THE CHAPTER HALL 1-3PM

ALL WELCOME !

APPRAISAL FOR FATHER KEVIN

Father Kevin is undergoing an appraisal of his role as Parish Priest. A number of parishioners have already been invited to participate in this process.

If you wish to be consulted regarding this appraisal, contact: ann.freeman@syd.catholic.edu.au

HUMAN TRAFFICKING REFLECTION EVENING

The next meeting of our Parish Social Justice Group is coming up on Wednesday 13 September at 7.30pm in the Chapter Hall.

We have invited

Sr Noelene Simmons sm to speak with us. Sr Noelene is the Chair of ACRATH, (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking of Humans).

Human trafficking for the sex trade, for employment purposes and for forced marriages is a widespread phenomenon in Australia.

Sr Noelene's presentation will inform and broaden our awareness of this issue.

All welcome. No bookings needed.

OPTIONS FOR MAKING PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

You can now make your contributions via the following channels:

- If you have received the bulletin via email it is in PDF format. Just click on the following hyperlink: <https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/huntershillparish>

- Credit cards: details can be given to the parish office.

- Direct Deposit:
BSB 062 784 A/C No. 635 5001

- **New envelopes will be issued on request as soon as possible.**

UPCOMING FIRST COMMUNION MASSES

HOLY NAME OF MARY

Sat 19 Aug 6.00pm

Sunday 20 Aug 10.00 am

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Saturday 26 Aug 6.00pm

Sunday 27 August 10.00am

Saturday 2 Sept 6.00pm

Sunday 3 September 10.00 am

ST PETER CHANEL

Sunday 20 August 9.00 am

FAKE NEWS & FAITH

Reflection morning with

Fr. Kevin Bates s.m.

September 6 2017

9.45am—12.30pm

Church Hall 3A Mary St. Hunters Hill

Please RSVP Anita Lee:

9307 8330

anita.lee@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au

Arranged by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Sydney

All Welcome

Well Done... CONGRATS AND THANKS ZONE

Congratulations and a very warm welcome to **Lorelai Jackson & Carsen Luketic** who will be baptized into our Christian community this weekend.



ALTAR SOCIETY MEMBERS

We give thanks for the faithful service offered us by the members of our Altar Society who keep things fresh, clean, ironed, starched, decorated, polished and ready for use in all our liturgies.

As with other groups in the parish, no ones sees them at work but we'd be lost without them! We pray a blessing on them all.

Pray for... PRAYER ZONE

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

We pray for:

Peter Jackson, Marie Ferris, Janet Muscat, John Edwards, Terri Braiting & Monica Carroll.

SUE SMITH

Sue, a much loved and generous member of our parish team has a health issue at the moment. We pray for a good complete recovery for her.

PEACE BETWEEN NATIONS

With the current posturing, threats and war-like messages that are flying around the place at the moment, it's apt that we stop for a moment and pray for a world that seems intent on its own demise.

Let's both pray and act in all things as agents of peace and justice.

POINT TO PONDER

"There is the desert of poverty, the desert of hunger and thirst, the desert of abandonment, of loneliness, of destroyed love. There is the desert of God's darkness, the emptiness of souls no longer aware of their dignity or the goal of human life. The external deserts in the world are growing because the internal deserts have become so vast. Therefore, the earth's treasures no longer serve to build God's garden for all to live in, but they have been made to serve the powers of exploitation and destruction. The church as a whole and all her pastors, like Christ, must set out to lead people out of the desert."

Pope Benedict XVI on the day of his Installation 2005

Coming Soon

World Day of Migrants & Refugees
21-27 August

Parish Feast Day Mass 10 September
10.00am

Parish Dinner Friday 24 November

This Week... Scripture Zone

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

We hear how the prophet Elijah is told to go and stand on the mountain of the Lord and await God's presence. He meets God not in the violent things of nature but in the gentle breeze. This says something about our need of silence to experience God's presence.

Response :

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

We hear rather desperate words

from St Paul. In his zeal for the conversion of the people of Israel, he is willing to do anything. Following Christ is not on our own terms.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia Alleluia,

I hope in the Lord,

I trust in his word.

Alleluia! Alleluia !

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-32

As we prepare to listen to the Gospel, we welcome it with words that could sum up the attitude of Peter in reaching out to the Lord as he walked on the waters.

Next week: First Reading : Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
Second Reading : Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
Gospel Reading : Matthew 15:21-28

Villa Maria Primary School

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www.joeyns.org

Marist Sisters' College

Principal: Dr Anne Ireland
Ph: 9816 2041
<http://www.mscw.nsw.edu>

Assumption Day Masses

Tuesday 15 August our students will be celebrating Mass at the College for the Feast of the Assumption and our Year 9 students will be joining the parish community at the 12.15pm Mass at St Peter Chanel.



A PARISH OF THE MARIST FATHERS

PARISH OFFICE:

3A Mary Street.
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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, Bill Ryder 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

Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson:

Suzan Sharples
Susan.sharples@bigpond.com

Parish Pastoral Council Secretary:

Richard McNamee:
richard_mcnamee@baxter.com

Parish Finance Committee Michael Lindsay
0423 020 002

Repair & Maintenance: Anthony Russo

BAPTISM:

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

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENINGS

COMING UP:

Tuesdays 22 Aug, 19 Sept, 17 Oct, 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 Par-
ish Hall. Fran Kanaan 0408 447 377,
hnom.com.au/children

Meditation Group: Gabrielle Woodcock,
9817 0097

Young Adults Group: Nicholas Fearnley
0401 722 839

Parish Pastoral Council: Michael Brooks
(Secretary) 0400 908 706

Parish Finance Committee:

Aged Ministry :

Margaret Gambley 9807 2160 or
Joan Bautovich 0402 275 105

Grief Support Group:

Cecilia Brungs 0412 284 028

Liturgy Group : Rob Turnbull 0431 290 714

Eucharistic Ministry Coordinator :

Kate Buckland 9817 2558

Altar Servers Coordinator:

Kathleen Lee 0433 500 648

Social Justice Group:

Sonia Zec 0413791775

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Annette Hills 0401 252 064

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 H NOM:

Marie O'Donovan 0408 226 393

SPC: Tee Davies 0407 827 957

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0411 641 895

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0450021011 Gerardo D'Angelo 0418 294 063

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Josiane Espinosa 9807 9199

Welcomers' Coordinator:

Rob Turnbull, 0431 290 714

Family Faith Educator: Marea De Angelis
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Ecumenical Group : Richard Korkor 0410
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Young Christian Workers Group: Natasha
Foley 0424 976 658

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.