

HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH HUNTERS HILL ST PETER CHANEL WOOLWICH



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

18 AUGUST 2019

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C
TOWARDS THE GREAT GRAND FINAL

Calendar

August

- 20** **Baptism Prep Session** Chapter Hall 7.30pm
- 24-5** **First Communion**
- 30** **Oasis Yr 5-6 Youth Group** Parish Hall 6.00pm
- 31** **Willmott, Jesuit Social Services Appeal**
- September**
- 4** **Social Justice Group Meeting** Parish House 7.30pm
- 4** **Liturgy Group Meeting** Parish House 7.30pm
- 5** **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** Chapter Hall 7.30pm
- 8** **Parish Feast Day Mass** 10.00 am
- 10** **Men's Group Dinner** Parish Hall 7.00 for 7.30pm
- 19** **Grief Support Group Meeting** Parish House 7.30pm
- 27** **Grandparents Day Mass** Villa Maria School 9.30am

Last Friday evening it snowed in Canberra. The AFL game there that night was between Hawthorn and Greater Western Sydney. The Hawthorn coach Alistair Clarkson took heed of the weather forecast and directed his players to get ready to enjoy the frosty encounter. At quarter time, the Hawthorn players were gathered, dancing about to keep warm, all with smiles on their faces as were the coaching staff. The GWS players were pictured up the ground, huddled miserably against the cold. The result? Hawthorn won the game by 56 points!

In a somewhat different environment, we read the story of Benedictine Nun, Sister Mary David who died in recent times "before her time". At St Cecilia's Abbey on the Isle of Wight, Sister David had the role of mentoring the younger novices in the community. Personal notes to the young nuns have been gathered into a publication for the rest of us to share. A bit like the Hawthorn coach, she had a challenging and positive approach to whatever sufferings might be waiting for us. Let's listen to her coaching style.

"The Quest to enter into God's freedom through a bond of love with him, is helped by a practical distinction between reacting, (replying in a mechanical, thoughtless, impulsive manner), and responding, (finding meaning in the situation in the light of the gospel). We can choose to take what comes our way: "Our difficulties, whatever they may be, can all be used. For this we need to develop a robust faith in providence, never letting go of the belief that God is the All-Good. With such a conviction, the one seeking holiness can be fully himself with God and God can be fully himself with him, mercy and overwhelming love. The seeker can hear with trust the voice of Christ saying, "I am love to all things."

This is the voice that Sister Mary David herself responded to, writing to her family and friends near the end of her life:

"All that I have done in my life I have done for love, for this love is not an abstract reality, but a person, Jesus Christ, to whom I devoted my life on my profession day."

There is no doubt that Sr Mary David will be playing her role when that great Grand Final day is with us!

This brings us back to me and you. In the prospect and experience of suffering, like the poor GWS players shivering with the cold, in the face of suffering, we can easily turn in on ourselves, fearful of what might be ahead of us, and even consumed by the pain and grief we are encountering.

This is not so strange at all. In fact it's pretty normal. It may be a transitory experience from which we somehow escape. Just as commonly, it could be the place where we become frozen, and a bit like those footballers, miss out on the fun of the game, or more seriously the benefits that the experience of suffering is offering us.

As we often note, nothing in God's economy is wasted. In the face of serious suffering, this can sound glib and really unhelpful. Nonetheless there is a truth here and as Sr David alerted us, we do have some choice in the way we respond to the sufferings in our lives.

I suppose it wouldn't hurt to take Jesus in his suffering as a way forward for us to consider! He was in terrible anguish. Like us he agonized and complained, feeling that his Father had abandoned him. Then when the game was up, he surrendered to whatever it was that was required of him, not passively or mindlessly, but trustingly in the Love that was His ultimate horizon.

That same love is ours to embrace, ensuring us that nothing in our life need be wasted. On the contrary, every joy, every struggle, play their part in the completion of who we are born to be. 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. Last Week's photo: Elizabeth Spencer receiving the Dempsey Medal.



OASIS—PARISH YOUTH GROUP FOR YEAR 5-6 MEXICAN FIESTA NIGHT

Parish Hall, Friday 30 August 6.00-8.00pm

\$5/person and bring your own apron!

A great night assured!!

SAFEGUARDING : KEEPING OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE

We understand how difficult it can be for people who have experienced abuse to make a complaint. We have developed a Listening to You card, which is available in all our parishes to provide guidance for those wishing to make a complaint. We want to support you in this process and we can provide access to counselling and support services if needed. For assistance please contact: safeguarding-nquiies@sydneycatholic.org



IS YOUR FAMILY IMPACTED BY ALCOHOL, DRUGS OR GAMBLING?

Connect with counsellors if you're an individual or family member who is concerned about someone gambling, or if you're concerned about your own gambling.

Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out more.

VOLUNTEER OVERSEAS—THE CAGLIERO PROJECT, SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO

We are seeking volunteers for January 2020 departure, working with disadvantaged young people in Salesian communities throughout Cambodia, Samoa, East Timor & Solomon Islands. Applications close October 15th. Contact: www.cagliero.org.au

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA : FATHER'S DAY MASS 2019

A special mass to remember the Fathers and Grandfathers we love.

10.30am Chapel of Reflection, Liverpool Cemetery and the Pavilion, Kemps Creek Cemetery

12.00pm Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel, Rookwood Catholic Cemetery Following Mass, please join us for Morning Tea.

WATERLOO PARISH MARKS 160 YEARS

Our Lady of Mt Carmel parish Waterloo is celebrating its 160th anniversary as a parish on Friday 16 August with a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP at 7.00pm. Anyone who has a connection with Waterloo is invited to the celebration. There will be supper provided after the Mass in the Patrian Brothers Hall.

RSVP to roseberycatholic@gmail.com

PULSE PRO-LIFE

Pulse is a pro-life training weekend held on August 23rd to 25th for young adults, being co-hosted by Sydney Catholic Youth and LifeChoice Australia. Over the weekend you will learn everything from abortion apologetics, to pregnancy counselling basics and media training. This is your chance to educate yourself to be a voice for our unborn brothers and sisters !

For more information and register see the link below :

<https://lifechoice.org.au/pulse/or> call the team from Sydney Catholic Youth on 02 9307 8152.

NATURAL FERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK 19TH—25TH AUGUST 2019

Did you know a woman's health is often reflected in her fertility ? Learning The Billings Ovulation Method can alert a woman to underlying health problems. If you would like to be able to manage your fertility naturally and to monitor your reproductive health, accredited Billings Teachers are available to assist you throughout Australia. For further information ring Billings LIFE on 1800 335 860

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES

Saturday 17 August
HNM 6.00pm

Sunday 18 August
SPC 9.00 am
HNM 10.00 am
HNM 6.00 pm

Saturday 24 August
HNM 6.00pm

Sunday 25 August
SPC 9.00 am
HNM 10.00 am
HNM 6.00 pm

NEXT FOOD DRIVE FOR JESUIT SOCIAL SERVICES 31 Aug—Sept 1

At each Mass on the 31 Aug-1 Sept Dave Hammond from Jesuit Social Services will speak with us about their project at Wilmott and ask for our support. Here is an introduction to them:

For over a decade Jesuit Social Services has been connecting with, and offering service to the people of Emerton and wider Mt Druiitt. The Ignite Food Store has grown from a very basic offering of simple bags of donated food to what is now a mission providing essential support to over 20,000 people every year.

Every day we connect with families and individuals who are struggling to cover the basics many of us take for granted. Imagine what it must be like to be out of food and still have 5 days before there's any money in your account.

Many people out here experience this on a regular basis and Ignite Food Store has become the point of hope for so many people.

Young families, retired and elderly folks, homeless, unemployed younger people, people with disabilities, and women and children escaping from domestic violence are all regular visitors to Ignite Food Store.

We provide bags full of fresh fruit and vegetables and other essential food items to get them and their loved ones through the fortnight.

Many wage earning families whose incomes are very low, also at times need to access our low cost food store to make it to the next pay day.

We are all deeply grateful for your partnership and support.

THE FOOD DONATIONS APPEARED SO QUICKLY LAST TIME—WITHIN HOURS OF THE APPEAL!



Well Done...CONGRATS AND THANKS ZONE

Congratulations and a very warm welcome to Alessia & Brandon Wills, who will be baptized into our Christian community this weekend.

FIRST COMMUNION GROUP LEADERS

We give thanks for all those who hosted our First Communion groups in their homes and for all who led the reflections with our children.

Such leadership requires a certain trust and courage and a readiness to share one's own faith with others.

We thank you and pray a blessing for you in response to the gift you have given others so readily.



POINT TO PONDER

He who learns must suffer. And even in our deep pain, which cannot forget, falls drop by drop upon the heart, until, in our own despair, against our will, comes wisdom through the awful grace of God.

Aeschylus

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Marist Sisters' College continues to ask for the Parish community to hold our Year 12 students in your thoughts and prayers as they undertake their trial examinations.

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 John Burton & Madge Mullen, Brian and Annette Sidgreaves.



I WAS SICK AND YOU VISITED ME

THOSE WHO RISK THEIR LIVES FOR OTHERS

We saw it in the CBD this week and often enough when there are house fires, possible drownings and other potential tragedies: People put their lives on the line for others at risk, often enough complete strangers.

We pray a blessing on them all for their self-less courage and readiness to act without thought for their own safety.

For ourselves we pray that we may learn and take heart from their example.

Coming Soon

PARISH FEAST DAY MASS Sunday 8 September 10.00 am
Grounds of Villa Maria Monastery

This Week... Scripture Zone

First Reading:

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Jeremiah's prophecy is so full of doom and gloom that he is thrown into the muddy cistern of Prince Malchiah. The Ethiopian servant finally recognises Jeremiah's innocence and hauls him out of the mud.

Response

Lord, come to my aid !
Alleluia !

Second Reading Hebrews 12:1-4

Following on from last week's reading where the author of the Letter to the Hebrews praises the faith of so great a cloud of witnesses, we are encouraged to persevere in our faith, keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia,
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia !

Gospel Reading Luke 12:49-53

Jesus reminds us that discipleship of him may be costly. We may have to endure fire and discord—signs of the end times—as we make our journey to Jerusalem with Jesus. We may have to endure even death. But never dishonour.

*First Reading : Isaiah 66: 18-21
Second Reading : Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
Gospel Reading : Luke 13:22-30*



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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Fathers Aiki 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 Pfaffin & Kathleen Lee:

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BAPTISM:

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

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENINGS:

Tuesdays: 20 August, 17 September, 15

October, 12 November, 10 December,

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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Villa Play Group: Tues 9:30-11:30am Parish Hall. Mercedes Simola 0414 625 384

www.hnom.com.au/children

St Vincent De Paul: Paul Ladd 0468 355 753

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Young Adults Group: Nicholas Fearnley 0401 722 839

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St Peter Chanel Management Team:

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.