

HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH HUNTERS HILL ST PETER CHANEL WOOLWICH



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

23 December 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

THE SHAPE OF THE CHURCH

Calendar

December

24-5 Christmas

Christmas Liturgies
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www.hnom.com.au

24 Parish Office Closes

The Parish quiets down after that as do we all. Even the Bulletin takes a well-earned break and will resume the last weekend of January.

COMING TO THE CHRISTMAS VIGIL OUTDOOR MASS?

Make sure to bring something to sit on—picnic rugs, chairs, bean bags.

January

7 Parish Office re-opens

To all of you I wish a joyful, peaceful Christmas. May those you love best get to share some time with you, refresh your shared stories and prepare yourselves for the start of another year.

To our parishioners I offer a word of heartfelt thanks for your lively, generous and faith-filled participation in the life of the parish. The witness of your faith is a gift beyond measure.

Through participation in the Eucharist, both weekend and weekday Masses, the sharing of your energies in the various pastoral groups of the parish, the faithful visiting of the household with the nourishment of the Eucharist, the quiet work of cleaning our churches, you make present the love of God to others.

To the wider Church community, along with all those preparing for the Plenary Council of 2020, I pray for a renewed confidence and a fresh dedication to the mission of the Gospel. The human failings of the Church continue to be exposed in the media. The Church's credibility in the wider society continues to be subject to critical scrutiny and often condemnation.

As a Church, our backs are to the wall, and in some quarters, nothing we do will be seen as credible. Responding to this situation in a defensive manner will help no one, and will serve only to intensify the criticism of people, and rightly so.

As the Church seeks healing and forgiveness, the path forward is clear enough. Taking up our Cross each day, carrying it faithfully and with humility is the path for us to take.

In the midst of our brokenness, God's Word is born and lives among us and there is our hope. The self-emptying God is our model, our path, our healing and essential to this self-emptying is the path of the Cross.

So in wishing you all the blessings of this Christmas time, I do so in the hope that as a Communion of believers, we will make room for the Word of God to be born within and among us, in our world and our Church.

Broken, fractured, uncertain though we may be, God's Living Word still seeks us out and with the surest instinct, calls us to find our peace in Him.

A happy and blessed Christmas to you all.

Father Kevin



What's on?

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR PARISH?

See if anyone in your pew knows the name of this parish member in pseudo festive mode! His name maybe next year! Last week's photo: **Sarah, Georgia aka Gigi & Lola**



GLIMMERS OF GRACE RE-PRINT

The first printing of the "Glimmers of Grace" book is all but sold out. A second print run has been ordered and we expect new copies will be available from the second week of February.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICES

For the 9.00pm Carols and Vigil Mass at Holy Name of Mary, there will be a singing practice after the 6.00pm Mass on Sunday 23 December.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSES

The Parish Office will close from this Friday 21 December and will re-open on Monday 7 January 2019.

FATHER KEVIN ON LEAVE

Father Kevin will be away on leave from the parish after Christmas until 24 January. Father Aliko will be steering the ship during this period with able support from Fathers Paul, John & Tony.

POSITION OPEN

Team Leader :Sydney ONCE Support, Sydney Catholic Schools Central Regional Office Leichhardt

Commencement date 29/1/2019

Closing Date 14/1/2019

This is a unique opportunity to join our Schools Financial Shared Services team. You will lead a small yet high performing unit, the Sydney ONCE Support (SOS) Team with the provision of level 1 support in financial and administration packages and training (both face to face and remote) across our 152 Catholic systemic schools.

For further details please visit <https://sydcatholicschools.nsw.edu.au/category/positions-vacant>

PRAY FOR THE PLENARY COUNCIL

Across Australia, Catholics are gathering to pray, talk and listen to one another about our experiences of faith and the Church. Many parishes within the Archdiocese have commenced their journey towards the Plenary Council 2020, sharing and reflecting on the future of the Catholic church in Australia. Please continue to pray for the community of the Sydney Archdiocese that we will respond well to the call of the Holy Spirit, by engaging in the preparatory phase of the Plenary with open and hum-

ble hearts, listening to what the Spirit is saying to each one of us as we share our experiences of faith toward the preparation of the agenda of the Plenary Council. The Plenary Council Prayer : <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/pray/>. Want to know more or how to become involved, please contact 9390 5147.

CHRISTMAS LITURGIES RECONCILIATION SERVICE

HNM Church, Friday 21 Dec 7.30pm

CHRISTMAS EVE

Holy Name of Mary Church:

Carols: 6.00pm,
Mass: 6.30pm. Grounds of Villa Maria Monastery.

Carols: 9.00pm
Mass: 9.30pm

St Peter Chanel Church

Carols: 8.00pm
Mass : 8.30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

Holy Name of Mary Church

Masses: 8.00 am & 10.00 am

St Peter Chanel Church

Mass: 9.00 am

KIMBERLEY CATHOLIC VOLUNTEER SERVICE

The Diocese of Broome, WA requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church in the Kimberley. There are various important voluntary tasks : administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months. We are currently seeking volunteers for several parishes including Baigo, and La Grange/Bidyadanga and Warmun.

For further details on how to be a part of this unique experience, please contact: Anneliese Rohr 08 9192 1060.

FROM A STATEMENT BY THE MARIST FATHERS

"A Marist priest, Fr Thomas Fulcher, formerly on the staff of Marist College Burnie, appeared at Hobart Court today in relation to several historical charges of sexual assault involving minors. The offences occurred between 1964-67. The Marist Fathers wish to express deep regret and sorrow for the victims involved and to their families. In particular the Marist Fathers apologize without reservation for any hurt or harm suffered by former students in their care. We recognize that conduct of this type perpetrated by a person in a position of trust is by definition abhorrent, unacceptable, deeply damaging and can never be excused or tolerated."

If anyone wishes to discuss this matter further, please contact Father Kevin

VILLA MARIA STAFF HAMPERS FOR ST ANNE'S

Instead of giving one another Christmas gifts, the staff at Villa Maria prepared hampers as gifts to the residents of St Anne's Nursing Home. Photographed are the children as they presented the hampers to the residents.



ANGELS AND SHEPHERDS WELCOME!!

Any angels and shepherds in the area are welcome to come along and help us celebrate the birth of Jesus at the Christmas Eve Carols and Mass, Villa Maria Monastery Grounds, 6.00pm Monday.

**CHILD SAFETY
OUR SPECIAL
PRIORITY**



Well Done...CONGRATS AND THANKS ZONE

Congratulations and welcome to **Elodie Spada & Maeve Barbagallo** who will be baptized into our Christian community this weekend.



MEET THE JIVANI FAMILY

We're delighted to welcome Shirley, Samir, Ishaan, Sophia and Katrina among us. We look forward to sharing the faith journey of this delightful family in the coming years. A big welcome to each of you!



POINT TO PONDER

SLOW ME DOWN LORD

Slow me down Lord Ease the pounding of my heart by the quieting of my mind. Steady my hurried pace with a vision of the eternal march of time.

Give me amid the confusion of the day, the calmness of the eternal hills.

Break the tension of my nerves and muscles with the soothing music of the singing streams that live in my memory.

Help me to know the magical restoring power of sleep.

Teach me the art of taking minute vacations,

Of slowing down to look at a flower, to chat with a friend, to pat a dog, to read a few lines of a good book.

Slow me down Lord and inspire me to send my roots deep into the soil of life's enduring values

that I may grow toward the stars of my greater destiny.

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HOLIDAYS!

The parish wishes all our School and College Communities a restful, and blessed Christmas. May all who are travelling do so safely. May family bonds be strengthened and may everyone return to the work of the new year well refreshed.

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, Monica Carroll, Lina Gullotta, Suzanne Traill, Frank Lloyd and John Burton.



I WAS SICK AND YOU VISITED ME

JOHN LUDEKE RIP

John Charles Ludeke son of long time parishioner Joan Ludeke passed away on 18th December.

We pray for Joan and her family at this sad time and may John rest in God's deep peace.



Coming Soon

SANTA & HOLIDAYS!



This Week... Scripture Zone

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4

In the midst of Micah's somber prophecy of the Lord against the people, there comes a note of hope. For out of destruction and exile, a messiah will be born from the least of the clans of Judah.

Response

Lord make us turn to you;
Let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Second Reading : Hebrews 10:5-10

The Lord comes into our midst, offering in our own human flesh, to do the will of God. This offering abolishes all other offerings and sacrifices.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:

May his will for me be done..

Alleluia !

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:39-44

One of the most beautiful and homely of all the scenes portrayed in the Gospels is today's Gospel Reading. Mary goes quickly to help her cousin Elizabeth who is also with child. Two women, chosen by God, rejoice in the promise they see fulfilled in each other.

*First Reading : Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Second Reading : Colossians 3:12-21
Gospel Reading : Luke 2 41-52*



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:

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Priests Assisting:

Fathers Aiki Langi SM, Ph: 0408 896 839
John Worthington SM, Paul Pearce 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
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Parish Safeguarding Support Officers:

Caitlin Pfafflin & 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: 19 Feb, 19 March, 9 April, 14 May
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.

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St Vincent De Paul: Paul Ladd 0468 355 753

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9817 0097

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Inter-Church Council:

Richard Korkor Ph: 0410 431 022

St Peter Chanel Management Team:

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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.