

HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH HUNTERS HILL ST PETER CHANEL WOOLWICH



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

10 February 2019

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

ENJOYING ILL HEALTH?

Calendar

February

13 Liturgy Group Meeting
Parish House
7.30pm

14 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Chapter Hall
7.30pm

21 Anointing Mass Chapter Hall 11.30 am

21 Parish Finance Committee Meeting
Parish House
6.30pm

22 Yr 5-6 Youth Group Parish Hall 6.00pm

March

1 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
HNM 7.00am

6 Ash Wednesday

10 Inter-Church Council Lenten Movie
All Saints Anglican Parish Hall 3.30pm

16 Farewell for Marist Sisters

A much loved member of our Australian Marist community, who died quite some years' ago now, used to provide us with great amusement through his tall tales of the real or imagined past, and the seemingly endless library of his illnesses and injuries. One of the worst insults you could offer him was to tell him how well you thought he was looking! We used to remark that he "enjoyed ill health!!"

In more recent times, as my own body is getting older, I have more and more people asking how I am and more and more I'm in a position to share the excitement of my own collection of infirmities! Then of course I need to listen to theirs. It sure helps pass the time!!

Being crook is no fun of course. There are the symptoms of whatever it is that ails one, the aches, the stiff muscles, the shortness of breath, the awareness of a diminishing capacity to do what once was easy. Then perhaps there is fear, panic, frustration and even anger. It's quite possible to become quite self-absorbed and if we are not alert, one's health can become our main life-project! At times of serious illness this is very understandable. However, there is more to this suffering caper than sitting around wondering what will go wrong next.

From the moment of our birth, every breath we breathe is a gift, freely given by a heart of utter love. It stands to reason then that every breath, even on our suffering days, has a purpose, holding lessons for our learning and opportunities for our growing.

In a world where a person's value is so often measured by tokens of success, in the social, economic, political, sporting or business arenas, a person who holds none of these tokens, still has a mission and a place among us. This person has no wealth on display, no outstanding physical beauty, no rare talent, no power, none of success's normal trappings. Here is someone who is simply suffering. However, through a gentle touch, a moment of kindness, a loving word, the suffering person and we may glimpse how he or she can shine anew as an icon of grace for us.

Moreover, this person can be a prophetic voice in a world that feels awkward and fearful when faced with apparently useless suffering. The suffering one proclaims the value of a life once given, life that is now being surrendered back into the arms of the birthing love of years gone by. Healing, robust health may never bless again this ageing body. Nor may work, easy conversation and humour surface as they once did. Memories may be muddled and even families may seem to be strangers.

Somewhere inside there still lives a story worth remembering and telling. There is a heart that has shown love in livelier days. Here is someone made in the image of God and who still plays her or his part in the revealing of that Divine Face among us.

Such a one if you recall, is in good company with the one who becomes our Saviour in his own darkest hour, as he too cries out in pain, frustration and feelings of abandonment.

The suffering self has much to teach me in terms of patience and trust. I also learn more clearly that I am a small part of the great human and cosmic drama, a tiny, precious part, and am still able to show Love's face through my suffering body and spirit.

I speak of love not through any talents, beauty or achievements, but simply through the fact that I am an image of God, irreplaceable and unique.

Somewhere deep down, in what's left of my memory and consciousness, I may even be able to grasp this for myself and actually take a moment, however transitory, to enjoy ill health!

Father Kevin

What's on?

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR PARISH?

See if anyone in your pew knows the name of this parishioner. His name next week.



Last week's photo:
Rick Lazaro



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 humble 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.

<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/pray/>. Want to know more

or how to become involved, please contact 9390 5147.

**CHILD SAFETY
OUR SPECIAL
PRIORITY**



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.

JOIN US FOR AN IMPORTANT SEMINAR

10-4pm on Sat 23rd Feb 2019 at the Grail Centre, 22 McHattan St. N. Sydney when Professor Lindon Coombes, from Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research at UTS will examine and discuss the "Uluru Statement from the Heart" (May, 2017).

How have governments and the wider community responded to this statement? What issues and concerns are holding back progress?

Register now 0408291429 or 9955 3053.

PILATES IN THE PARISH HALL 2019

Monday's at 8.30am-9.15am. Everybody welcome

If you would like further information please call Alex 0423 677 275.

MULTICULTURAL MASS 2019

Celebrating Interculturality. A mass at St Mary' Cathedral at 2pm on Sunday 17th February, 2019.

Celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Fisher. All Welcome.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: NEW LEADERS NEEDED

With the school year now up and running, we are in need of some new people to lead the Children's Liturgy at the 9.00 am Mass at St Peter Chanel and the 10.00 am Mass at Holy Name of Mary.

No previous experience required, just your faith and your readiness to share it with our youngest parishioners.

Resources and support provided by our Coordinators.

You can contact:

Tee Davies for SPC on 0407 827 957 and

Olivia Edwards, HNM on 0409 541 177.

There will be a meeting of all our Children's Liturgy leaders on Wednesday evening 20 February at 7.00pm in the Meeting Room at the Parish Hall.

Please mark this date in your calendars.

NEW READERS NEEDED

We need some additional readers for the 6pm Saturday Vigil mass, and the 8am Sunday Mass at HNM. If you are interested in assisting with this important ministry, please contact Barry Buffier on 0439034629, for more details.

A REMINDER ABOUT OUR CONFIRMATION CEREMONY THIS YEAR

This year we will be joining with other parishes to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Marys Cathedral.

The ceremony will take place on Sunday 2 June at 12.30pm.

More details will be available soon from our Sacramental Office.

MONTHLY ANOINTING MASS RESUMES

The monthly Anointing Mass will resume for this year on Thursday 21 February in the Chapter Hall at 11.30am.

At this Mass, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is administered to all present.

If you have a friend or family member who would appreciate and benefit from this opportunity, please bring them along or just come yourself. Everyone is welcome.

The Mass is followed by a luncheon generously provided by members of the parish Marist Laity Group. If you are attending, you also may like to bring something to share at the luncheon.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM—WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN AND HOW WILL IT AFFECT MY FAMILY ?

How will the new proposed bill effect your children and grandchildren?

What impact will it have on educating our children in Catholic schools?

What can you do to protect your religious freedom?

Listen to Monica Doumit speak about where this is heading & what we can do about it.

Date : Sunday 17th Feb

Time : 4-5pm

Where : All Hallows' Catholic Church 2 Halley St. Five Dock.

Child minding by Children's Liturgy members will be available. As Catholics we have a responsibility to act now and protect our religious freedom. Don't miss this important event.

ST BRIGID'S PARISH MARRICKVILLE— POSITION VACANT

St Brigid's Parish, Marrickville, led by Passionist Missionaries, is seeking an experienced Youth Worker to work with our Junior Youth Group (Years 7-9), in social prayer and outreach activities up to 10 hours per week, including some weekend and evening work. Applications close 18/2/19.

Please send covering letter and resume to: parish@stbrigid.org.au

Or contact 8577 5670.

Well Done...CONGRATS AND THANKS ZONE

Congratulations and welcome to **Henry Soto**, who will be baptized into our Christian community this weekend.



HOLIDAY PARISH TEAM

Special thanks to our priests, Fathers Alik, Paul and John and our other ministers led by Judy Day who kept the doors open, the care of those in need, and the sharing of information regarding those who are sick or in need of visiting while the rest of us were taking holidays.

To all of you, a special blessing.

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 and John Burton.



VICTIMS OF FLOODS & FIRES

As we know from the news this week, floods and fires have had us all concerned for those suffering in North Queensland, Tasmania and Victoria.

For all those people whose lives have been so disrupted by these events we pray. When the opportunity comes, may we also respond to their needs generously.

I WAS SICK AND YOU VISITED ME

Coming Soon

Monthly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins again.

1 March HNM 7.00am

Ash Wednesday 6 March

POINT TO PONDER

FRIENDS AND EXPECTATIONS

It's a wonderful thing to live in a context of friends who provide us with stimulus, encouragement and challenges. This is the heart of community, for in such a context we can serve and be served and grow in our giftedness and responsibility.

But there is a possible down side to this scenario. Within the context of friends, we can also feel the pressure of their expectations. "She has wonderful creative abilities, so maybe she could,....," and so on.

There is nothing wrong with our friends knowing our strong points. But there is something wrong with being put in a box and with not being able to acknowledge that we are developing different priorities or to admit that our resources have run dry.

Henri Nouwen notes: "Maybe I was slowly becoming a prisoner of people's expectations instead of a man liberated by divine promises." Within the community of friends, we need the gift of individual freedom so that we can all continue to grow beyond the expectations of others.

Dare to Journey, Charles Ringma with Henri Nouwen.

This Week... Scripture Zone

First Reading:

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

We witness one of the most majestic theophanic moments in scripture from which we draw the cry of Holy holy holy Lord in our Mass. In view of such majesty, it is not surprising that Isaiah's response is one of being unworthy. Fortunately for Isaiah and for us, God's holiness is extended to the great prophet despite his misgivings.

Response

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Second Reading : 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

We hear Paul proclaim the heart of the Christian narrative and his own place in its transformative history. It is a story that is ongoing and, thus, we are called to be part of.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord

And I will make you fishers of my people Alleluia !

Gospel Reading:

Luke 5: 1-11

Jesus encounters Simon Peter and his fishing partners. Jesus enters the activity of their world and miraculously transforms their experience giving them a taste of their true calling. Confronted with this revelation, Peter becomes aware of his inadequacy and, for a moment at least, recoils from the situation. Jesus responds by alleviating Peter's fears and revealing to him his destiny and potential.

First Reading : Jeremiah 17:5-8

Second Reading : 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-3

Gospel Reading : Luke 6:17, 10-26

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Up & Running!

2019 has started off with gusto. Year 7s have settled in with ease and enthusiasm and are already feeling at home. At our High Achievers' Assembly this week we welcomed back 34 students who received an ATAR of 90.



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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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 parishion-
ers. 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 Par-
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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.