

HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH HUNTERS HILL ST PETER CHANEL WOOLWICH



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

11 February 2018

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

IS LENT YOUR CUP OF TEA?

Calendar

February

- 13** **Baptism Prep Evening**
Chapter Hall
7.30pm
- 14** **Ash Wednesday**
- 14** **Social Justice Group Meeting**
Parish House
7.30pm
- 15** **Anointing Mass**
Chapter Hall
11.30am
- 15** **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**
Chapter Hall
7.30pm
- 18** **Inter-Church Council Lenten Movies**
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- 27** **Grief Support Group Meeting**
7.30pm
- March**
- 4** **Inter-Church Council Lenten Movies**
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Ash Wednesday is upon us once again and the season of Lent beckons. Once upon a time we all took the Lenten fast very seriously along with the various requirements for Fasting, Mass attendance, Reconciliation and Lenten resolutions of our own. As the culture has changed and the Church has modified some of the requirements, they've tended to slip into oblivion in the lives of many of us.

In an earlier time there were always exemptions for the ill, the elderly and those under various special pressures. There's now the possibility that we all think we qualify for these! Lent simply becomes the period leading up to the Easter Show and Easter holidays and not much more. The Moslem holy month of Ramadan draws attention around the community as Moslems observe their laws regarding fasting and prayer with great care. Some of us might look at them and regard them as a bit eccentric and some of us might regard their religious fervour as worthy of praise. They may have something to teach us.

The ancient practice of keeping feasting and fasting in balance has a lot to recommend it. Society recognises this as a healthy way to go as is evidenced by the plethora of weight-loss and wellness programs. Light'n Easy, Jenny Craig and the rest of them are on to something.

As well as being good for our physical health, some fasting can be good for our spirit. Some acts of sacrifice for the sake of love can go even further and be good for the world around us.

We can teach each other that living with a free rather than a possessive heart is good for all of us. We can discover the liberating benefits of measuring our response to our hungers and desires rather than allowing them to dictate to us. We might even find that we are actually choosing our life's path rather than simply conforming to the consumer society that demands that we satisfy every urge as quickly as possible.

When our needs, desires and urges move off centre-stage to their proper place, our life becomes more balanced, clearly focused and relaxed. At the same time, and if we are attentive, the space we create through some thoughtful acts of sacrifice and fasting can leave room for God to enter the conversations that shape our days and weeks. We cannot taste God when we are totally absorbed with satisfying all our other hungers. There's simply no room!

Fasting then is a most important tool for us to use in order to discover the place that God can take in our lives. When we are empty then love can find us. When we create the space that only fasting can create, then we enable God's presence to fill us.

It sounds hard to do, and perhaps something better left to the more religious among us. However, a gentle rhythm of sacrifice and fasting can become a joyful habit and enable us to taste more than we'd ever bargained for. Some of our great Saints have modelled this for us. Some of them have probably gone a lot further than we can manage, but they serve to make their point, that it is God alone who can satisfy our deepest hungers.

All our other hungers need replenishing regularly. The satisfaction they bring never lasts for long.

Once we make space and allow God to live at the centre of everything, our satisfaction is one that deepens and nourishes constantly. Funnily enough, once God lives at the heart of each day, our enjoyment of everything else becomes deeper, freer, and we get to live thankful rather than hungry, needy lives.

If Lent is not your cup of tea, it might be worth your while changing brands and trying this always new and refreshing brew!

May this sacred season be for you a time of real refreshment and grace.

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 pictured below. Her name next week. Last week's photo:

Michael O'Hara



ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

Holy Name of Mary:

9.15am & 7.00pm

St Peter Chanel:

12.15pm

Reconciliation

Holy Name of Mary:

6.15pm

JOHN BURTON

Sadly John Burton is retiring as Eucharistic Minister after many, many years of faithful service to our Community at 8am Mass and our weekday liturgies. Thank you John for your prayerful service within our community.

HELP NEEDED BECOME A CATECHIST! JOIN US

Over 100 of our Catholic Children attend the public schools in our area. Our Parish provides Faith Education classes for these children but we NEED

MORE volunteers. Catechists teach a 30 minute class each Wednesday in primary school from 9am-9.30am and 9.30am-10am. No previous experience is necessary. Training support and teaching materials are provided. We will be having a retreat and reflection day with Fr. Kevin in the near future. For any enquiries please call Rosalia Foley 98175325 /0409608979 or email fft@hnom.com.au.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Calling out to anyone who would like to volunteer at St Peter Chanel. Our children's Liturgy Team are on the look out for new volunteers. The role is really fun and only requires your assistance during 9am Mass one Sunday per term. Please contact Tee Davies on 0407 827 957, or email teedavies@me.com if you would like to join. We would love to welcome you !!

SCRIPTURE PRAYER GROUP

For 6 weeks from Tuesday 13 February the Scripture Prayer Group will meet for the Lenten Series of the Lectio Divina Heart-beat Program—"The Kingdom of God is near."

Place : Montbel. Time : 6.45 for 7pm. All Welcome.

LENTE REFLECTION BOOKS AVAILABLE

Once again this year we are making available for your use, the excellent Lenten Reflection Books from the Wollongong Diocese. Copies are available at each Church this weekend.

PROJECT COMPASSION ALERT!

With Lent beginning on 14 February, we will be distributing Project Compassion materials out from this weekend, 11 February.

SPARE STAMPS?

Just pop them in the box near the Church's side entrance. They generate money for our missions.

MARIST COLLEGE NORTH SHORE— OPEN DAY

The Marist Open Day is to be held on Saturday 3 March 2018 from 10am to 1.30pm. The Open Day has been a most successful event over the years and has certainly assisted in profiling the College within the community. It is an opportunity for all family, friends and potential families to see the College in operation.

INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL LENTEN MOVIES

As a way of stimulating some lively conversation and good reflection around the themes of Lent and Holy Week, Our Inter-Church Council is hosting movies and time for discussion afterwards at the following venues.

Sunday 18 Feb, Holy Name of Mary Chapter Hall: *The Life of Brian*.

Sunday 4 March, Boronia Park Uniting Church: *Life as a House*.

Sunday 18 March, St Charles Borromeo Parish Hall, Ryde: *Jesus of Montreal*

All Adults Welcome.

More details on our Church Notice-boards.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

We invite you to join in the following prayer intentions in the lead up to the World Meeting of Families in Dublin Ireland in August 2018.

4th February: *May each family rediscover family prayer, which helps to bring about mutual understanding and forgiveness.* (Pope Francis)

11th February: *the experience of*

love in families is a perennial source of strength for the life of the Church (Pope Francis)

18th February: *In marriage, the joy of love needs to be cultivated* (Pope Francis)

25th February: *The family is the greatest treasure of any country. Let us all work to protect and strengthen this, the cornerstone of society.* (Pope Francis).

Should you require any more information, please visit the World Meeting of Families website:

www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/ or

Contact the Life, Marriage and Family Centre on 9307 8400.

A NOTE TO OUR READERS

Dear Readers,

Here are a couple of reminders for you that may improve your reading and the people's ability to hear you properly:

- Have the microphone directly in front of your mouth—not your forehead, chin or chest.
- Have your mouth no more than three fingers' width from the microphone.
- Once there, still project your voice and don't expect the mike to do all the work for you.
- At Holy Name of Mary, remember to turn the light on—this brightens the words on the page, and your face, so that those who are hard of hearing may have a chance to lip-read you,
- The correct conclusion to the Reading is "The Word of the Lord."

These hints apply for both weekend and week-day Masses.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Starting Ash Wednesday after the evening Mass and every Wednesday during Lent at Holy Name of Mary Church at 7.30pm.

Well Done...CONGRATS AND THANKS ZONE

BAPTISMS

Congratulations and a very warm welcome to **Helen Pritchard, & Charlotte Lampe** who will be baptized into our Christian community this weekend.

MEET IMOGEN BYRNE

Daughter of Amelia and Chris Byrne, Imogen is one of our very newest parishioners. Welcome little one!



POINT TO PONDER

Lord, it feels like we are embarking on a Lenten journey together, you and I. The beautiful words in Ash Wednesday's prayer talk about the "quiet remembrance of our need for redemption." That feels like what I am looking for - or what you are looking for in me. I want to remember how much I need you in my life and how much my life needs redemption. I want to remember it clearly and in the background of my day today and all through Lent.

On this special day, Ash Wednesday, may my small sacrifices in fasting be a way to clear away the clutter in my life to see you more clearly. May my times of fasting, help me to focus my life today more outside myself. Let me be aware of those who are in so much more suffering than I am and may I be aware of them as the brothers and sisters you have placed in my life.

Prayers for the Season of Lent – Online Ministries

Villa Maria Primary School

Principal: Mr. Kevin Turner
Phone: 98796100
www.vmhuntershill.catholic.edu.au

Opening School Mass

Our School gathered for the Opening School Mass for the Year on Wednesday at Holy Name of Mary Church. Our new school captains, Ella and Sebastian set the tone with first-rate captains' speeches.

St Josephs' College

Principal: Dr Christopher Hayes
Mark Street, Hunters Hill, NSW
2110 T +61 2 9816 0802

Marist Sisters' College

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

Back in the Swim!

2018 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 20 students who received an ATAR of 90 or over along with special guest Nicola Rae, Dux, Class of 2014. Rounding off the week nicely with our Swimming Carnival.

Pray for... PRAYER ZONE

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

Peter Jackson, Marie Ferris, Janet Muscat, Joe Bannon, John Edwards, Judy Craig, Monica Carroll, Lina Gullotta.

SYRIA, MYANMAR & YEMEN

Among many other places, people in these three countries are still living in daily fear for their lives and faced with constant violence against them.

We pray for a cessation of this violence and the coming of peace for these long-suffering people.

Coming Soon

Ash Wednesday 14 Feb

Kindergarten Welcome Mass

HNM 10 March 6.00pm

This Week... Scripture Zone

First Reading:

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

The Hebrew people expelled those from their community thought to be unclean.

Response

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
And you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia Alleluia,

A great prophet has appeared among us;

God has visited his people.

Alleluia !

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Paul offers his way of living the Gospel as a model to the Corinthians.

Gospel Reading:

Mark 1: 40-45

Jesus brings his power and compassion to a leper while identifying with his plight.

Next week: First Reading : Genesis 9:8-15

Second Reading : 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel Reading : Mark 1:12-15



A PARISH OF THE MARIST FATHERS

PARISH OFFICE:

3A Mary Street.
Hours: 9.00am – 5.00pm, Mon-Fri
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FAX: 9817 4615.
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Web: www.hnom.com.au

Facebook: Holy Name of Mary Parish

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, 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 0409 608 979

Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson:

Matt Fehon
mfehon@mcgrathnichol.com

Parish Pastoral Council Secretary:

Richard McNamee:
richard_mcnamee@baxter.com

Parish Finance Committee Michael Lindsay
0423 020 002

Parish Youth Minister:

Caitlin Story, Ph: 0450 847 979

BAPTISM:

By arrangement. Parents please contact the pres-
bytery to book & arrange to attend the Baptism
Prep Program

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENINGS

COMING UP:

Tuesdays 13 Feb, 20 March, 10 April in the
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

Counselling: Allison Cahill 0402 405 843.
& Deborah Khoury 0409 719 443

Villa Play Group: Tues 9:30-11:30am Par-
ish Hall. Elsa Hietbrink 0422 237 356
hnom.com.au/children

Meditation Group: Gabrielle Woodcock,
9817 0097

Young Adults Group: Nicholas Fearnley
0401 722 839

Parish Finance Committee:

Michael Lindsay 9816 5701

Aged Ministry :

Margaret Gambley 9807 2160 or

Grief Support Group:

Cecilia Brungs 0412 284 028

Liturgy Group : Moya Preece

Ph: 0418 406 513

Eucharistic Ministry Coordinator :

Kate Buckland 9817 2558

Altar Servers Coordinator:

Kathleen Lee 0433 500 648

Social Justice Group: Marie Butler:

Ph:0413 004 702

Altar Society: Jane Keneally 0419221185.

Annette Hills 0401 252 064

RCIA: Janet Greene 9879 6515

Cleaners: HNM Mike Burfitt 9879 4197

SPC Claire Glase 0418 668 486

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Readers SPC: Mark Volpato 9816 4431

Children's Liturgy H NOM:

Olivia Edwards: 0409 541 177

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Josiane Espinosa 9807 9199

Family Faith Educator: Marea De Angelis

Ph: 0419 448 201

Inter-Church Council: Richard Korkor

Ph: 0410 431 022

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.