

HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH HUNTERS HILL ST PETER CHANEL WOOLWICH



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

February 21 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

WHERE TO THIS WEEK LORD?

Calendar

FEBRUARY

21 **Catechists' Blessing** HNM
10.00am

24-5 **First Reconciliation Prep Session 2**

MARCH

2 **Baptism Prep Session** Parish Hall 7.30pm

3-4 **First Reconciliation Ceremonies** HNM 6.30pm

5 **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** HNM 7.30am

5 **Tweedle Muff Making** Chapter Hall 9.00am

6-13 **Parish Retreat** Details p.2

24 **Liturgy Group Meeting** Chapter Hall 7.30pm

28 **Palm/Passion Sunday**

30 **Holy Week Reconciliation Service** HNM 7.00pm

APRIL

1-3 **Holy Week Triduum** (Details soon)

Celebrating Year-opening School Masses at two of our schools last week was a nourishing, joyful experience. The zest for life of our young people, their joy in each other and the trust they place in their teachers to lead them not only to new knowledge but to new places in the heart, filled the air with an awareness of life's great blessings

Following these events I spent a morning with a dear family in which the young husband and father had died a year ago. Here too there was some joy in marking the anniversary, and also necessarily some deep sadness that words would never quite capture. The zest for life becomes tempered with the realisation of how fragile life can be and how thin is the line between life and death.

Then comes the news that one of our Marist Fathers, younger than most of us, has had a coronary episode and has died. Father Bob, full of life and new plans not so long ago, is now preparing for a life beyond the reach of this world. His death was not expected.

This coming week will see our Marist Fathers community holding our Provincial Chapter at which we will be taking some decisions regarding our own future as we age and diminish more and more rapidly. Bob's decline comes as a timely and salutary reminder of the situation in which we find ourselves as a community.

Lent, the season just beginning, confronts us with the reality that we have not here a lasting city. Here we are invited to reassess our place in the world. We are called to strike a fresh balance between the things to which we hold on and the things from which we need to free ourselves. This could easily seem to be a gloomy state of affairs in which all our sacred cows are taken away from us. We could indeed hunker down and settle for this state of misery, disheartened by the letting-go we cannot avoid.

We do have other options however. We could embrace these times of loss with a fundamental trust in the Giver of Life who has entrusted life's journey to us in the first place. Gently removing ourselves from centre-stage, we find ourselves in a world where love is the beginning and the ending of everything, replacing our own noisy desires and needs.

Here, fear has no place to hide. Here our grieving can cry itself out and then come to rest. It is in Love's own company that we learn to let go of the world of our own imagining and planning, and enter a world that is more real than the one we've dreamed up for ourselves!

The great Saints throughout the centuries have modelled for us the joy of letting go and trusting in God's loving purposes. The image of a naked St Francis of Assisi dancing naked through town having left behind his clothes and his family's riches never fails to bring a smile to those who remember him fondly. "Holy Surrender" some of the Saints have called it, this radical trusting in God's merciful providence.

Jesus, when he calls the disciples to follow him, asks them to leave everything else behind. That has to be telling us something. It's a tough lesson to take on board in a culture such as ours, where acquiring, holding, insuring, claiming and possessing are our normal motivators.

Listening to the Scriptures during this Lenten season, really hearing God's invitation to allow God's love into the centre of our lives, walking joyfully in God's company, may well release new spirit in each of us, new thankfulness and a freedom of heart we didn't know was possible.

May this Lenten time bring special blessings to each of you and your families.

Father Kevin

What's on?

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR PARISH?

See if anyone in your pew knows the name of these parish regulars. Their names next week. Last week's photo: Ermina & Tony Spada



MASS BOOKINGS

You simply need to register when you arrive using the **NSW Health QR Code**. If you cannot use the QR code, a monitor will assist you in signing in.

FIRST RECONCILIATION 2021—For children in Year 3

PREP SESSION 2: 24-25 February Parish Hall 7.00pm

RECONCILIATION CEREMONIES

3-4 March, Holy Name of Mary Church 6.30pm

ART EXHIBITION

Some members of the Parish belong to THE ARTY MOB who are presenting their latest works "IT'S D'LOVELY" in the Parish Hall. All Welcome.

Friday 26 February 6.30-8.30pm. Friday night drinks with the artists.

Saturday 27 February 10am-4pm, Sunday 28 February 10am-3pm.

PARISH MISSION MARCH-6-12 A MISSION OF MERCY AND LOVE

Presented by **Father Richard Leonard sj.**

The Outline

Fr Richard will celebrate & Present:
Saturday 6 March 6pm - Saturday night Mass
Sunday 7 March 10.00am Sunday Mass
Monday 8 March - 9am Morning Mass, followed by Talk 1. 7.00pm Repeat Talk 1.
Tuesday 9 March - 9am Morning Mass, followed by Talk 2. 7.00pm Repeat Talk 2.
Wednesday 10 March - 9am Morning Mass, followed by Talk 3. 7.00pm Repeat Talk 3.
Talks in Holy Name of Mary Church.

Additional things being considered:

Thursday 11 March - 6.30pm. Parish shared meal - maybe 'Soup and Sharing' or something similar.

Guest speaker at the Dinner will be **Mrs Bridget Sakr**, mother of Veronique, who along with three cousins was killed in an accident at Oatlands just over a year ago.

Friday 12 March - 6.00pm Youth Group Retreat with topic specific to Years 5-8

Fr Richard has provided a short video promo which will soon be available on the parish YouTube channel:

bit.ly/hnomhuntershill or search Holy Name of Mary Hunters Hill

It will give you a sense of the direction of his presentations.

Of course, this is all dependent on covid-19 restrictions. A plan may be considered to livestream some sessions from the Church in order that people can participate online.

CATECHISTS' BLESSING THIS WEEKEND

At the 10.00am Mass on 21 February we will be blessing our Scripture Teachers who minister in the local Public Schools and pray them on their way for this year's weekly classes.

BORONIA PARK UNITING CHURCH PLAY GROUP

Boronia Park Uniting Church are looking for a helper at their church run playgroup from 9-12 on a Thursday morning. Ideal for a Uni student or someone who enjoys being with children. This is a casual paid position.

Interested people please ring Robyn Harvey on 0418783290.

JESUIT REFUGEE FOOD APPEAL

Collection point: **Parish office on Wednesdays 9am to 11am.**

ALTAR SOCIETY—CALL FOR NEW MEMBERS

The altar society are looking for new members to carry out light work as part of a team caring for the linen and flowers. Please call Annette on 0401 252 064 (SPC) or Julia 0412 031 451 (HNM).

PROJECT COMPASSION ENVELOPES

The Lenten donation envelopes for Project Compassion are in both churches from last Sunday, 14th February.

MINI VINNIES - YOUTH FORMATION PROGRAM

Vinnies is proud to announce the 2021 edition of the Mini Vinnies Formation Programme for students in years 4-6 who wish to undertake Social Justice Formation in their own time. For more information go to: <https://bit.ly/VinniesMVFP>

Vinnies Schools January 2021 Newsletter: <https://youthnsw.vinnies.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/School-Newsletter-Metro-Term-1-2021.pdf>

GO MAKE DISCIPLES BOOKLET

This Lenten Companion will be in the churches this weekend and has the Gospel for each Sunday of Lent and Easter Sunday, spiritual reflections and questions.

THE SMILE OF A RAGPICKER BY FR PAUL GLYNN SM.

This book is a story about a young woman from a Japanese noble family who dedicates her life to helping the 'rag picker children'. The Japanese Church is promoting her cause for sainthood. The book is now in its 6th edition and can be purchased from the Marist Fathers Mission Centre, 3 Mary St for \$15 plus P&P.

MARIST SISTERS COLLEGE YR. 7 2023 APPLICATIONS

The closing date for receipt of applications for year 7: 2023 enrolment is 17th March 2021. For further information contact: www.mscw.nsw.edu.au

COMFORT LENTEN PROGRAM BOOKLET 2021

This booklet of reflections is available in both churches

HOLY CROSS COLLEGE, RYDE — OPEN DAY

Holy Cross college will be holding their open day on Sunday 7th March 10am to 1pm. The principal's address will be at 11.30am. For further information go to www.holycrosscollege.org

CHILD SAFETY— OUR SPECIAL PRIORITY



Well Done...CONGRATS AND WELCOME ZONE

Congratulations and a very warm welcome to: Isabelle Rogulj, Mia Radice, Gabrielle Pereira, Dante Young, Nathaniel Deligio, Aaron Costin, Milla Kubielski, Nathaniel Costin & Nina Slininski who will be baptized into our Christian community this weekend.



CHURCH CLEANERS

Once again we thank our team of church cleaners at both our churches for their dedicated service to the community. Each week and out of sight from most of us, they labour to make sure our churches are kept clean and well cared for.

May God bless them well as they continue their vital ministry in our community.

POINT TO PONDER FATHER BOB BARBER SM



Much loved Marist Father and former Provincial of the Australian Marist Province, Father Bob died last weekend following a medical episode. His death has come as a great shock to our Marist community and to all who knew him. He was a humble, gentle and most generous-hearted Marist and priest. The sadness of his loss to us will be

felt deeply and for a long time to come.

We pray that he now rests well and cheerfully in God's loving care and for all those who grieve his death we pray for the comfort of our faith, wonderful memories and thankful hearts.

Pray for... PRAYER ZONE

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

Janet Muscat, Judy Craig, Andrew & Lina Gullotta, Suzanne Traill, Madge Mullen, Jill Caldwell, Valerie Grant, Catherine Keating, (Pauline Dowling's Mother,) and Eddie & Carmel Walsh (Ann Curtin's parents,) Michelle Makin, Patrick Dowling & Colleen Hussin.

PRIYA, NADES & FAMILY

Stranded on Christmas Island since 2017 at the behest of the Australian Government, this family received a favourable finding in the Federal Court this week in their bid to remain in Australia.

The people of Biloela where they had found a home would be most happy to have them return.

Our nation's policy in their regard as in regard to so many others, is unjust, inhumane and even economically makes no sense.

We pray for justice for them and for the many others who are living in a kind of limbo because of our nation's cautious heart.

COMING SOON

Parish Mission/Retreat 6-13 March

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

This reading recalls the covenant between God and Noah after the flood. Indeed 'covenant' is mentioned five times in this short reading. This covenant is long, 'for all generations' and it is all encompassing, '...with you, and with your descendants... with every living creature.

Response

Your ways, O' Lord, are love and truth, to those who keep your covenant.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Peter recalls that Noah and his family were saved 'by water'. This water is a type of the water which saves us now when we are baptised into the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory! No one lives on Bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Alleluia!

Gospel Reading Mark 1:12-15

Unlike its synoptic counterparts, Mark's account of the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness is stunningly brief. More important is the Baptist's call to repentance: equally brief yet stunning in the freshness of its challenge.

First Reading : Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18
Second Reading : Romans 8:31-34
Gospel Reading : Mark 9:2-10

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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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Parish Secretary: Catherine Byrne

Associate Secretary: Maggie Mullane

New or Returning Parishioners...

Please come along to the Parish Office for a warm welcome and to pick up a Parish Information Kit.

Sacramental Coordinator: Rosalia Foley
fft@hnom.com.au 0409 608 979

Parish Safeguarding Support Officers:

Caitlin Pfaffin & Kathleen Lee:

hnompsso@gmail.com

BAPTISM:

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

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENINGS:

Tuesday 2 March, 13 April, 11 May, 8 June,
Parish 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

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Richard Korkor 0410 431 022

Prayer Group: Maryanne Knoblanche

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.