

HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH HUNTERS HILL ST PETER CHANEL WOOLWICH



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

25 February 2018

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

Calendar

February

27 Grief Support Group Meeting
7.30pm

March

4 Inter-Church Council Lenten Movies
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4 Villa Maria School Open Day 9-11am

9-10 24 Hours for the Lord. HNM
10.00 am – 10.00am
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10 Marist Laity Meeting
Chapter Hall
9.00 am

10 Kindergarten Welcome Mass HNM
6.00pm

13-15 Marist Fathers Provincial Chapter
Parish Hall

18 Inter-Church Council Lenten Movies
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You know the experience of sitting on a beach and looking out to sea, trying to imagine what is over the horizon. Likewise, sitting quietly at night under the blazing stars, you can't help but feel how tiny you are in the scheme of things and yet so very precious. Blue hills in the distance, a plane disappearing into the clouds, a quiet violin line disappearing into a wealth of orchestral sound, all serve to call us beyond ourselves and into the mystery that lies at the edge of things.

These glimpses of the beyond, these opportunities to ponder immensity and beauty, can, if we are alert enough, draw us into the sacredness of things. Here is the sort of truth that is beyond our management skills, our gift of analysis, our clever planning for the future.

Here we are in the presence of mystery, and in our smallness and sense of being insignificant, we feel somehow a new completeness. It is here we are part not just of ourselves but of something far grander, more mysterious and un-sayable than a day's ordinary tasks seem to allow us. Like the disciples on the mountain with Jesus in today's gospel, our world is transfigured.

Lent offers us this invitation to scan the horizons of our lives, within and beyond ourselves. Like the micro-biologist exploring the intimacies of the atom and the astronomer searching out the mysteries of the heavens, we can find ourselves entranced before life's great tapestry and allow ourselves to be called into a communion with this awe-creating universe.

Now this idyllic encounter with God's great universe seems a long way off when my horizons are more constricted than expanded.

For instance when my horizon is profit and loss, then I'm caught up in the sterile, ultimately fruitless quest to be wealthier, somehow believing that wealth equates to happiness. I'm constantly looking over my shoulder, not at the mystery or beauty in things but at the threat of competition, the insecurity of the markets and risks I am taking with investments. When this becomes my preoccupation, my soul atrophies and I can no longer see beyond to any horizon other than the illusion that wealth will be my place of safety. Our society is riddled with this obsessive "faith", which has no room for any god other than itself and which regards any religious or spiritual encounter as a distracting interruption to life's real game.

The consequence then is an unhappy, restless soul, and an unhappy restless world, filled with insecurity and the sort of aggression that allows no room for other intrusions.

We can allow ourselves to be enslaved by other such pseudo-horizons such as the need to look good at all times, the inability to grieve my ageing and the denial of its inevitable role in my life. Our horizon could be simply the pressure that we feel to fit in, whether it be with our peers, (with whom we are often in a subtle competitive mode), our kids' sporting coaches who make training "compulsory", as if we have no choice in the matter anymore, or our partner in life whose needy self makes little or no room for our own dreams to flourish. Sadly, we settle for these false horizons as the best we can manage at the time, perhaps thinking that things will be better next year!

"A humble contrite heart you will not scorn", cries the Psalmist in God's presence. Here we recognise that the horizons that really matter, the horizons that call to us as gifts rather than obligations or obsessions, can only be reached for when we are truly free to explore, to listen, to wait and to hunger deeply. May this Lent continue to be the training ground in which your imagination is freed up and your mind loosened. May the un-knowable God give you a glimpse of that horizon that alone is your destiny and if you like, your true place in the sun!

Father Kevin

What's on?

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR PARISH?

See if anyone in your pew knows the name of these angelic parishioners pictured below.

Their names next week. Last week's photo: Caitlin & Luana



PROJECT COMPASSION

This weekend of 24-5 February, Mercy Sister Anne McGuire will be speaking at our Masses about the vital work of Caritas Australia and Project Compassion. We look forward to welcoming Sr Anne to the parish.

TWENTY FOUR HOURS FOR THE LORD

Holy Name of Mary Church 9-10 March 10.00 am—10.00am

Once again we are holding this 24 hours of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

Given that this year is the Year of Youth, we are beginning on Friday at 10.00 am to encourage students from our schools to take part.

Parish Pastoral Groups are being invited to roster themselves for specific hours.

Everyone is welcome at any time during this 24 hour period to spend some time in prayer and reflection.

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 4 March, 4.00pm Boronia Park Uniting Church: *Life as a House*.

Sunday 18 March, 4.00pm St Charles Borromeo Parish Hall, Ryde: *Jesus of Montreal*

All Adults Welcome.

More details on our Church Notice-boards.

PILATES IN THE PARISH HALL IS ON AGAIN

Every Monday 8.50am—9.35am from 12th February to 9th April. \$10 per class. Everyone is welcome with no experience necessary. For further information, please contact Alex Collins 0423 677 275 oracmt@bigpond.com

ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT YOUR CHILDREN'S FEET?

If your child has pain or has one foot that differs from the other foot, a podiatrist can help!

McCaffrey Podiatry provides a family friendly podiatry service for all ages.

Located at 163 Victoria Rd. Gladesville 2111
Mon—Fri 8-6pm Sat—8-1pm

To book call 0422 097 667

Or visit

www.mccaffreypodiatry.com

CATCH-UP SACRAMENTAL CLASSES

For children year 3 and upwards who have not received the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion.

We will be conducting catch-up lessons for Reconciliation and Communion on the following 4 nights. If you take up this catch-up program you and your child will be required to attend all classes.

Reconciliation Wednesday

March 21st 6:00pm-7:00pm

Reconciliation Wednesday March

28th 6:00pm-7:00pm

Communion Wednesday April

4th 6:00pm-7:00pm

Communion Wednesday April

11th 6:00pm-7:00pm

Venue: Chapter Hall.

The Reconciliation Ceremony and Communion Mass will be at HNOM Saturday 14 April at 5pm.

Each Sacrament costs \$40 and you will need to go to TRYBOOKINGS to fill out your information and finalise payment. The link for this is:

<https://www.trybooking.com/UEYQ>

or

[https://](https://www.trybooking.com/354864)

www.trybooking.com/354864

and will be open 21 February at 7pm till 14 March at 7pm.

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.

MARIST SISTERS CAMPUS EXPERIENCE EVENING

Wednesday 7 March

Bookings online. Visit:

www.mscw.nsw.edu.au

Applications close for Year 7

2020 Wed 11 April 2018

MAN CAVE NEWS

Man Cave – a Men's Group from St Charles' Parish, Ryde

Man Cave resumes for 2018 on Tuesday 27 February, 7:30pm at the Gladesville Sporties. We will look at the year ahead. Guided by some resident experts we will look at what we might look forward to in the areas of sport, the economy, the financial markets and politics. As is the custom we will be offered the opportunity to

record our fearless predictions which will be revised at the end of the year to see who guessed best. We will also talk about the topics we would like to cover this year while we catch up with each other over a meal and a drink. We look forward to seeing you at the Man Cave. Enq: Anthony 0414272573

CATALYST & AQUINAS REFLECTION MORNING

SATURDAY March 3rd 2018 9.30—12.30pm Hunters Hill Parish Hall, Mary St & Gladesville Rd. "Departing not Arriving". Presenter: Fr Michael Whelan sm PP of St Patrick's Church Hill. Donation appreciated. Tea & Coffee available. No need to book. Enquiries: Carole 9869 1036. "Come and See".

CHANEL COLLEGE GEELONG 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Chanel College, Geelong is celebrating their 60th Anniversary Reunion for students of the Marist Fathers era 1958—1970 to be celebrated in April.

For more details go to: chanel.geelong@gmail.com

Father Kevin will be attending this event.

MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE MARCH RETREATS

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre

247 St Andrews Rd. Varroville NSW 2566

Ph: 02 8795 3400

For more information on retreats write to retreats@carmelite.com (10% discount for shared accommodation, pensioners and unemployed).

ANNUAL FASHION SALE AND CARITAS BAKE SALE

Saturday 3rd March, 10am - 4pm
18 Short Street, Gladesville

Come a grab a bargain and some morning tea

Supporting Project Compassion 2018

Enquires - 0409 719 443

Well Done...*CONGRATS AND THANKS ZONE*

BAPTISMS

Congratulations and a very warm welcome to **Isaac Padjan & Oscar Simms** who will be baptized into our Christian community this weekend.

PARENTS AT MASS!

We salute those parents who get themselves and their broods to Mass as often as they can. They are inspiration to those who are there to see them, and a mighty surprise to others who can't see how they make the effort! Blessings to you all.

POINT TO PONDER

Blessed are the poor,
not the penniless, but those whose hearts are free.
Blessed are the meek,
not the soft but those who are patient and tolerant.
Blessed are the merciful,
not those who forget, but those who forgive.
Blessed are the pure in heart,
not those who act like angels but those whose lives are transparent.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
not those who shun conflict, but those who face it squarely.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for justice,
not because they suffer, but because they love.

Church Workers in Santiago Chile

Villa Maria Primary School

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

St Josephs' College

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

Marist Sisters' College

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



JESUS IS TRANSFIGURED

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, Janet Greene.

FRANK LLOYD

Frank is in hospital with respiratory issues. We pray for a good recovery for him and the grace of much patience during his time of treatment.

BRYAN SIDGREAVE

Brian is facing significant back surgery in the coming weeks and will be grateful for our prayers.

We pray for successful surgery for him, a good recovery and a positive heart as he faces this major challenge.

JOHN EDWARDS

John has suffered a recent heart attack following a stroke some two years' ago. We keep him in our prayers and thank God for his still resilient spirit.

Coming Soon

Twenty Four Hours for the Lord HNM
9-10 March, 10.00 am—10.00 am

Kindergarten Welcome Mass
HNM 10 March 6.00pm

This Week... *Scripture Zone*

First Reading:

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

Abraham demonstrates complete faith and trust in the Lord when he obeys the call to offer his only son as an offering. God responds by reiterating the promise that, through Abraham, Isaac and their descendants, special blessing would be offered to the world.

Response

I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
In the land of the living.

Second Reading:
Romans 8:31-34

As Abraham did not withhold his son, so God has not withheld Christ Jesus. As such, we can have complete confidence that God is utterly and completely for us.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia Alleluia,

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

This is my beloved Son, hear him

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading:
Mark 9:2-10

Something of Jesus' divine glory is revealed in a special moment. However, it is only a foretaste of what will come, the journey to the Cross must resume.

*Next week: First Reading : Exodus 20:1-17
Second Reading : 1 Corinthians 1:22-25
Gospel Reading : John 2:13-25*



A PARISH OF THE MARIST FATHERS

PARISH OFFICE:

3A Mary Street.
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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
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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 20 March, 10 April, 16 May, 12
June, 17 July, 14 August, 18 Sept, 16 Oct,
13 Nov, 11 Dec, 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

Aged Ministry :

Margaret Gambley 9807 2160 or

Grief Support Group:

Cecilia Brungs 0412 284 028

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Kate Buckland 9817 2558

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Gerardo D'Angelo Ph: 0418 294 063

Marist Laity Group: Cathy Gallo 9817 2959,

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.