

HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH HUNTERS HILL ST PETER CHANEL WOOLWICH



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

26 February 2017

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

GOD STILL TRUSTS US

Calendar

March

- 1 Ash Wednesday**
- 1 Confirmation Registration Online** (see p.2)
- 3 Pizza Night for Young Adults**
Chapter Hall
7pm
- 4-8 Voting for New Parish Pastoral Council**
- 5 St Joseph's Chapel Open**
2.30-4pm
- 10 La Paroisse Restaurant**
Parish House
6.30pm
- 11 Villa Maria Kindergarten at Mass** HNM
6.00pm
- 11 Marist Laity Chapter Hall**
9-11am
- 14 Baptism Prep Session** Chapter Hall
7.30pm
- 16 Anointing Mass**
Chapter Hall
11.30 am
- 19 Orientation for new Pastoral Council** 11.30 am-4.00pm
Venue tba
- 23 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting (New Council)**
Chapter Hall

St Paul speaks often enough of the Spirit who is "poured into our hearts." (Rom 5,5; Gal 4,6) We learn from these and other references, how much God trusts us.

We know that this gift of grace, the love which God gives, is for our nourishment and delight. This gift alone is enough to prompt one to spend a lifetime in an attitude of grateful thanks.

However, there is more to the gift than this. This gift of the Spirit is intended to be a saving light for the whole world. Those hearts into whom the Spirit has been poured, are not just recipients, but are to be ministers, themselves breathing this saving Spirit into the world around them.

God entrusts all the baptised with the best gift possible, and along with that, the mission of breaking open this gift wherever and however we can. This is much more than just some pious thought. As people of faith we have a crucial role in shaping the direction of our society at large. Each of us has a similar role to play in the shaping of the Church and its mission.

Considering the many delicate and complex moral issues of our day, there is much for us to do in developing the Church's understanding, teaching and practice. Listening with obedient hearts, we explore within and among ourselves the challenges posed by today's many issues. We then share with each other our discoveries, our reflections and in so doing contribute to the Church's understanding of her life and mission.

The role of our leaders is in large measure "to listen to what the Spirit is saying to the Churches" (Rev 2,29), then to respond in the light of the Church's traditions. In this way we all, laity, priests, bishops, work together in order to understand more fully, God's purposes for this age.

We are at our best as people of faith and as a community, when we are about the coming of God's Reign of Love in the lives of those around us. When our focus is on the needs of our world, of the poor, the abused, the marginalised, then we may well hear those encouraging words: "I was hungry and you fed me....." and take them to ourselves. It is then that the Church is clearly a means and not an end in itself.

When we are caught up with Church-talk and matters of Church advancement, to the point where our mission fades from view, we can easily miss the whole point of the Church's existence.

Sometimes we need other voices to remind us of our mission and to call us back to our whole reason for being as a Church. Jesuit theologian, Karl Rahner once used a phrase that may sound quaint now, but it was quite a challenge to a Church in more self-satisfied days, when he spoke of the importance of "foreign prophecy." The Spirit is indeed poured into the hearts of all the baptised, but there is nothing at all to prevent this same Spirit from prompting other hearts into action.

One instance of this foreign prophecy is serving to shape the Church in this country right now. It took a Prime Minister, a woman and a professed atheist in Julia Gillard, to open the Church to the scrutiny of the Royal Commission. Without her initiative, this moment of painful, transforming grace may have passed us by.

The Spirit is poured into our hearts, into the heart of the Church, for our own conversion and for the sake of our mission. God still trusts this wounded Church, along with our wounded selves, to be vehicles of healing and grace for our world.

Constantly laid open to conversion ourselves, we can become a striking model of hope for our wider society as God's grace continues its transforming work within and among us.

Father Kevin

What's on?

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR PARISH?

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

Last week's photo: Alice Priest, Caitlin Pfaffin, Marnie Butler who all teach at Monte St Angelo.



LA PAROISSE RESTAURANT

Book in for a meal cooked by Father Kevin and meet some of your fellow parishioners. Bookings through Sylvia at the parish office and our dates are: 10 March, 26 May, 30 June, 21 July.
Parish House 6.30pm.

ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGIES 1 March

HOLY NAME OF MARY
Mass 9.15am
Reconciliation 6.15pm
Mass 7.00pm

ST PETER CHANEL

Mass 12.15pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Wednesday night in Lent, 7.30 pm, at Holy Name of Mary Church. We will use a different version each week with varying lengths (30-40 minutes). The first session will be immediately after the Ash Wednesday evening Mass.

TWENTY FOUR HOURS WITH THE LORD

Friday 24 March 6pm to
Saturday 25 March 6pm.

You are invited to spend an hour or more in quiet prayer, reflection and simply being present with the Lord, in the Blessed Sacrament. This is a wonderful opportunity to join with Catholics around the world in 24 hours of continuous silent adoration and prayer. More details shortly.

WELCOME FATHER JAMES BAXTER OP

Father James, son of Anne and Richard, grew up in this parish and was ordained a priest last July. We welcome him as he celebrates Mass with us this weekend at St Peter Chanel and on Sunday evening at Holy Name of Mary.

SCRIPTURE PRAYER GROUP

On Tuesday 28 February the Scripture Prayer Group will meet to begin the 6 weeks Lenten Series of the Lectio Divina Heartbeat Program.
Place: Front room of 'Maryvale' 3 Mary St Hunters Hill
Time: 6.45 for 7pm.
All welcome.

SACRAMENTAL REGISTRATION: CONFIRMATION

Our Sacramental Program has gone Online. We will be using the Trybooking system. We are taking bookings initially for Confirmation.

In addition to personal information, you will need the following in order to complete your registration for Confirmation:
Baptism Certificate
Reconciliation details
Communion details
Credit card details for payment of \$35.30
Bookings will open from 7pm on

the 1st March and close 11pm the 22nd March. The link to the Try-booking is:

<https://www.trybooking.com/OELX> or
<https://www.trybooking.com/249077>

If you are unable to use this system please come to the Parish office during business hours to complete the forms after 1 March. Details for the other Sacraments will follow in future bulletins as the time for each Sacrament approaches.

VOLUNTEERS FOR NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL

Volunteers are needed to visit and to bring Holy Communion to Catholic patients at Royal North Shore Hospital (Public and Private). They will join about 30 volunteers who work in the Catholic Pastoral team, which is co-ordinated by Catholic-Care, and includes a full time Priest Chaplain plus a Pastoral Care Practitioner. Volunteers would attend the Hospital weekly, fortnightly or monthly as available for about 2 hours, on a day to suit themselves. Parking is free, and training and support is given for all volunteers. If you are interested ring George Brewer – 0423715093

AQUINAS ACADEMY & CATALYST FOR RENEWAL REFLECTION MORNING

Our first reflection morning for 2017 will be held on Saturday 4th March in the parish hall of Hunters Hill. Fr Michael Whelan sm will lead this reflection and his topic/theme is "The instrument for Your Story". The morning will begin at 9.30am and conclude at 12.30pm. A time to be still. Tea & coffee available. A donation is appreciated. No need to book. All are most welcome. Enquiries to Carole Wilson 9869 1036. Come and see.

WOLLONGONG LENTEN PROGRAM

If you would like to purchase a PDF copy, simply email to orders@dow.org.au or go online to <http://www.dowshop.org.au/>

READERS REQUIRED

We currently have a vacancy for a reader at both the 10am and 6pm masses of a Sunday. This involves reading about once every six weeks. We provide support to assist new readers if required. If you are interested in discussing or assisting with this important Ministry please call Barry Buffier on 0439034629.

SAINT PETER CHANEL—ALTAR FLOWERS MINISTRY

Would you like to join us by giving glory to God through beauty by joining our flower arrangement roster? We beautify our altar and church with flower arrangements using our various talents in creativity and practicality as well as our availability. There are no specific requirements needed to partake in the flower ministry other than a willingness to contribute time and care. Rostered days are flexible, you simply need to arrange to swap days if you are unavailable on a rostered date. A roster will be finalised this week. Please send your contact details (name, mob/home no. & email address to Nikki Shannon theshannons@bigblue.net.au by Wednesday 1st March.
More information contact :
Adrienne Ryan 0408 070 408 or
Nikki Shannon 0414 519 106.

SAINT PETER CHANEL—HELP WANTED

There is an **immediate need for a generous person** to help with maintaining a clean toilet at St Peter Chanel. This task requires attention for 10-15 minutes on a weekly basis at a time that suits you. A humble task, yet Jesus said, "I am meek and humble of heart." Matthew 11:28-30. Please contact Sylvia at the Parish office for more information 9817 5325.

Well Done... CONGRATS AND THANKS ZONE

BAPTISMS

Congratulations and a very warm welcome to **Annabel Vu, Alessia Williams, Chloe Shad & Samuel Richardson** all of whom will be baptised into our Christian community this weekend.

LITURGY GROUP

We thank the members of our Liturgy Group who meet regularly to plan and oversee the parish liturgies through the various liturgical seasons. They bring with them great enthusiasm, creativity, talent and generosity. Often working behind the scenes, they contribute so much to the life of the parish.

NOMINEES FOR NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Following our "Come and See" session on Thursday evening, the following parishioners have generously allowed their names to go forward as candidates for election to our renewed Parish Pastoral Council. We thank each one of them for their ready response:

Susan Sharples, Natasha Foley, Richard McNamee, Marita Winters, Caitlin Pfafflin, Linda Lucey, Bobby Mackun, Patrick Foley, Caitlin Pfafflin, Mark Gunning, Michael O'Hara, Carmel Pelling, Nicholas Chaplin, Kalia D'Angelo, Jamie Saade, Emma Hannan.

This list may be added to in the coming days as we check with some of those who were not able to make the session on Thursday evening.

Ballot Papers will be available next weekend for the voting process.

Villa Maria Primary School

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

Villa Maria Open Day

Thursday 9 March
9.00 am – 11.00am

Thursday 11 March
9.00 am – 11.00 am

Enrolments for 2018

Enrolments begin
Tuesday 8 March.

Marist Sisters' College

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

Welcome to Prospective Students

The College is looking forward to welcoming guests, particularly families of girls in Year 4 and 5 to our College Experience Evening on Wednesday 29 March. Please book via our College website.

St Josephs' College

Principal: Mr Ross Tarlinton
Mark Street, Hunters Hill, NSW
2110

T +61 2 9816 0807

www.joeyes.org

Pray for... PRAYER ZONE

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

We pray for:

**Father Paul Cooney sm
Peter Jackson, Janet Muscat, John Edwards, Monica Carroll & Bebe Abdullah**



MARISTS IN THE PHILIPPINES

Our Laity, Sisters, Brothers and Priests are ministering among the very poorest and disenfranchised people on the island of Mindanao.

We pray in thanksgiving for their joyful, creative and whole-hearted service of the poor.

We pray a blessing on them that they maintain good health and that their ministry in turn nourishes them well.

Coming Soon

Ash Wednesday 1 March

Confirmation Registration opens 1 March

Pastoral Council Election 4-8 March

This Week... Scripture Zone

First Reading:

Isaiah 49:14-15

In response to Zion's lament that they have been forsaken by the Lord, using the most tender of images, Isaiah reminds them that God does not forget them. Even if the unthinkable should happen—a mother forgetting the child she is feeding at her breast—God does not forget us.

Response :

Rest in God alone, my soul.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Paul's audience knew well the role and value of the steward—the chief household servant—responsible for the treasures of the house and the management of others. Paul likens us to these same stewards, entrusted

with the mysteries of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;

It probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

Alleluia !

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 6:24-34

If we have let the words of the Sermon on the Mount form us and shape us as we have listened to them over the last seven weeks, then the attitude described in today's Gospel should not surprise us. With our hearts set on the Kingdom, all that we need will be given to us.

Next week: First Reading : Genesis 2:7-9. 3:1-7

Second Reading : Romans 5:12-19

Gospel Reading : Matthew 4:1-11



A PARISH OF THE MARIST FATHERS

PARISH OFFICE:

3A Mary Street.
Hours: 9.00am – 5.00pm, Mon-Fri
PHONE: 9817 5325.
FAX: 9817 4615.
EMAIL: villamar@bigpond.net.au

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, Bill Ryder 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

Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson:

Ann Freeman

ann.freeman@syd.catholic.edu.au

Parish Pastoral Council Secretary:

Michael Brooks:

Michael.Brooks@infrahealth.nsw.gov.au

Parish Finance Committee Michael Lindsay
0423 020 002

Repair & Maintenance: Anthony Russo

BAPTISM:

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

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENINGS

COMING UP:

Tuesdays 14 March, 4 April, 9 May, 13
June, in the 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

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

Villa Play Group: Tues 9:30-11:30am Par-
ish Hall. Fran Kanaan 0408 447 377,
hnom.com.au/children

Meditation Group: Gabrielle Woodcock,
9817 0097

Young Adults Group: Nicholas Fearnley
0401 722 839

Parish Pastoral Council: Michael Brooks
(Secretary) 0400 908 706

Parish Finance Committee:

Aged Ministry :

Margaret Gambley 9807 2160 or
Joan Bautovich 0402 275 105

Grief Support Group:

Cecilia Brungs 0412 284 028

Liturgy Group : Rob Turnbull 0431 290 714

Eucharistic Ministry Coordinator :

Kate Buckland 9817 2558

Altar Servers Coordinator:

Kathleen Lee 0433 500 648

Social Justice Group:

Sonia Zec 0413791775

Altar Society: Jane Keneally 0419221185.

Joan Bautovich 0402 275 105

RCIA: Janet Greene 9879 6515

Cleaners: HNM Mike Burfitt 9879 4197

SPC Claire Glase 0418 668 486

Readers HNM: Barry Buffier 9817 8805

Readers SPC: Mark Volpato 9816 4431

Children's Liturgy H NOM:

Marie O'Donovan 0408 226 393

SPC: Tee Davies 0407 827 957

St Vincent De Paul: Tony Aduckiewicz
0411 641 895

Men's Group: Clinton McDonald

0450021011 Gerardo D'Angelo 0418 294 063

Marist Laity Group: Cathy Gallo 9817 2959,
Josiane Espinosa 9807 9199

Welcomers' Coordinator:

Rob Turnbull, 0431 290 714

Family Faith Educator: Marea De Angelis
Ph: 0419 448 201

Atrium of the Good Shepherd : Corinne
Korkor 0448 440 592

Young Christian Workers Group: Natasha
Foley 0424 976 658

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.