

# HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH HUNTERS HILL ST PETER CHANEL WOOLWICH



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

16 July 2017

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

## Calendar

### July

- 18** **Baptism Prep Evening**  
Chapter Hall  
7.30pm
- 19** **Parish Finance Committee**  
Parish House  
6.30pm
- 20** **Anointing Mass** Chapter Hall 11.30am
- 23** **Fourviere Marist Mass**  
HNM 2.00pm
- 26** **First Communion Parent Reflection**  
Parish Hall  
7.00pm
- 27** **Thursday Afternoons @ Villa**  
Chapter Hall  
1:30-3pm
- August**
- 1** **Father Richard Presents**  
Chapter Hall  
10.00 am & 7.00pm
- 5-6** **Camino Pilgrims**  
Speaking at all Masses

### THINKING MORE ABOUT MYSTERY

Notes by Tom Ryan sm

Mystery constantly surrounds us, as we saw last week. Sometimes it can surprise us. An intense experience of mystery can happen to anyone, including those who say they are 'spiritual' but not 'religious', or are 'secular', agnostic, even atheist. Is there any evidence?



We have seen how everyone can find themselves, at times, more conscious of the here and now either deliberately or by a 'trigger', e.g., surprise, shock, death, beauty, love, wonder. In these moments, a person feels more aware of being a part of, or in touch with, the rest of reality. This is one sense of the word 'religious.'

Since 1968, the *Religious Experience Research Centre* in England, founded by Sir Alister Hardy, a Professor of Zoology and Comparative Anatomy at Oxford, continually gathers and analyses empirical data on religious experiences. These occur more often than is realised. Importantly, a scientific method is used to validate personal experiences through accounts coming from many thousands of people. In the Institute's surveys, the key question used is:

*Have you ever been influenced by a power, whether you call it God or not, which is different from your everyday self?*

What is the effect of the experiences? There is a form of *disclosure* about a transcendent realm (something more), which may be named or not named as God. Interestingly, the research indicates that, after such experiences, people's attitudes and behaviour become *more concerned with the needs, feelings of other people in compassion and love*.

David Hay explains that Hardy's Gifford Lectures in 1963-5 distilled 50 years of reflection on the nature of religious experience. McGrath *had come to the view that the religious or spiritual awareness of the human species has evolved during the process of natural selection as a response to the sacred, and is necessary for our survival*.

In other words, there is something universal about spiritual awareness, something that underlies all religions. It is hard-wired in us. From a Christian perspective, Hay explains that

*God has no favourites, and has placed a hunger for the divine in every human heart, including non-believers. Sceptical systems of belief on the other hand impoverish our lives, either by repressing our religious longing or explaining it away in secular terms.*

(David Hay, 'On the Origins of the Spirit', *The Tablet*, Sept 26, 2009, 10-11).

Finally, we should not forget how God uses ordinary, everyday events. These can be as simple as taking a walk, listening to music, soaking in a bath, looking at a view or the sea, being with a friend or someone one loves. When these are entered into consciously, with faith, there is a personal awareness of God's presence and action. This is 'finding God in all things' (St. Ignatius of Loyola). Pope John Paul II developed this idea of God's continuing self-giving and self-revealing, especially in suffering.

## What's on?

### HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR PARISH?

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

Last week's photo:  
**Ernie Zappia**



### CARITAS EAST AFRICA FOOD CRISIS APPEAL

23 million people are on the brink of famine in East Africa. Caritas Australia and their partners are delivering life-saving food and water to those most in need. Please help them continue their work by **Donating to the East Africa Emergency Appeal 2017 online: [www.caritas.org.au/africa](http://www.caritas.org.au/africa) or phone 1800 024 413**

### ANOINTING MASS

Thursday 20 July, 11.30 am  
Chapter Hall. All Welcome.

### 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: 25 August, 6 October, 1 December Parish House 6.30pm.

### FATHER RICHARD PRESENTS.....

As you know Father Richard de Lillio OSFS is delighting us with his presence for the next couple of months. He has kindly offered to share a couple of reflection sessions with us. The details are as follows:

#### ***A Tale of God's continuous pursuit to fulfill His dream for Creation***

No Matter the times we live in God's Dream is steady and on course. We are all to be reconciled with God the Father.

Chapter Hall

Tuesdays 1 & 8 August,  
Morning Sessions 10.00 am  
& Evening Sessions 7.00pm  
All welcome!

### AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

This three day festival will be held in Sydney 7-9 December 2017. The event will attract 15,000 young people and is for those aged Year 9 to 30 years. It's a Catholic Festival a bit like World Youth Day! We look forward to the whole Parish Community being involved.

For more information and to register, go to:  
[www.acyf.org.au](http://www.acyf.org.au)

### YOU ARE INVITED TO A FOURVIERE CELEBRATION

With the Marist Family on Sunday **July 23rd**. Join us for Mass at 2pm in Holy Name of Mary Church, followed by Afternoon tea at 3pm in the Marist Fathers' Dining Room, Villa Maria.

RSVP by 16th July either  
[www.maristlaityaustralia.com/fourviere](http://www.maristlaityaustralia.com/fourviere) or to Maria  
0408245212.

### PALMS PILGRIMAGE TO TIMOR L'ESTE

Your vocation can provide sustainable solutions to global poverty.

Catholic Bishops in Timor L'Este are seeking mentors to assist in building on the strengths of their personnel in dioceses, schools, clinics and important community organisations. Palms Australia, who have recruited Australian Catholics to meet the requests of communities in various countries for over 56 years, will help you get there.

If you first need an insight into the life and work of Palms volunteers you can join a 13-day cross-cultural Encounter experience starting on September 24th. The Encounter will also provide an insight into the daily life of Timorese culture and an understanding of sustainable approaches to development. For more information you can call Roger during business hours on 02 9560 5333 or email [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)

### HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL

Through this appeal you will become a vital partner of Pope Francis in his mission to deliver corporal works of mercy to where they are needed the most, anywhere in the world.

The Holy Name of Mary parish has donated \$2,500 on your behalf.

### WELCOME BACK OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

Welcome back to most of our school communities this week for the work of Term 3. We wish you all, staff, students and parents a fruitful term. We pray a blessing on all the children and their families preparing for First Communion this term.

### CATHOLICARE— SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE OF SYDNEY FOR 75 YEARS

Our Community Visitors scheme program trains volunteers to visit ageing people in their homes to bring the community to them. If you'd like to volunteer with us, call our friendly Customer Care Team on 13 18 19, email [connect@catholiccare.org](mailto:connect@catholiccare.org) or visit [www.catholiccare.org](http://www.catholiccare.org)

### BORONIA PARK UNITING CHURCH - ALL WELCOME

The Grace's Quartet presents  
**Christmas in July Concert**

Sunday 23 July at 4pm

93a Pittwater Rd. Hunters Hill

Enquiries : Robyn Harvey (0418 783 290)

Tickets : \$20/\$15 (concession)

### OUR CAMINO TRAVELLERS SHARE THEIR STORY

At our Masses over the weekend of August 5/6, some of our Parishioners will share a reflection on their recent Pilgrimage to Spain.- The Camino De Santiago was a wonderful experience.

If you are interested in Parish Pilgrimage 2018, please contact David for more information.

[davideangelis0@gmail.com](mailto:davideangelis0@gmail.com)



### OUR PILGRIMS IN SPAIN



## Well Done...CONGRATS AND THANKS ZONE



### THE SOWER WENT OUT TO SOW HIS SEED

We pray for the peoples of those African nations for whom seed-sowing at this time is impossible.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS

Special thanks to the enthusiastic team of leaders for our children's liturgy each week during school terms. We honour them for their generosity and readiness to share their faith so gladly with the children who come

## POINT TO PONDER

Lord Holy Spirit,  
you are the mother eagle with her young,  
Holding them in peace under your feathers.  
On the highest mountain you have built your nest,  
Above the valley, above the storms of the world,  
Where no hunter ever comes.

Lord Holy Spirit,  
you are the bright cloud in whom we hide,  
in whom we already know that the battle has been won.  
You bring us to our brother Jesus to rest our heads on his shoulder.

Lord Holy Spirit,  
in the love of friends you are building a new house,  
Heaven is with us when you are with us.  
You are singing your song in the hearts of the poor.  
Guide us, heal us, bring us to God.

**James K Baxter, New Zealand**

### Villa Maria Primary School

Principal: Mr. Kevin Turner  
Phone: 98796100  
[www.vmhuntershill.catholic.edu.au](http://www.vmhuntershill.catholic.edu.au)

### St Josephs' College

Principal: Mr Ross Tarlinton  
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2110 T +61 2 9816 0807  
[www.joeys.org](http://www.joeys.org)

### Marist Sisters' College

Principal: Dr Anne Ireland  
Ph: 9816 2041  
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## Pray for... PRAYER ZONE

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

We pray for:

**Peter Jackson, Marie Ferris, Janet Muscat, John Edwards & Monica Carroll.** **Father Paul** has been unwell recently and we hold him in prayer at this time.

**Most of these names keep re-appearing here each week so let's make sure they re-appear in our prayers as well!**

### LENA TARANTO

Long-time parishioner, Lena returned home to God peacefully on Thursday morning. Lena's Requiem Mass will be at Holy Name of Mary Church on Tuesday 18 July at 1.30pm. May Lena now rest in peace.

### ANNA VINCZ

Anna, another long-time parishioner and grandmother of Rob Turnbull, died overnight Thursday. We pray her dear soul home to God now.

## Coming Soon

### 26 July First Communion Parents' Reflection Evening

Parish Hall 7.00pm

### Father Richard Presents:

1 & 8 August see p.2 for details

## This Week... Scripture Zone

### First Reading:

#### Isaiah 55:10-11

The word uttered by the Lord is always productive as is the rain that falls onto the dry earth making it yield and giving growth to the seed.

### Response :

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

### Second Reading:

#### Romans 8:18-23

All of creation is groaning in one big act of birth, waiting to be set free within the glory that awaits us.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia alleluia,

The seed is the word of God,  
Christ is the sower;

All who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia! Alleluia !

### Gospel Reading:

#### Matthew 16:13-19

Jesus uses wonderful agricultural images to make it very clear to his listeners how to nurture the Word of God.

*Next week: First Reading : Wisdom 12:13, 16-19*

*Second Reading : romans 8:26-7*

*Gospel Reading : Matthew 13:24-43*



# A PARISH OF THE MARIST FATHERS

## PARISH OFFICE:

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**Web:** [www.hnom.com.au](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:fft@hnom.com.au)

**Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson:**

Suzan Sharples  
[Susan.sharples@bigpond.com](mailto:Susan.sharples@bigpond.com)

**Parish Pastoral Council Secretary:**

Richard McNamee:  
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**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 18 July, 22 Aug, 19 Sept, 17 Oct,  
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](http://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:

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**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**  
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**Men's Group:** Clinton McDonald  
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**Marist Laity Group:** Cathy Gallo 9817 2959,  
Josiane Espinosa 9807 9199

### Welcomers' Coordinator:

Rob Turnbull, 0431 290 714

**Family Faith Educator:** Marea De Angelis  
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**Ecumenical Group :** Richard Korkor 0410  
431 022

**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.