

HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH HUNTERS HILL ST PETER CHANEL WOOLWICH



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

23 July 2017

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

DARING TO HOPE

Calendar

July

**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

**7 Liturgy Group
Meeting**
Parish House
7.30pm

**8 Father
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Chapter Hall
10.00 am &
7.00pm

“God’s plan made a hopeful beginning, But we spoiled our chances by sinning. We trust that the story will end in God’s glory, but at present the other side’s winning!”

It’s probably a good guess that our world has always known some form of chaos. With our present-day access to instant news, this chaos is in our living rooms and in our hands at the click of a button.

The list of our world’s troubles we could make is endless. Human tragedies such as the Grenfell fire in London, soul-destroying terror attacks, the famine in many African nations right now, all serve to colour our days.

Political chaos and uncertainty provide fodder for the news each day, from Washington, Jakarta, London, Damascus and Canberra. Here in Australia we hear talk of a certain policy paralysis as we politicise issues such as climate change, refugee processing, welfare for the aged, the homeless and the addicted and real progress is stalled.

We can settle for blaming our politicians until we realise that we are the ones who put them there in the first place! Perhaps we need to take a good look in the mirror and reflect on the reasons we vote the way we do as we see the disturbing consequences of our voting being played out. Also nearer home, we are troubled by the activities of Middle-Eastern crime gangs whose violence is never far from the headlines. The scourge of domestic violence is still well and truly with us in many forms.

Then there’s the Church, called to be a sign of hope and peace in this troubled world, wrestling with its own demons. Many people we have trusted and relied on have dismayed us as their own human weakness and damaging behaviour have come to light.

Trying to make sense of the dreadful state of things we then seek someone to blame. Blaming takes the pressure off us as we are surely not participants in all this chaos! We can line up in our sights, terrorist groups, politicians, (usually the ones we didn’t vote for!), ex-husbands, ex-wives, Church authorities or the Church itself. Our grief could be further exacerbated by our own illness, ageing, relational and family problems, employment worries and so on.

St Paul in one of last weekend’s readings describes creation as groaning “in one great act of giving birth.” Our labour pains are easily evident. If we all decide to join in this great act of giving birth, push a bit, breathe a bit, encourage a bit, hope may yet be born.

Even in the midst of all that weighs on us, experiences of grace and beauty can still surprise and delight us. Some of these experiences we create ourselves as we care for those we love, forgive, act more truthfully, bring a healing touch or a listening ear to another. In this we play our part in the great act of giving birth.

We are not alone in this great universal project of which St Paul speaks. Someone will gift us with beautiful music, perhaps an orchestra, a school choir, a single child’s voice. Someone will invite us to eat with them or do something a bit out of the ordinary which lightens our load for a while.

We learn of people heroically sacrificing themselves for the welfare of others, near to home and far away and with extraordinary selflessness. Hearing their stories, we shine a light on ourselves and are humbled as we compare our own small efforts with theirs.

In all the chaos, hope is born each day in countless ways and through the love of countless hearts. Jesus’ rising from the dead calls us never to lose heart but rather to embrace every opportunity we can to nourish, refresh and heal as we give birth to new hope all the while refusing to accept that the world’s troubles will be the last word.

Father Kevin

What's on?

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR PARISH?

See if anyone in your pew knows the names of this pen- sive parishioner. His name next week. Last week's photo: **Michael Douglass**



LA PAROISSE RESTAURANT

Book in for a meal cooked by Father Kevin and meet some of your fellow parishioners. Book- ings through Sylvia at the parish office and our dates are: 25 August, 6 October, 1 Decem- ber 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 of- fered to share a couple of reflec- tion sessions with us. The de- tails 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

PALMS PILGRIMAGE TO TIMOR LESTE

Your vocation can provide sus- tainable solutions to global poverty.

Catholic Bishops in Timor LEstE 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 communi- ties 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 vol- unteers you can join a 13-day cross-cultural Encounter experi- ence 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

THE ARTY MOB ARE BACK AGAIN!

Members of the Parish belong to THE ARTY MOB who are presenting their latest works:

Saturday 29 July 10am-4pm
Sunday 30 July 9.30am-2.30pm
at Holy Name of Mary Parish Hall.
All welcome.

OUR CAMINO TRAVELLERS SHARE THEIR STORY

At our Masses over the weekend of August 5/6, some of our Parish- ioners 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.

daviddeangelis0@gmail.com

NEW BUILDING FOR VILLA MARIA SCHOOL

The new building at Villa Maria is almost completed. The building exists of a multi purpose / music room, smaller break out rooms, new uniform shop and the student bathrooms were renovated.

This work was made possible through the generous support of the Parents and Friends of the school and the Sydney Archdio- cese.

NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR PARISH FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Following the changes to our sec- ond collection processes last sum- mer, the Archdiocese is now in a position to offer a 25% tax deduc- tion for contributions at the second collection.

Members of our Parish Finance Committee will speak with you at Masses next weekend, 29-30 July to explain how the new arrange- ments will work.

If you wish to re-commence con- tributing via envelopes that will become possible very soon. In the box on this page, please see the various options available to you.

OPTIONS FOR MAKING PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

You can now make your contribu- tions via the following channels:

If you have received the bulletin via email it is in PDF format. Just click on the following hyperlink:

<https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/huntershillparish>

Credit cards: details can be given to the parish office.

Direct Deposit:

BSB 062 784 A/C No. 635 5001

New envelopes will be issued on request as soon as possible.

PILATES CLASSES

Alex Collins a parishioner and quali- fied Pilates instructor is running Pilates classes in our parish.

When: Mondays 8.50am till 9.35am in the Parish Hall during school term. Terms 3 for 8 weeks, from Monday 11th July to 11th September.

How much: \$80

If you are interested please call Alex Collins on 0423677275.

LISMORE FLOOD APPEAL

Archbishop Fisher is supporting the Diocese of Lismore Flood Appeal that was launched by Bishop Grego- ry Homering to help those who have suffered in the recent floods on the North Coast of NSW.

Bishop Homering in a remarkable gesture, through local businesses provided for mattresses for every- one who had lost bedding during the floods, all paid for by the Lismore Diocese.

People there are still in need and we encourage you to support this ap- peal.

To donate to the Appeal go to www.dioceseoflismorefloodappeal.org

Well Done...CONGRATS AND THANKS ZONE

Congratulations and a very warm welcome to **Vivienne Taranto, Lola Mastro & Samuel Cronan** all of whom will be baptized this weekend.



QUIET CATERERS!

Unknown to many of us, this group of Mothers provide regular meals for a number of parishioners who are in special need because of health or other circumstances. They make no fuss but warm many hearts and bring relief to families in need.

We pray a blessing on you all.

POINT TO PONDER

**SPIRIT OF THE LIVING CHRIST,
WE THIRST FOR YOUR PRESENCE;
THE SEARCHINGS OF OUR MIND,
THE LONGINGS IN OUR HEART, TRULY, OUR
SOULS ARE RESTLESS.
YET YOU ARE OUR HEALER,
ENLARGING OUR VISION
EVEN WHEN WE CRY IN PAIN;
CALMING OUR HEARTS
WITH YOUR GIFT OF INNER PEACE.
ANON**

Villa Maria Primary School

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

OUR PRINCIPAL'S BACK!

We welcome back Mr Kevin Turner following his long-service break. We are delighted to have back among us and all reports indicate that he is just as delighted to be back at school once again.

St Josephs' College

Principal: Mr Ross Tarlinton
Mark Street, Hunters Hill, NSW
2110 T +61 2 9816 0807

Marist Sisters' College

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

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.

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

PAT CARTER

Much loved parishioner Pat (Patricia) Carter went home to God last week. Pat was a wonderful lady and a great parish worker. She wrote the church-giving receipts for many years in her beautiful copperplate hand-writing. She moved south to be near her son when he was in need of nursing home care. She is a sister of Doone Simpson.

We thank God for her and pray her soul safely home.

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:

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

God's power and strength is always mild, lenient and forgiving. This is an example of how to practice virtue.

Response :

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia alleluia,

Blessed are Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom

Alleluia! Alleluia !

Second Reading:

Romans 8:26-7

When we pray, when we are lost for words, we are reminded, at such times, and all the time, that it is the Spirit of God who prays in us.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus tells three parables about wheat, seeds and yeast to capture how the reign of God is working unobtrusively right in our very midst.

Next week: First Reading : 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Second Reading : Romans 8:28-30

Gospel Reading : Matthew 13:44-52



A PARISH OF THE MARIST FATHERS

PARISH OFFICE:

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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, 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:

Suzan Sharples
Susan.sharples@bigpond.com

Parish Pastoral Council Secretary:

Richard McNamee:
richard_mcnamee@baxter.com

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 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

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.

Annette Hills 0401 252 064

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 Hnom:

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

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.