

HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH HUNTERS HILL ST PETER CHANEL WOOLWICH



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

5 July 2020

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A
STAYING BOTH ANCHORED AND NIMBLE!

Calendar

JULY

- 4-5 Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday**
- 4-5 Vinnies Winter Appeal**
- 8 Parish Finance Committee Meeting** Parish House 7.00pm
- 14 Baptism Prep Session** Chapter Hall 7.30pm
- 15 Liturgy Group Meeting** Parish House 7.30pm
- 16 Anointing Mass** Chapter Hall 11.30am
- 22 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** Chapter Hall 7.30pm
- 23 Grief Group Meeting** Parish House 7.30pm
- 25-6 Catholic Mission Appeal**

Watching young people at play or at sports' training, reminds me of times past when I could run, jump, kick a footy, bowl a reasonable leg-break and hit a fair forehand – not all at once of course! The athletic flexibility of young people is a joyful gift and I often pray for them that it lasts as long as possible.

Along with getting a bit older, muscles tighten up, energy diminishes and eyesight dims. Our body becomes less flexible and less willing to do what we ask of it. Of the flexible self we once knew we can only dream!

We don't need reminding that today's world is fast-changing and even day-to-day plans need to be rearranged at short notice. The AFL and Rugby League administrations are learning that lesson and are responding with real skill and dexterity as are many government, sporting and business organisations.

Staying flexible is so necessary in this current climate in so many fields of human endeavour. There's definitely a cost involved as often I have to leave behind well-worn paths, programs or procedures and move away from what has been comfortable and predictable. This is much easier to write about than to embody!

In today's world, health, survival and good order require that we be nimble and quick on our feet if you like, in order to respond and manage the changing world around us.

Being so nimble, we may run the risk of losing our balance and lose contact with the fundamentals we need to keep us grounded in our basic identity as human and Christian. We can end up being like the person who declares: "I have my principles but if you don't like them I have some other ones!"

So how are we to hold our balance and keep our reflexes alert enough to cope with this rapidly changing environment of ours?

Deep in the memory of our faith story, we know the answer. We have within and among us the breath of the Spirit of God who is Love unchanging and utterly faithful. The problem at our end of the relationship can be that we get so busy, rattled by the complexity and uncertainty of life in the real, that we can easily forget to breathe with this holy, sustaining Spirit. It's then that our flexible self can fall over, get out of balance and lack the foundation and the direction we long for.

Being mindful of the presence of this Spirit is a start, but we really need to do better than just being mindful. We will only find the peace we need if we are actively engaged. In daily conversation, communion, contemplation with God's own breath, we can start to find our feet again and our way forward. In other words we pray!!

It's not as hard or as time-consuming as we might imagine. With the habit of a little morning or evening prayer, everything else becomes a sacrament of God's presence. We come to recognise God at work in every situation and even if we just respond with a knowing look, smile or wink, this habit of prayerful encounter provides the groundwork for peace and purpose.

While we will no doubt still feel buffeted by the frequent changes required of us as the world lurches from crisis to crisis, from pandemic to health and back again, our feet will be well grounded and our hearts can still beat with hope. Anchored in God's delightful, sustaining company, we will be well equipped to leap, change direction and move where we must without fear or hesitation. God is both the still point of all creation and the source of all our creativity. The One sitting on the heavenly throne in the Book of Revelation declares: "Behold I am making all things new!" (Rev, 21:5)

While we sweat, worry and jostle our way into the future, you'd have to admit we are in pretty good hands!

Father Kevin

What's on?

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR PARISH?

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



ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY

The Catholic Church will mark Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday this year on 5 July. The message at the video link below may help you in acknowledging this occasion in your homes. We will show this video at our weekend Masses when possible.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qSsYfQ4LQP4&feature=youtu.be&mc_cid=960e4093da&mc_eid=86ad0cfb8f

JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICES FOOD-DROP

Each Wednesday between 9.00 am—11.00am at Parish House.

VILLA MARIA VINYNNIES WINTER SLEEPSOUT—AT HOME!



(Images used with Parental Permission)

CHURCHES OPEN—WITH STRINGS ATTACHED!

And Ribbons!!

From this weekend larger numbers are allowed to attend Mass. To comply with social distancing requirements we will be limited to 90 people at Holy Name of Mary and 75 at St Peter Chanel.

If you wish to attend, you will still need to book in at the parish office. You can book in through Trybooking on:

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

You can also book in by calling the parish office, Ph: 9817 5325

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

To book into the program go to the link:

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

This booking will be open from Monday 20th July till 31st July 2020

Dates for Confirmation Masses are still not known due to covid-19, we will email you the details as soon as the Archdiocese of Sydney advises us.

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSIONS RESUME

Regular Baptism Preparation Sessions will resume from Tuesday 14 July. Numbers will

be limited so you need to book in via Trybooking:

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

PLANNED GIVING

Planned giving envelopes for the new financial year can be collected from the office from Tuesday 23rd June.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL-WINTER APPEAL

Thank you for your ongoing support. For this Winter appeal, please help us to provide assistance for those struggling because of the Covid-19 crisis, especially those who have lost their jobs.

Appeal envelopes have been left at each church and parish office. Please put your Vinnies envelopes in the collections buckets or hand in to the parish office.

Please complete the perforated slip if you require a tax deductible receipt. Thank you.

The Appeal will be at all Masses on 4-5 July.

END OF FINANCIAL YEAR RECEIPTS

Planned giving receipts for the 2019/2020 financial year will be available from the 7th July.

Please contact the parish secretary in relation to this.

AQUINAS ACADEMY COURSES RESUME

The Mystics - Pathfinders to the Spiritual II

10:00am - 12noon, 21 July for 4 Tuesdays

Sr Patty Andrew osu

Four sessions will be presented by Sr. Patty Andrew osu, featur-

ing several men and women from the Christian mystical tradition who have illuminated the mystical path for those seeking a heart understanding of the divine.

PARISH LETTER TO NEIGHBOURS

Last weekend we emailed with the bulletin a letter prepared by the Parish Pastoral Council to be shared with your neighbours or all backgrounds in our area.

We've printed some copies this weekend and they are available for you to take with you to letterbox drop or otherwise share with your neighbours.

Please participate in this initiative of the Pastoral Council as we seek to build connections with the wider community.

JESUIT SOCIAL SERVICES SHOP VISIT

This week Father Kevin and a friend visited the Ignite Shop at Emerton in Mt Druitt conducted by Jesuit Social Services.

The parish supports this work which is coordinated by our friend Dave Hammond. There we made a small contribution to the Service and received a warm welcome.

The shop is brilliantly designed and run by volunteers who love being part of the project. People enter the shop with say \$30 and leave with three times that value in quality food and household products.

The visit was a real inspiration. We will re-connect with the project we hope when times are more settled.

CHILD SAFETY— OUR SPECIAL PRIORITY



Well Done...CONGRATS AND WELCOME ZONE

Congratulations and a very warm welcome to: **Grace & Estella Vanos** who will be baptized into our Christian community this weekend.



VILLA VINNIES WINTER SLEEP-OUT FAMILIES

Congrats to all our Villa students and parents who took part in the Vinnies' sleep-out at home during this past weekend. We are still waiting to hear what funds were raised, but we know that a good and educational time was had by all. Well done all of you!

(See some pictures p.2)

POINT TO PONDER

I WILL BE WITH YOU

Your final words fulfil your ancient name,
A promise hidden in *Emmanuel*,
A promise that can never fade or fail:
I will be with you till the end of time;
I will be with you when you scale the height,
and with you when you fall to earth again,
With you when you flourish in the light,
And with you through the shadow and the
pain. Our God with us, you leave us and re-
main,
Risen and hidden with us everywhere;
Hidden and flowing in the wine we share,
Broken and hidden in the growing grain,
Be with us till we know we are forgiven,
Be with us here till we're with you in heaven.

Malcolm Guitté, Parable and Paradox.

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, Frank Lloyd, Winifred Wall, John Burton, Madge Mullen, Jill Caldwell, Valerie Grant, John O'Connor, Ron Hill, Catherine Keating, (Pauline Dowling's Mother,) and Eddie and Carmel Walsh (Ann Curtin's parents.)

VICTORIANS AFFECTED BY COVID

We pray for the people in Victoria who are impacted by the current Covid crisis. For those trying to manage the situation and those contracting the virus we pray.

We pray for family members and friends of many of us who are dealing with this situation at closer quarters than they would wish.

COMING SOON

MONTHLY ANOINTING MASSES RESUME—SEE CALENDAR P.1

This Week... Scripture Zone

First Reading: *Zechariah 9:9-10*

Our reading from the prophet Zechariah celebrates the entry of the coming king of Jerusalem. The king who comes does not bring war and destruction, but peace and humility.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading *Matthew 11:25-30*

Having finished reading the Missionary Discourse, Matthew's Gospel now presents us with a variety of responses to Jesus' call. In this Sunday's Gospel Reading, those of us who labour and are overburdened (and isn't that all of us, at least sometimes?) are invited to carry the yoke of Jesus, where we will find that rest which only he can give.

Second Reading: *Romans 8:9, 11-13*

In today's reading, Paul reminds the Christians of Rome of the power of the Holy Spirit living in them: if the Spirit lives in us, then our mortal bodies have life.

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Foundress Day

Marist Sisters' College celebrated our Foundress Day and Changeover of Student Leadership, in a beautiful Mass and Ceremony on Wednesday. It is always a lovely way to honour Jeanne-Marie Chavoin and our new College Leaders for 2020/2021.

First Reading : Isaiah 55:10-11

Second Reading : Romans 8:18-23

Gospel Reading : Matthew 13: 1-23



A PARISH OF THE MARIST FATHERS

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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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John Worthington SM, Paul Pidcock SM,
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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 Pfafflin & 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 14 July, 18 Aug, 15 Sept, 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

Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson:
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Andrew Curtin 0423 123 995

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Villa Play Group: Tues 9:30-11:30am
Parish Hall. Mercedes Simola 0414 625 384
www.hnom.com.au/children

St Vincent De Paul: Tony Adukewicz 0411 641 895

Meditation Group: Gabrielle Woodcock,
9817 0097

Youth Group: Luana: 0426845053 or
Danielle: 0400 871 423

Young Adults Group: Nicholas Fearnley
0401 722 839

Aged Ministry : Margaret Gambley 9807 2160

Grief Support Group:

Cecilia Brungs: 0412 284 028

Social Justice Group:

David Macedone: 0412 049 895;

Marnie Butler: 0413 004 702

Marist Laity Group: Cathy Gallo 9817 2959
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Inter-Church Council:

Richard Korkor 0410 431 022

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.