

HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH HUNTERS HILL ST PETER CHANEL WOOLWICH



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

18 JUNE 2017

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST YEAR A

AFRICAN FAMINE CRISIS

Calendar

June

- 18 Youth Mass**
HNOM 6 pm
- 20 Men's Group Dinner**
Parish Hall
7.00pm
- 21 Liturgy Group Meeting** Par-
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7.30pm
- 22 Thursday Afternoons at Villa**
- 28 Social Justice Group Meeting**
Parish House
7.30pm
- 29 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**
Chapter Hall
7.30pm
- 30 La Paroisse Restaurant**
Parish House
6.30pm

July

- 18 Baptism Prep Evening**
Chapter Hall
7.30pm

It's been described as the worst humanitarian disaster since World War II: up to 23 million people are at risk of starvation in a food security crisis that could soon become one of the worst famines in human history. Yet for these people - spread across the desperately poor nations of Yemen, Nigeria, South Sudan, Somalia and other East African countries - there have been no star-studded music videos or fundraising concerts.

United Nations efforts to raise at least \$4.4 billion in humanitarian aid from wealthy nations have fallen embarrassingly short. Western leaders - distracted by Donald Trump, terrorism, Middle Eastern turmoil and North Korea - have largely been silent. Normally generous private donors have kept their wallets shut. Indeed, few Australians even know about the crisis.

New polling conducted for aid agency Caritas has found just 32 per cent of Australians are aware there is a major crisis unfolding in the region. A third of respondents to last week's Essential Research poll said they knew nothing about the crisis and a further 29 per cent indicated they had heard there was a problem but did not know any details. Caritas CEO Paul O'Callaghan has just travelled to Kenya - where three million people are at risk - in an effort to raise awareness among his donors. He found once-productive farmland turned to wasteland by protracted drought. He saw children weakened by severe malnutrition. Distraught parents who can do little but ration their meagre supplies and pray for rain. "Those kids will probably be dead by the end of the year," he says. "It's looking extremely bleak. "We just haven't found - even across our normal donor base - there was much awareness of this even though we know our donors have very big hearts and would normally respond to something like this."

Chief among the problems is that the mainstream media has largely ignored the disaster. While this is a crisis of enormous scale that could ultimately kill millions of people it's a slow, creeping kind of death. There are no dramatic pictures of giant waves or flooded streets or flattened buildings. "In 1984, the Ethiopian famine had a really huge response from the Australian community. It was a very large, private donation response - and that was sustained by saturation media coverage of that at the time," O'Callaghan says.

"What's different 30 years later? "Without very regular and extensive coverage - particularly TV coverage - you just don't get the same cut-through. Even though I think the underlying generosity level is still very strong."

The UN has officially declared a famine in South Sudan. Somalia, Nigeria and Yemen are on the brink, declared when people have already started dying of hunger. The Turnbull government - despite overseeing massive cuts to Australia's foreign aid program - has pledged about \$68 million to address the crisis, with Foreign Minister Julie Bishop adding \$19 million last month. Not insignificant, but agencies like Caritas say it's well short of what's needed. Particularly given Europe, rocked by political upheaval, is not playing its usual leadership role in Africa. And given the Trump administration is planning on cutting more than a third from America's \$30 billion aid program.

What about celebrity power? Where are the Bob Geldofs and the Bonos of the next generation? "They managed to galvanise tens of millions of people around the world to get interested and to get active. And that lasted for a long time. But that sort of response just doesn't seem to be on the horizon now."

Fairfax Media's Matt Wade travelled to the region earlier this year and filed a series of reports on the disaster: [Running on Empty](#).

Sydney Morning Herald 11 June 2017

See page two item regarding the Caritas Appeal for Africa

What's on?

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR PARISH?

See if anyone in your pew knows the names of this debutant parishioner. His name next week. Last week's photo: **Joan Lu-deke**



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 or phone 1800 024 413**

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: 30 June, 21 July, 25 August, 6 October, Parish House 6.30pm.

NATIONAL YOUTH SURVEY

Last week the Australian Bishops released an online youth survey to seek feedback for the Youth Synod in 2018. www.catholic.org.au/youthsurvey

While we have promoted the

survey through our own Archdiocesan Youth Office social media and Youth Ministry contacts, we need to push this as widely as possible to all young Catholics (connected and disconnected) between 16 - 29 years of age. We need the broadest cross section of responses possible for it to be meaningful.

This survey will provide an important means for our young people to communicate their needs, hopes and desires for our Church with our Australian Bishops.

As a parish, let us all join in supporting this initiative by our Bishops to engage with our young Church for the 2018 Youth Synod.

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.

We invite all our youth to attend our Mass on 18th June at 6pm to kick start this program in our parish towards this festival.

For more information and to register, go to: www.acyf.org.au

UPCOMING MEN'S GROUP DINNER

Tuesday June 20th 7pm

Save the date !

Speakers: Daniela Foley and Joshua De Angelis. They will speak on recent overseas Immersion Experiences.

Future dates; Thursday September 21st and Thursday

December 7th.

7pm All Welcome !

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

The Winter Appeal for our Parish St Vincent de Paul Conference will be on the weekend of 24-5 June. Please support the valuable work of our Vinnies members in their service of those in special need.

WELCOME BACK FATHER RICHARD DE LILLIO

Father Richard has arrived full of enthusiasm and energy. He will be with us in the parish until the end of August. We welcome him with open arms and equal enthusiasm!

COLORADO SPRINGS CHILDREN'S CHOIR — HOMESTAYS REQUIRED

This talented group of 44 singers aged between 12-18 are touring from America as a part of their international outreach program and to perform in the Australian ChoralFest.

We are still looking for a number of families to host the singers in groups of at least 2 for 4 nights from June 24 Sat—27 Tues. Camp mats are acceptable.

Host families will be required to :

- Meet and collect their billets afternoon/evening Saturday 24th June at HNOM Parish Hall
- Drop to the Parish Hall each day by 9am and collect again at the end of each day
- Provide evening meal, breakfast and a packed lunch Monday & Tuesday

Departure 8.30am Wednesday 27th June.

The choir will perform for the Par-

ish or host families during their visit.

If you can host 2 or more singers or would like more info please contact Maureen Hurley (Bryans) at bryans52@gmail.com or tel. 0412 254 502.

FIRST COMMUNION REGISTRATION:

Please register online for First Communion using the Trybooking system.

In addition to personal information, you will need the following in order to complete your registration:

1. Baptism Certificate
2. Reconciliation details
3. Credit card details for payment of \$35.30

Bookings close **11pm 20th June.**

The link to the Trybooking is: <https://www.trybooking.com/PYFF> or <https://www.trybooking.com/279999>

If you are unable to use this system please come to the Parish office during business hours to complete the forms and pay \$35 registration fee.

MARIST YOUTH FESTIVAL

Vibrant 4 day celebration of Catholic faith. 30 June—3 July@ St Josephs College, Hunters Hill. Cost \$270 includes accom, all meals and Festival fee. Info and register www.maristyouthministry.com greg.mcdonald@marists.org.au jenifer.miller@marists.org.au

FATHER KEVIN AWAY

Father Kevin is away from Thursday 22 June-Tuesday 27 June for a couple of family commitments.

CONFIRMATION COOKIES

Over \$600 was raised for our Marist Philippines mission from the sale of the Confirmation cookies. Thanks to all for your generosity.

SACRAMENTAL GIFTS

Home made beaded sacramental gifts are available online at <http://sacramentgifts.weebly.com>

Simone Cesta is the creator of these items and offers the parish a very generous percentage of the profits she makes from sales in the parish.

Well Done...CONGRATS AND THANKS ZONE

Congratulations and a very warm welcome to **Mya Nati, Grayson Sheargold, Emma Mackey & Nikolai Barbour** all of whom will be baptized into our Christian community this weekend.



WEEKDAY MASS GOERS

Every weekday we celebrate a simple Eucharist. Gathered there are people of many ages and backgrounds, all praying not only for themselves but offering prayer on behalf of the whole community.

We thank them for their faithful, prayerful presence.

There's always room for more people to join them!

POINT TO PONDER

To say I am made in the image of God is to say that love is the reason for my existence,
for God is love.

Love is my true identity.

Selflessness is my true self.

Love is my true character.

Love is my name.

Thomas Merton

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Vinnies Appeal

This week our students became involved in the St Vincent de Paul Society 2017 Winter Appeal by donating warm items and non-perishable food that is so urgently needed. The week culminated with the College's annual Winter Sleep Out where students volunteered to sleep 'rough' in the College to raise additional funds through sponsorship

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. We also say a special prayer for **Suzi Hajje, Rosalie David, Lynne Halmarick, & Sr. Gail** all recovering from surgeries.

AFRICA'S FAMINE SUFFERERS

We pray for those millions of people currently in the grip of famine and starvation.

We pray for ourselves that we may respond as generously as we can to their plight. **Donations can be made through Caritas Australia. (see p. 2 for info.)**

LONDON'S FIRE VICTIMS

For all those who have suffered as a result of London's apartment block fire this week, we pray..

Coming Soon

18 June Youth Mass HNOM 6.00pm

20 June Men's Group Dinner: Parish Hall 7.00 for 7.30pm

This Week... Scripture Zone

First Reading:

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

In delivering the People of God from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land, God also reveals himself as the One who feeds his people, showing them that they live, not just on bread alone, but on everything which comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Response :

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

In the ancient world, to share a meal at table was to celebrate acceptance belonging, friendship and communion. So when we

share the bread and cup of blessing, we share communion with Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord:

Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia! Alleluia !

Gospel Reading:

John 6:51-58

In this Gospel Reading (part of the long discourse on the Bread of Life), Jesus perfects the gift of bread from heaven when Moses gave to the Chosen People with the gift of himself as the true bread of heaven.

Next week: First Reading : Jeremiah 20:10-13

Second Reading : romans 5:12-15

Gospel Reading : Matthew 10:26-33



A PARISH OF THE MARIST FATHERS

PARISH OFFICE:

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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:

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
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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 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

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

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Children's Liturgy HNM:

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0411 641 895

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

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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.