

HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH HUNTERS HILL ST PETER CHANEL WOOLWICH



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

25 JUNE 2017

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

IN WINTER

Calendar

June

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

19 Parish Finance Committee Meeting

Parish House
6.30pm

21 La Paroisse Restaurant

Parish House
6.30pm

26 First Communion Parent Reflection Evening

Parish Hall
7.00pm

In winter the earth seems to slow down and even though the days are shorter the nights are much longer and slower! It's good sleeping weather and perhaps hard getting-out-of-bed weather! The dark mornings seem to be saying "Don't get up yet, no hurry!" The bare branches of many trees leave skeletons waiting to spring into life again when the time comes.

The cold air in your face as you leave home to greet the day can both invigorate and distress, depending on which side of the bed saw you off this morning! These winter movements and these stillnesses in nature have much to teach us.

In winter there are warm soups, firesides, snow-fields to ski, football to enjoy, and for those more fortunate, warm homes to return to each evening.

In winter, many people sleep rough, just as they do through the other three seasons. In winter, people sleeping rough have fewer ways to keep warm than the rest of us.

In winter, job losses, cuts to welfare payments or social services seem to bite that bit more deeply as power bills, food bills, accommodation costs, all mean the sort of belt-tightening that leaves people simply surviving rather than living. These winter social realities too have much to teach us if we are listening.

In our own personal and spiritual lives we know times of winter. Important relationships struggle for air, for "quality time", and sometimes for resolution. Our connection with the sacred, with the deeper things, with God, will also have its time of wintry absence and uncertainty.

There's a lot to like about winter and there's a lot about winter which brings discomfort, doubt, struggle. It's a time both of hope and of wondering whether our hopes will ever be realised.

The land lies fallow in winter, not much grows and nature simply waits. In the winters of our heart story, we too need to wait as the time for regeneration will come in its own time. In the waiting can be the great grace that comes when we engage with suffering, incompleteness, failure and sin, and prepare the soil in which new grace can grow.

We live in a world which is impatient with the winter of the soul. Too often we choose the tactics of denial and distraction.

We attempt to turn back the clock to previous spring-times. We try to doll up ageing bodies as if they were still in the bloom of youth. We create the illusion that spring is the only season worth living and so we try to fabricate a world of plastic "springs", and the powerful, life-sustaining lessons of winter never get to offer us their wisdom and proper nourishment. Our world then starts to look like a sad product of our false economy, rather than the loving mother who sustains all that lives.

May our winter time this year be a season of glad hope. May it be a season of courageous suffering when that is our lot. May the grace of God sustain us even as the fields of our soul lie fallow and show little signs of life during these wintry months. May the seeds of patience, trust, endurance and hope be planted once again deep within us and may these seeds then blossom into a bountiful springtime in God's good time.

Nature does indeed take its course whether we allow for it or not. Let's allow winter to have its day and engage again with trust in the rhythm of the God-given seasons that give our lives the shape and direction that God's Love has intended.

In the meantime, keep warm! Love keeps an eye on you in every season.

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: **Daniel Dominguez**



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

The Australian Bishops have 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 me-

dia 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.

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

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

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

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

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FATHER KEVIN AWAY

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

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.

A sample of Simone's work below.



YOUTH MASS THANKS

Thanks to all who attended our Youth Mass last Sunday night and to all who put the event together.

Among them we thank the members of our Parish Pastoral Council, Bobby and Kia Mackun, our young speakers Jackson Phillips and our visitor from Marist 180 and our wonderful singers.

We look forward to moving from here to creative conversations with our young people as together we give renewed shape and energy to our Church.

THE COLORADO SPRINGS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Will be performing before Mass Sunday evening June 25th at Holy Name of Mary. The performance will commence at 5.40pm and everyone is welcome to attend.

MARIST180— THINGS YOU CAN DO

Marist 180 provided us with Najib, one of our inspirational speakers at Sunday evening's Youth Mass. They have openings for people interested in working with refugees in the following roles:

We are actively and immediately exploring ways that we can create community/financial support for 7 Asylum Seekers on university scholarships like Najib (where each has a full University scholarship but no support from Centrelink). We estimate that Najib and others like him require around \$15,000 a year in living support so that they can focus on maintaining and optimising their scholarships – if members of your Parish were interested in forming a small 'giving collective' to support one of these students, we'd love to broker a relationship – something to think about.

Aside from financial support, **we are also looking for volunteers / families who can bond with our Asylum Seekers** (both individuals and families). As they leave our program they will need strong community relationships to help with their transition to independent living (Our parishioner, Linda Lucey is actively involved in this program already); Also, just letting you know that **we are always looking for foster carers for 8-18 year old young people**, we know that single professionals from caring professions (like nurses, teachers, psychologists) and empty-nesters make particularly good foster carers for teen agers—so if you have any of these types of people on your radar, perhaps hungry for a higher purpose, please let them know there's a need and refer them to our website.

CATALYST FOR RENEWAL REFLECTION MORNING

Held on 1st July in the parish hall of Hunters Hill cnr. Gladesville Rd. & Mary St. The morning will commence at 9.30am and conclude at 12.30pm. Fr. Kevin Bates sm will lead our reflection, his topic: "Fake News and the Light of Faith". Tea & coffee available. No need to book. We appreciate a donation. Enq. Carole Wilson 9869 1036.

Well Done...**CONGRATS AND THANKS ZONE**

Congratulations and a very warm welcome to **Harris Anphonisz, Harrison Ratz & Hugo Coorey** all of whom will be baptized into our Christian community this weekend.



KATHLEEN LEE

With loving care, skill, dedication and great patience, Kathleen along with Father Wills, trains and prepare our altar servers, organises the rosters, and makes regular adjustments to them when required with great flexibility and generosity. We thank her for this often unseen but vital ministry of service in our community.

POINT TO PONDER

You are the God of every human being and too dazzling to be looked at.

You let yourself be seen as in a mirror, shining on the face of Christ.

We are eager to glimpse a reflection of your presence, so open in us the gates of transparency of heart.

Come and refresh the dry and thirsty ground of our body and our spirit.

Come and place a spring of living water in the lifeless regions of our being.

Come and bathe us in your confidence to make even our inner deserts burst into flower.

Brother Roger, Taizé Community

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COLLEGE AWARDS CEREMONIES

We are looking forward to acknowledging student learning through the College Award Ceremonies this coming week. Congratulations to all Students on their learning in Semester 1

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 and Lyn Halmarick.**

We pray too for all those whose illnesses and struggles are unknown to the wider community.

LILA McCARTHY

Lila passed away last week after a long and fruitful life.

We honour her memory and thank God for her many years of voluntary service to the parish as parish secretary among a number of other roles.

Her late husband John, a Hunters Hill Councillor was instrumental in getting plans approved for the building of Villa Maria School and was an active participant in the school's development.

We offer our prayers for Lila and her son, Stuart, one of our parishioners.

Coming Soon

26 July First Communion Parents' Reflection Evening Parish Hall

This Week... *Scripture Zone*

First Reading:

Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah is confident that the Lord is at his side even when God's people denounce him for his prophetic preaching.

Response :

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Second Reading:

Romans 5:12-15

Paul describes the universal spread of evil throughout the world. This evil is overcome in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia! Alleluia !

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 10:26-33

This Gospel reminds us that to be disciples of Christ in the world we are called to not be afraid, but to trust in God's providence.

Next week: First Reading : 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

Second Reading : Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Gospel Reading : Matthew 10:37-42



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
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 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

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Annette Hills 0401 252 064

RCIA: Janet Greene 9879 6515

Cleaners: HNM Mike Burfitt 9879 4197

SPC Claire Glase 0418 668 486

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Readers SPC: Mark Volpato 9816 4431

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Marie O'Donovan 0408 226 393

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0411 641 895

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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.