

HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH HUNTERS HILL ST PETER CHANEL WOOLWICH



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

10 March 2019

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

WE THANK THE MARIST SISTERS

Calendar

March

- 10 Inter-Church Council Movie**
see p.2
- 19 Baptism Prep Session**
Chapter Hall
7.30pm
- 21 Anointing Mass** Chapter Hall 11.30am
- 23 Farewell for Marist Sisters at College**
2.00pm
- 23-4 Parish Appeal for Jesuit Social Services, Wilmott**
- 24 Inter-Church Council Movie**
See p.2
- 27 Finance Committee Meeting**
Parish House
6.30pm
- 28 Social Justice Group Meeting**
Parish House
7.30pm
- 29 24 Hours for the Lord** (See p.2)
- 29 Men's Group Dinner** Parish Hall 7.00pm

On Saturday 23 March we will celebrate and give thanks for over 110 years of service to the local community by the Marist Sisters. (See notice on p.3) The Sisters have recently moved out of their residence adjacent to the Marist Sisters College at Woolwich. Sister Gail Reneker provides us here with a glimpse of the beginnings of the Marist Sisters journey at Hunters Hill and Woolwich. We thank God for the faithful ministry of the Sisters through these years and pray a blessing on their community.

On the 30th December 1907 two Marist Sisters arrived in Sydney from Fiji aboard *the Navoa*. On another ship the *Australien* a third Sister arrived from France. The three were to establish a foundation for the Sisters in Australia. It was anticipated it would provide a place where particularly sick Sisters from the newly established mission in Fiji could recuperate, as well perhaps being a source of vocations for the mission area. A specific task also awaited the three Sisters, that of teaching in the parish primary school of Blessed Chanel.

Mother Melanie was the superior of the group. Born in England and a member of the founding group of Marist Sisters in Fiji she had lived there for 15 years and was now 52 years old. Sister Cyrille, also from England and of English, Irish and French descent, had only been in Fiji for 10 months. She was 40 years old. Both had struggled through the physical and emotional difficulties of living in a country so different from their life experience. They were to face similar difficulties again. Sister Odilon arriving directly from her native country, France, had to face the challenges of a new culture for the first time.

We can imagine them travelling up Tarban Creek to arrive at 'Villa Maria' to be welcomed by the Marist Fathers and by the Sisters now known as the Marist Missionary Sisters. They stayed with the Sisters for a short time before moving into their own residence, *Kamona* in Alexandra St Hunters Hill, described in a letter as their 'little home of 5 rooms and a little kitchen and backyard about 15 minutes from the church and a small school'.

The challenges in establishing a new community and running the small school were significant. Early letters reveal the struggle that the physical demands made on the Sisters, the health and community issues that emerged, the worries with finances, which necessitated them giving after school music and French lessons.

The ongoing varied support of the Marist Fathers was much valued. Provisions were supplemented by the Missionary Sisters often sending cheese, milk and fruit. The Fathers gave them wine.

Parish priest Fr Placide Huault sm and Mother Melanie both saw the need for the establishment of a secondary school. A letter from Melanie to the Superior General urged her to send some good and suitable teachers. In August 1908 Sister Bernard (Irish) and Sr Benedict (French), both young and capable, arrived in Sydney.

With the help of Fr Huault and the marked generosity of some parishioners the end of 1908 saw the Sisters move into their new residence in Woolwich, at that time located in the hub of industries dependent on the Parramatta River.

Mt St Mary's opened in February 1909 catering for primary and secondary students and with a provision for it to be a boarding school. Sr Cyrille was named its first principal. On the 2nd February 1909 the first Australian postulant, joined the community. Also in 1909 another motive for the foundation in Australia was fulfilled with a first Sister from Fiji coming to Australia for medical help.

In 1910 Sr Cyrille returned to Fiji where she died in September 1942 and Mother Melanie returned to Fiji in 1912, dying there in March 1929. Sr Odilon remained in Woolwich until her death in May 1929.

Sr Gail Reneker sm

What's on?

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR PARISH?

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



Last week's photo: Cecilia Brungs



DURING LENT AT OUR PLACE

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD (EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT)

Friday 29-Saturday—
30 March HNM 10.00am,
Concluding with 10.00 am
Mass Saturday.

This Mass will replace the normal Saturday 8.00am Mass.

(Priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the Saturday morning from 8.00 am)

GLIMMERS OF GRACE NEW COPIES AVAILABLE

Following a second print-run of Father Kevin's book, "Glimmers of Grace", copies are now available for purchase at the parish office.

CHILD SAFETY OUR SPECIAL PRIORITY



REGISTRATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Our Sacramental Program has gone Online.

Confirmation is for candidates who are in Year 6 or above.

We are using the Trybooking system.

Credit card details for payment of \$40.50

Bookings will open at 7.00pm
6 March close at 7.00pm
1 April

Trybooking Link:

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

or

<https://www.trybooking.com/472117>

CARITAS AUSTRALIA

Envelopes and boxes for Caritas Australia are on the bench and at the back of the church.

Please give generously to this Appeal.

MULTILIT AT VILLA

A call out to all parents who have an hour spare to volunteer for reading programs at Villa!!

If you are able to volunteer for our Multilit one to one tutor program or listen to students read we would love for you to join us.

Please contact:

Stephanie.healy@syd.catholic.edu.au with the times that you are available to help out.

SCRIPTURE PRAYER GROUP

For five Tuesdays during Lent starting on Tuesday 12 March the Scripture Prayer Group will meet for the Lenten Series of the Lectio Divina Heartbeat Program.

Place: Chapter Hall

Time: 6.45 for 7pm.

All welcome.

DATES FOR MEN'S GROUP DINNER 2019

Parish Hall 7.00 for 7.30pm

Friday 29th March 2019

What Can Our Church Learn from Football?

Speaker: Sean Cadd
General Manager, Marketing & Communications AFL Club
Western Bulldogs

Future dates to note in your diary:

Tuesday 25th June, 2019

Tuesday 10th September 2019

Tuesday 3rd December 2019

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTION

The process for electing a new Pastoral Council is beginning. You may consider offering yourself for election or suggesting another parishioner. Please begin some conversations regarding suitable candidates.

The Pastoral Council plays an important role in the care of our parishioners and helping our parish priest to know and serve the people of the parish.

Nominations will be called for on the weekend of 16-17 March.

INTER-CHURCH LENTEN MOVIES

Once again this Lent, the Inter-Church Council is arranging three movie viewings of a reflective nature. Details as follows:

4.00pm Sunday 10 March, All Saints Anglican Church Hall: "I am Sam".

4.00pm Sunday 24 March HNM Chapter Hall: "Keeping the Faith".

4.00pm Sunday 7 April Boronia Park Uniting Church: "Gran Torino"

More details in flyers at Church entrances.

VILLA MARIA 150TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE TEA TOWELS FOR SALE

There are still some tea towels available to purchase in commemoration of 150 years of Catholic schooling in Hunters Hill. They are pure linen & printed with a sketch of the original school building in Mark St. by Dan Dominguez. \$15 each, and profits have been shared between the school and parish. Please contact Genevieve Adamo if you would like one on 0421 630 342 or

adamo@bigpond.net.au



Thanksgiving Mass and Celebration of the Marist Sisters

The journey from Coutouvre to Woolwich
1908 - 2018

Principal, Dr Anne Ireland & the Leadership Team warmly invite you to join the MSCW community to thank & farewell the Marist Sisters.

Saturday 23 March 2019

2pm Mass followed by afternoon tea

Marist Sisters' College - Cerdon Plaza

Please RSVP via the College website by 3:00pm Tuesday 11 March 2019 for catering purposes

Well Done...CONGRATS AND THANKS ZONE

Congratulations and welcome to **Maggie Smith, Ivan Mackey, Milena Speciale**, all of whom will be baptized into our Christian community this weekend.



OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

For each of us we pray as our Lenten journey begins once again. May we spend these weeks prayerfully, joyfully and purposefully. May we embrace the opportunities this season presents to us to re-align our hearts and our lives with the Good News we claim as disciples of Jesus.

May God bless us that we might become ever more clearly signs of God's tender love for our world.

Pray for... PRAYER ZONE

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

Marie Ferris, Janet Muscat, Judy Craig, Andrew & Lina Gullotta, Suzanne Traill, Frank Lloyd, Winifred Wall and John Burton.



I WAS SICK AND YOU VISITED ME

GIUSEPPINA ZAPPIA

We pray for Giuseppina Zappia who returned home to God's house on Ash Wednesday shortly after receiving the ashes. May she now enjoy God's great peace.

We pray for her large extended family as they honour her memory and share their own grief.

Requiem Mass for Giuseppina will be at St Joseph's College Chapel this Tuesday at 10.30 am.

POINT TO PONDER

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, grant that in my sinfulness and frailty I may always keep your life and actions clearly in my mind's eye.

Let me make progress in living like you as far as I can, so that I may grow into your full humanity, and become a holy temple in the Lord.

May your grace go before me, and follow me, and shine in my heart; be my guide along all ways.

Direct my thoughts and words and actions according to your commandments, that, doing your will in all things, I may be preserved both now and in eternity.
Ludolf of Saxony

Coming Soon

Men's Group Dinner 29 March

Confirmation Prep Program Begins: Parish Hall 7.00pm 2 April

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Our first reading is the instruction for the offering of the first-fruits back to God in thanksgiving. As with all such moments in the Old Testament, the offering back to God begins by recounting the great things the Lord has done "with mighty hand and outstretched arm."

Response

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Second Reading : Romans 10:8-13

This short confession of faith of those who believe in Jesus Christ is not something remote or abstract. Paul reminds us that this faith we proclaim is very near to us : on our lips and in our hearts .

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, But on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Alleluia !

Gospel Reading:

Luke 4:1-13

Luke's account of the temptation of Jesus in the desert begins characteristically with Jesus described as being "filled with the Holy Spirit." In this story, we learn more about this messiah. He will reject power over nature to serve his appetite, he will reject power over humans for the sake of the glory, he will reject power over God for his own survival. In all things, Jesus chooses the path of peace.

First Reading : Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Second Reading : Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel Reading : Luke 9:28-36

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Enrolments for Year 7 2021 - Applications will close on Wednesday 20 March 2019.



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 Aiki Langi SM, Ph: 0408 896 839
John Worthington SM, Paul Pearce SM

Parish Secretary: Sylvia Gutierrez

New or Returning Parishioners...

Please come along to the Parish Office for a warm welcome and to pick up a Parish Information Kit.

Associate Secretary: Maggie Mullane

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:

Tuesdays: 19 March, 9 April, 14 May 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:

Matt Fehon
mfehon@mcgrathnichol.com

Parish Pastoral Council Secretary:

Richard McNamee:
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Parish Finance Committee:

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Jessie Wade 0455 488 272

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Marea De Angelis
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RCIA: Janet Greene 9879 6515

Counselling: Deborah Khoury 0409 719 443

Villa Play Group:

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

St Vincent De Paul: Paul Ladd 0468 355 753

Meditation Group: Gabrielle Woodcock,
9817 0097

Young Adults Group: Nicholas Fearnley
0401 722 839

Aged Ministry :

Margaret Gambley 9807 2160

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Cecilia Brungs 0412 284 028

Social Justice Group:

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Eucharistic Ministry Coordinators:

HNM: Maggie Mullane: 0411 475 469

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Annette Hills 0401 252 064

Cleaners:

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Men's Group:

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Inter-Church Council:

Richard Korkor Ph: 0410 431 022

St Peter Chanel Management Team:

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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.