

HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH HUNTERS HILL ST PETER CHANEL WOOLWICH



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

11 March 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

ALONE WITH NONE BUT THEE

Calendar

March

- 13-15 Marist Fathers Provincial Chapter**
Parish Hall
- 18 Inter-Church Council Lenten Movies**
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- 20 Social Justice Group Meeting**
Parish House
7.30pm
- 20 Baptism Prep Session**
Chapter Hall
7.30pm
- 21 Liturgy Group Meeting**
Parish House
7.30pm
- 22 Anointing Mass** Chapter Hall 11.30 am
- 23 Youth Group Meeting** Parish Hall 7.30pm
- 27 Reconciliation Service for Holy Week**
HNM 7.30pm
- 28 Parish Pastoral Council Exec Meeting**
Parish House
7.30pm

*“Alone with none but Thee my God, I journey on my way,
What need I fear when thou art near, O King of night and day?”*

So begins a hymn for the Church’s prayer on Thursday Morning, reminding me as the poem unfolds of the reason I am here and reminding me at the same time of the reason for the Church’s very existence and the purpose of all creation. How quickly we forget as the affairs of each day take hold of our attention. How conveniently we forget the fundamental truth that we are made for God and that every breath we breathe has its origin in that cosmic breath which birthed our whole universe.

Because this God is such an unknowable mystery, we balk at engaging with a truth so far beyond our experience. We even get to the point of denying the existence of God altogether and save ourselves the trouble of wrestling with life’s ultimate mystery.

The affairs of each day are enough for us. We can understand our daily demands, control them, organise them, prioritise them. We can achieve results and convince ourselves that all is well and that we have no need of a God of any kind.

Some of us, who believe in God, not knowing how to approach the silent mystery of God, shape a version of God that fits our needs, shares our culture, our religion and who is subject to our pleading prayers.

Our praying becomes a sort of bargaining process with a God who substantially is one of our own making. Because we aren’t let the mystery who is God get out of hand, we bombard our God with prayers, demands, apologies and judgements about the world around us. It’s as if we try to control our God.

Coming from another direction, Jesus suggests we don’t babble away when we pray, but rather go to the quiet of our own inner room, our heart, and meet with the God who loves us in that silent place.

It is here in the silence, we may lay ourselves open to the presence of the mystery of Love who is God.

A good parallel to this experience could be times one spends with one who loves us well, times in which words become less and less necessary and the loving, shared silence is more than enough to nourish our spirit.

Alone with the silence of God we are with the one who listens to us even when we are not speaking, sees us when we cannot see, loves us even when we fail to love in return. Here there is no need for busy anxious praying. Here, guilt, shame and broken memories are laid to rest even before we speak of them. Here there is simply love, no more, no less.

It takes some effort to step aside from the day’s demands in order to taste this love. Stripping ourselves of all our preoccupations requires daily practice and a readiness to encounter the mystery of this love.

Such silent, loving presence is at the very heart of Christian prayer.

If we care to, we can find this silent presence, even in the middle of our busy day. Stopping at traffic lights, washing the dishes, cooking, standing in a checkout queue, watering the garden, can well enough become little oases of silent thankfulness and grace. It’s just a matter of getting into the habit really.

We can also get into practice by joining in silent prayer with others seeking the same encounter. Events such as this week’s 24 hours with Lord, in which we have had the Church open for silent prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, could be the sort of nudge we need to familiarise ourselves with that silent space in which every wandering soul can find a home.

“Alone with none but Thee my God.....”

Father Kevin

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: **Dominique Galea**



MARIST FATHERS' PROVINCIAL CHAPTER & PARISH MASSES

The Marist Fathers are holding a Provincial Chapter Meeting from Tuesday-Thursday this week.

As a result there will be no parish Mass on Wednesday. We are arranging for Communion Services at both Churches instead.

INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL LENTEN MOVIES

As a way of stimulating some lively conversation and good reflection around the themes of Lent and Holy Week, Our Inter-Church Council has been hosting movies and time for discussion afterwards. The last movie is:

Sunday 18 March, 4.00pm St Charles Borromeo Parish Hall, Ryde: *Jesus of Montreal*

All Adults Welcome.

More details on our Church Notice-boards.

CATCH-UP SACRAMENTAL CLASSES

For children year 3 and upwards who have not received the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion.

We will be conducting catch-up lessons for Reconciliation and Communion on the following 4 nights.

If you take up this catch-up program you and your child will be required to attend all classes.

Reconciliation Wednesday March 21st 6:00pm-7:00pm
Reconciliation Wednesday March 28th 6:00pm-7:00pm
Communion Wednesday April 4th 6:00pm-7:00pm
Communion Wednesday April 11th 6:00pm-7:00pm
Venue: Chapter Hall.

The Reconciliation Ceremony and Communion Mass will be at HNOM **Saturday 14 April at 5pm.**

Each Sacrament costs \$40 and you will need to go to TRY-BOOKINGS to fill out your information and finalise payment. The link for this is:

<https://www.trybooking.com/UEYQ>
or
<https://www.trybooking.com/354864>

and will be open **21 February at 7pm till 14 March at 7pm.**

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

The Altar Society will be meeting Tuesday 13th March at 10am, at 5 Sunnyside St, Gladesville. All welcome. Please contact Jane Keneally 0419 22 11 85, 9879 4178

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Wednesday night during Lent. Starting at 7:30pm in Holy Name of Mary Church.

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.

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

Baptism Certificate
Reconciliation details
Communion details

Credit card details for payment of \$40.30

Bookings will open at 7.00pm 15 March close at 7.00pm 5 April.

Trybooking Link::

<https://www.trybooking.com/UCFL>
or
<https://www.trybooking.com/353013>

Registration for other Sacraments will be available all in good time.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK MUSIC PRACTICE

There will be practice for the annual Good Friday Way of the Cross Walk, at All Saints Anglican Church on **Thursday 22 March at 6.00pm.**

All musos and voices welcome.

CHOIR PRACTICES FOR HOLY WEEK

HNM Church Thursdays 8 & 15 March 7.30pm. New singers welcome!

ENNEAGRAM WORKSHOP

The Enneagram is an amazing and ancient tool that joins together psychology and spirituality to help us understand our true self – our essence. It allows us to identify the repeated patterns of behaviour in our personality type that prevent us from reaching our full

potential as the human being that God created us to be. The Enneagram is also very useful in helping us to understand the many dimensions of both our personal and professional relationships. To find out more about this and more advanced courses go to www.enneagramNSW.com

Intro course: Sat 17 March 9.00am-3.00pm, Rosebank College, 1A Harris Rd Five Dock. \$65.00. Facilitated by Dominique Galea. To register email dominique@enneagramnsw.com

MARIST LAITY RAFFLE

Raffle tickets will be on sale March 17th/18th. Funds are to support Fr Long's Orphanage in the Phillipines and Fr Enriko's Mission on Tana, Vanuatu. The prize is an Easter basket, drawn the following week and the winner published in Palm Sunday's bulletin. On going Thanks from Fr Long and Fr Enriko.

WAY OF THE CROSS WALK

Once again Villa will be hosting the post Good Friday Walk morning tea. We are calling for volunteers to assist with, **setting up, packing up, serving morning tea and making our famous cross shaped biscuits.** Recipe can be supplied. If you can help please contact Helen Farrell 0421 450 650.

FAREWELL FATHER RICHARD

This coming week we farewell Father Richard de Lillio who has been with us again since early January. He returns home to the US with our blessing and heartfelt thanks for his vibrant, gentle ministry in the parish over these months. We now look forward to his next visit! Here he is addressing the Parish Men's Group's 5th Anniversary Dinner this week.



Well Done...CONGRATS AND THANKS ZONE

BAPTISMS

Congratulations and a very warm welcome to **Max Lewis**, son of Kylie and Shane, who will be baptized into our Christian community this weekend.

MARY & MICHAEL LEA

Congratulations to Mary and Michael as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. On behalf of the whole parish we offer them a special blessing.



POINT TO PONDER

Take Lord, all my liberty,
receive my memory,
my understanding and my will.

Whatever I have and possess you have given to me;
to you I restore it wholly, and to your will I utterly surrender it for your direction.

Give me love of yourself only;
with your grace I am rich enough; nor ask I anything beside.
St Ignatius Loyola

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Pray for... PRAYER ZONE

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

Peter Jackson, Marie Ferris, Janet Muscat, Joe Bannon, John Edwards, Judy Craig, Monica Carroll, Lina Gullotta, Janet Greene, Frank Lloyd, John Edwards, Bryan Sidgreave and Lisa.

PETER JACKSON

Peter had further treatment this week as part of his ongoing battle with cancer. We keep him very much in our prayers during this most difficult time.

YOUNG MARRIED COUPLES

We pray a blessing on all young married couples who are finding their way into their marriages. May they have all the grace they need as they adjust to their new lives together.

Coming Soon

Kindergarten Welcome Mass

HNM 10 March 6.00pm

Reconciliation Service for Holy Week

HNM Church 27 March, 7.30pm

This Week... Scripture Zone

First Reading:

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

The reading recounts how God repeatedly offers the chosen people of Israel a pathway back to their Lord.

Response

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

We are reminded again of God's endless love for us and for God's creation. Even when we seem buried in our sin, God, through the completely free gift of Jesus Christ, gives us a way to live the fullness of life.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading: John 3:14-21

The Gospel reading introduces the notion of eternal life that is offered to all who can come to believe in God's grace found in Jesus Christ. In such a gift, we see that God does not condemn the world, but seeks rather to love the world into union with Himself.

Next week: First Reading : Jeremiah 31:31-34
Second Reading : Hebrews 5:7-9
Gospel Reading : John 12:20-33



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:

Father Kevin Bates SM
Ph: 0425 333 129
kev@kevinbates.com

Priests Assisting:

Fathers Wills Melteras 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:

Matt Fehon
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Parish Pastoral Council Secretary:

Richard McNamee:
richard_mcnamee@baxter.com

Parish Finance Committee Michael Lindsay
0423 020 002

Parish Youth Minister:

Caitlin Story, Ph: 0450 847 979

BAPTISM:

By arrangement. Parents please contact the pres-
bytery to book & arrange to attend the Baptism
Prep Program

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENINGS

COMING UP:

Tuesdays 20 March, 10 April, 16 May, 12
June, 17 July, 14 August, 18 Sept, 16 Oct,
13 Nov, 11 Dec, in the Chapter Hall @
7.30pm

MARRIAGE:

At least six months notice must be given. The
parish clergy will officiate primarily for parishion-
ers. 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. Elsa Hietbrink 0422 237 356
hnom.com.au/children

Meditation Group: Gabrielle Woodcock,
9817 0097

Young Adults Group: Nicholas Fearnley
0401 722 839

Aged Ministry :

Margaret Gambley 9807 2160 or

Grief Support Group:

Cecilia Brungs 0412 284 028

Liturgy Group : Moya Preece

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Kate Buckland 9817 2558

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Kathleen Lee 0433 500 648

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Inter-Church Council: Richard Korkor

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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.