

HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH HUNTERS HILL ST PETER CHANEL WOOLWICH



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

22 MARCH 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A
IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Calendar

MARCH

- 24 Parish Pastoral Council Exec Meeting** Parish House 7.00pm
- 29 Sharing Ministries Weekend** (All Masses)
- 31 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** Chapter Hall 7.30pm
- ### APRIL
- 1 Social Justice Group Meeting** Parish House 7.30pm
- 1 Liturgy Group Meeting** Parish House 7.30pm
- 7 Men's Group Dinner** Postponed
- 9 Holy Thursday**
- 10 Good Friday**
- 11 Holy Saturday**
- 12 Easter Sunday**
- 14 Baptism Prep Session** Chapter Hall 7.30pm
- 16 Anointing Mass** Chapter Hall 11.30am

The human family is facing a most serious crisis with the coronavirus. We must be mindful of the common good, always weighing our actions in terms of their possible ramifications and effects on others in our society. Let us cooperate fully with the efforts at "social distancing". Let us also look out for each other, using phone and social media to keep in touch, encouraging each other during these difficult days.

In the light of the current situation:

- ◆ All weekend Masses in our parish will be cancelled until further notice;
- ◆ Weekday Masses at Holy Name of Mary Church will continue for the time being;
- ◆ The Wednesday Mass at St Peter Chanel will be cancelled until further notice;
- ◆ Baptisms already booked will be held as scheduled;
- ◆ No new baptism bookings will be taken for the time being;
- ◆ Weddings will be celebrated and will require no more than 100 people present;

A Mass each weekend for the time being will be celebrated and transmitted on YouTube. Our parish YouTube channel is: bit.ly/hnomhuntershill

- ◆ These arrangements may change as circumstances require.

Whilst the *Catholic Catechism* rightly reminds us of our Sunday obligation – see #2042 and #2180 – it also reminds us that the faithful are excused from this obligation "for a serious reason (for example illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor" (#2181). Today's circumstances qualify as sufficient reason to be excused.

Father Kevin

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In anticipation of the Sharing in Ministries Weekend planned for 28-9 March, Kia Mackun has written this reflection on her story of growing into ministry in the parish.

I have loved music ever since I was little. I remember joining the Villa Maria school choir in primary school with Mrs Kerry Butler and later Miss Mary Cloran as my choir teachers. These two wonderful teachers, together with my parents and my piano teacher, fostered my love of choirs, singing and everything that is music.

Upon leaving high school, I lost my faith in the Church and all its antiquated views and ventured out into the world thinking that the church no longer needed me and I no longer needed the church in my life. It was purely by coincidence when I attended one Sunday Mass at Holy Name of Mary on Sunday, on my Mum's insistence, where I learned about the wonders of beautiful church music from the wonderful musicians, Paul and Maggie Dunn, who ran the music ministry back then. With a warm welcome from Father Tony, and Paul and Maggie Dunn, I re-joined the Villa Choir and never looked back since.

Many years later, I now assist Ralph Fitzgerald run music for the 10am Sunday Masses as well as the other important liturgical events.

For me, the Music ministry with our wonderful Parish community, gives me the opportunity to share my gifts and love of music, not only to enrich our Parish liturgy but as a mother of 2 young children, to set an example to my boys that serving God and our Parish through music is a way they can play a part in the Parish community and also encourage their peers and other younger Catholic generation to engage with our faith and our Church through their own gifts and talents.

Kia Mackun

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, Max Mikuletic



ELEVATE—NEW YOUTH GROUP FOR YEARS 7-8

A new youth group has been formed in the parish and we would like to invite your children to join us at ELEVATE'S first event of 2020.

THIS EVENT HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

OHNM Youth Leadership Team

Kate Barry – 0419 229 303
Luana Distefano– 0426 845 053
Danielle Dwyer – 0400 871 423
Brendan Robinson– 0403 514 165
Josh Foley – 0416 848 997

SHARING IN MINISTRIES SUNDAY

It's Lent and this season in the Church's calendar is when we are called to reflect on what is important in our spiritual life. This also includes our day to day life as each of us is both spiritual and human. During our Lenten journey this year the Parish Pastoral Council would

like to suggest that each person in our parish community of Holy Name of Mary, Hunters Hill, consider what practical contribution they are making to living and growing their faith in 2020. It may be time to take up some-

thing new and/or time to leave something behind.

Every single week new people are joining the HNOM parish family. They have gifts and talents which they may be willing to share with our community. And some current and even long-standing parishioners may wish to contribute in new areas of parish life.

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC), a group of men and women elected every two years to assist Fr Kevin in a particular way in his leadership of the parish, is coordinating the inaugural 'Sharing in Ministries Sunday' on **Sunday 29 March 2020**.

On that day, during every Mass, if there are Masses, a member of the PPC will speak about the initiative entitled 'Sharing in Ministries' which is about calling on parishioners to contribute in new ways within ministries existing within the parish.

Copies of a 'Sharing in Ministries Form' will be made available at Mass or on line, which can be forwarded to the parish office. If there are Masses forms will be available then. The 'Sharing in Ministries Form' will also be available from Ministry Leaders, on the HNOM Parish website and from the Parish Office.

MEN'S GROUP DINNER

In light of the ongoing Covid-19 situation the Men's Group will postpone its April 7 initial 2020 event until it becomes clear that we can have a safe gathering for all involved.

OUR ELDERLY—LEST WE FORGET

Language is a powerful shaper of thinking. And the very last thing we need right now, is a mindset of mutual distancing. We actually need to be thinking in the exact opposite way. Yes, we need physical distancing, but we need to maintain social connection.

Every hand that we don't shake must become a phone call that we place. Every embrace that we avoid must become a verbal expression of warmth and concern.

Every inch and every foot that we physically place between ourselves and another, must become a thought as to how we might be of help to that other, ought the need arise.

So if you are in need of some help to get shopping in, need a lawn mowed or need a lift to the shops during these challenging times, please contact the parish office. Likewise, you may be self-isolating and would simply appreciate a phone call.

Some very kind parishioners have extended offers of assistance in this regard.

In the same way if you are in a position to help any of our parishioners please contact the office. Phone: 98175325

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

PASSION (Palm) SUNDAY

All Masses normal Weekend Schedule

Wednesday April 8

Reconciliation Service HNM Church 7.00pm

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Oils St Marys Cathedral 10.30 am

Mass of the Last Supper HNM Church 7.30pm

Good Friday Service HNM

Church 3.00pm ***** (Cancelled—see below)**

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil HNM

Church 7.30pm**

Easter Sunday Masses HNM

Church 8.00 & 10.00 am

SPC Church 9.00am

**** If you are attending the Easter Vigil please bring a plate to share at the supper following the Vigil Mass. The parish will provide liquid refreshments.**

***** Due to the current health situation we are cancelling the Good Friday Service and will transmit a service live via You Tube. The link for this will be available next week.**

CHILD SAFETY— OUR SPECIAL PRIORITY



From the Parish Finance Committee.

As part of our regular update on Parish finances here is some information on the 6 month period to December 31 2019. The parish's income has increased due to the generous response to our appeal in June 2019 however the Parish did see some large one-off expenses in staff costs and new equipment which led to a modest deficit for the period. The current 6 month period should see us achieve a modest surplus. The Parish will be making its yearly appeal for parishioners to join our planned giving program on the 14th June 2020.

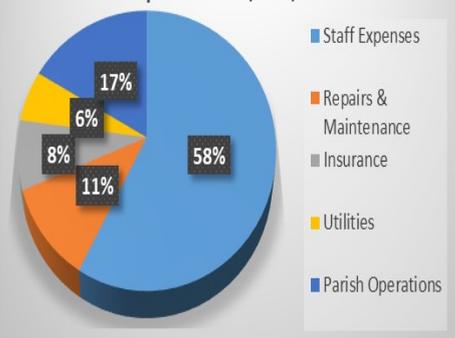
Parish Financials: July - Dec 19

Income: \$202,024.91



Parish Financials: July - Dec 19

Expenditure: \$216,868.35



Well Done...CONGRATS AND WELCOME ZONE

Congratulations and a very warm welcome to:

Jasmine Mc Lean, Oliver Limburg and Brodie Sullivan who will be baptized into our Christian community this weekend



THOSE THINKING BEYOND THEMSELVES

There are some among us who are looking out for the welfare of others in a variety of ways.

We thank God for the and pray that they be blessed in their generous service of others and remain safe and healthy through their acts of kindness.

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, Annette Sidgreaves, Valerie Grant & John O'Connor.

We pray especially for **Ron Hill** who is facing a very significant illness at this time.

FOR OUR WORLD AND NATION

We pray for our whole world community and for all those working to develop a response to the current health crisis.

May the whole community come together in order to survive and grow through this surreal. Most challenging time.

POINT TO PONDER

AND THE PEOPLE STAYED HOME!

And the people stayed home. And read books, and listened, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and grew gardens full of fresh food and learned new ways of being, and were still. And listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently.

And the people healed. And in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.

And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed.

Kitty O'Meara

COMING SOON

All up-coming events depend on our ability to hold them, given the current health crisis.

This Week... Scripture Zone

First Reading:

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

We hear how God's plans are not limited to human perception. David, the least likely by human measure, is the one chosen by God to be the new king of Israel

Response

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

Second Reading Ephesians 5:8-14

All that is good, right and true is the product of living in the light. This is the destiny of all who belong to the Lord.

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 9:1-41

An encounter between Jesus and a man born without sight provides for an occasion to illustrate blindness of many kinds, and to explore our response to our own blind spots.

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Phone: 98796100
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First Reading : Ezekiel 37:12-14
Second Reading : Romans 8:8-11
Gospel Reading : John 11:1-45



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, OAM

Ph: 0425 333 129

kev@kevinbates.com

Priests Assisting:

Fathers Aliko Langi SM, Ph: 0408 896 839

John Worthington SM, Paul Pidcock SM,
OAM

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 Pfaffin & 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: Wednesday Tuesday 14 April,
Wednesday 13 May, Tuesday 9 June,
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:

Marita Winters

bmwinters6@gmail.com

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Carmen Pelling

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Andrew Curtin 0423 123 995

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 Marea De Angelis

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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: Paul Ladd 0468 355 753

Meditation Group: Gabrielle Woodcock,
9817 0097

Youth Group: Luana: 0426845053 or

Danielle: 0400 871 423

Young Adults Group: Nicholas Fearnley

0401 722 839

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Marist Laity Group: Cathy Gallo 9817 2959

Josiane Espinosa 9807 9199

Liturgy Group & Music Ministry:

 Kia

Mackun 0435 899 917, Ralph Fitzgerald 0412
230 626

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SPC: Maria Goode: 0423 706 830

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SPC: Sally Grill: 0417 916 267

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Annette Hills: 0401 252 064

Ukelele Group: Fr Aliko: 0408 896 839

Cleaners:

HNM: Maggie Mullane 0411 475 469

SPC: Imogen Cornell : 0402 436 715

Men's Group:

Clinton McDonald: 0419 646 311

Gerardo D'Angelo 0418 294 063

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.