

HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH HUNTERS HILL ST PETER CHANEL WOOLWICH



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

3 March 2019

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

WHEN OUR FAMILY IS HURTING

Calendar

March

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| 6 | Ash
Wednesday |
| 9 | Marist Laity
Meeting
Chapter Hall
9.00 am |
| 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 |
| 27 | Social Justice
Group
Meeting
Parish House
7.30pm |

The events of this week have brought the human frailty of our Church into sharp relief. Following the news of Cardinal Pell's conviction, the response in the media, among politicians and among parishioners has been understandably diverse. Many of us feel deep shame and hurt. Many are responding with anger and a frustration at the slow pace of change in the Church in the face of the evidence before us. For some, our first thoughts are for the victims and survivors of the crimes committed in the Church. Some remain incredulous that such things could have occurred.

Right through our community there is deep pain and disillusion. This may lead people to walk away from the Church altogether, feeling betrayed by an institution in which they had placed such trust. Others will be questioning whether justice has in fact been done and will be waiting for the outcome of the Appeal which may be months away.

Whatever our feelings and in whichever direction our anger, shame and judgements are directed, we as a Church are hurting. In a state of confusion, anger and pain, we may not be in the best position to reflect on what has been happening and to shape a future direction for ourselves.

Perhaps when the time is right, we can take a second look, unravel the various elements of the events of these days and then come to a response that offers hope and healing.

We may realise anew that the Church at every level, is made up of people who are both holy and frail. We may understand that the Church's politics have sometimes been as self-serving as those of any other political entity. We may remember that scandal and sin have coexisted with holiness and grace all through the Church's history.

We may also realise again that the Church is not an end in itself but is a vehicle for the coming of God's Kingdom among us. This thought may help us re-align where we place our ultimate trust. In other words, is my trust ultimately in the institution of the Church or rather in the Gospel and in my relationship with Jesus? Perhaps any trust I now place in the institution of the Church will be tempered by a certain realism.

For many of us, our experience of Church centres on our local parish or other community. Here we are among people of faith, people we love and respect, people with whom we can have a good argument, people with whom we pray. It's here at this level that we can, each of us, play our part in the healing of our family of faith. It's here we can support and challenge each other. It's here we can reflect on the events of the day and form a response together that will enable us to move on.

It's here that our understanding of ourselves as church as this community of faith, may be able to ripen. Once we are clear in our understanding of ourselves and our mission as a community, then we stand ready to gain the insights and nourishment from the Gospel that in the end will be our true anchorage.

As we seek a way forward together, we pray for all the wisdom, understanding and patience that we will need. Let's offer one another some attentive listening so that people can express openly what is in their hearts and seek some clarity from there.

When a living relationship with Jesus becomes our common starting point, we have a place from which we can re-build the trust that has been so badly shaken, clear the vision that has been distracted or distorted and heal the pain that has so weighed on us.

May God's compassion and justice guide our next steps.

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 next week.

Last week's photo:
Meryl Litherland &
Gail O'Brien



DURING LENT AT OUR PLACE

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

HNM: 9.15am & 7.00pm

SPC: 12.15pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:
Each Wednesday Evening
HNM 7.30pm (including Ash Wednesday after Mass)

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)

CHILD SAFETY OUR SPECIAL PRIORITY



CATCH-UP SACRAMENTAL CLASSES

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

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/BAPDM> or <https://www.trybooking.com/467206> and is open 13 February at 7pm till 5 March at 7pm.

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
A Saint's Name
Sponsor Name – a Catholic person 16 years and older

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>

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

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.

DATES FOR MEN'S GROUP DINNER 2019

Parish Hall 7.00 for 7.30pm

Friday 29th March 2019

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. This weekend copies of the Council Guidelines are available at each Church and via email for your perusal. If you have any suggested alterations, please submit them on the form provided by 8 March.

You may consider offering yourself for election or suggesting another parishioner. Please begin some conversations regarding suitable candidates.

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.

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.

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.



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 **Abigail Margi, Pia Vella, Grace Pollett, Margot Richard & Emma Philip**, all of whom will be baptized into our Christian community this weekend.



Counting other people's
sins
does not make you
a saint

JOAN HALLIDAY OAM, RAD, TURNS 100

Along with her identical twin sister Monica who died in 2008, legend of the local ballet scene over a lifetime, our parishioner, Joan Halliday has turned 100! Three celebrations marked the occasion and we take this opportunity to congratulate Joan, send her a blessing and thank God for her and her illustrious career.



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 and John Burton.



I WAS SICK AND YOU VISITED ME

AFTER CARDINAL PELL'S CONVICTION

Following the publication of the outcome of Cardinal George Pell's trial, we pray for the complainant that his life may continue with some peace now. We continue to pray for the Church for the healing and deep transformation still required. We pray for the Cardinal and pray that justice has in fact been done. Copies of Fr Frank Brennan's reflection are available at each Church and have been emailed with this bulletin.

Coming Soon

Ash Wednesday 6 March

Confirmation Prep Program Begins:
Parish Hall 7.00pm 2 April

POINT TO PONDER

*Dance, then wherever you may be,
"I am the Lord of the Dance" said he,
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the dance", said he.*

*"They cut me down but I leapt up high,
I am the life that will never ever die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the Dance", said he.
Sydney Carter*

This Week... Scripture Zone

First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7

The power of speech is a special gift so easily taken for granted. How we use it reveals much about our character; our inner dispositions and our true selves.

Response

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Second Reading : 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Our victory is found in Jesus Christ who has conquered death. Life, even in the face of death, is assured. Our place is to "never give in" to continue to work in the knowledge and power of that victory.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;

You are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia !

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:39-45

A famous quote from Jesus is the heart of today's Gospel reading: "Take the plank from your own eye first". It is both a call to self-examination and to recognize how easy it is to apply moral standards to others that we may struggle with ourselves. With that in mind, mercy and love should surpass judgment and the constant conversion of our own hearts is the way forward. .

*First Reading : Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Second Reading : Romans 10:8-13
Gospel Reading : Luke :4:1-13*

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Campus Evening Experience for prospective families is being held on Tuesday 5 March 2019. Online booking now available at <http://www.mscw.nsw.edu.au/campus-experience-evening/>.

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



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:

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Parish Safeguarding Support Officers:

Caitlin Pfafflin & Kathleen Lee:

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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:

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Richard McNamee:

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Michael Lindsay 0423 020 002

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Jessie Wade 0455 488 272

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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

Young Adults Group: Nicholas Fearnley 0401 722 839

Aged Ministry :

Margaret Gambley 9807 2160

Grief Support Group:

Cecilia Brungs 0412 284 028

Social Justice Group:

Marnie Butler: Ph:0413 004 702

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

Liturgy Group:

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Inter-Church Council:

Richard Korkor Ph: 0410 431 022

St Peter Chanel Management Team:

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New or Returning Parishioners...

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

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.