

HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH HUNTERS HILL ST PETER CHANEL WOOLWICH



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

5 March 2017

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

JOURNEY TO THE EDGE

Calendar

March

- 4-8 Voting for New Parish Pastoral Council**
- 5 St Joseph's Chapel Open**
10.00am-4pm
- 10 La Paroisse Restaurant**
Parish House
6.30pm
- 11 Villa Maria Kindergarten at Mass** HNM
6.00pm
- 11 Marist Laity Chapter Hall**
9-11am
- 14 Baptism Prep Session** Chapter Hall
7.30pm
- 16 Anointing Mass**
Chapter Hall
11.30 am
- 19 Orientation for new Pastoral Council** 11.30 am-4.00pm
Venue tba
- 23 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**
(New Council)
Chapter Hall
7.30pm
- 24-5 Twenty four hours with the Lord** 6.00pm-6.00pm

There are people who seem to us to live on the edge. They go to places the rest of us only see in movies! Such people are the daredevils who push the boundaries of safety and common-sense. They take part in extreme sports that push human endurance to the limit. They might be mountaineers, magicians and escape artists, space travellers or deep-sea divers. They go beyond where most of us feel able to go, and we look at them with a mix of strange longing and bemusement. These people provide us with entertainment, scientific discoveries, and open up new research opportunities.

Then there are the people who live on the edge of our consciousness. These people push our buttons in a different way for they call us to reach into their world because they can see no way in which they can escape and join in the sort of life we are blessed to lead.

They are often poor. They are often living dysfunctional lives, their behaviour being well learnt from their dysfunctional up-bringing and subsequent relationships. They are sometimes less educated, though not necessarily less intelligent. They don't fit the world of respectable good order that we would expect from ourselves.

They frequently lack the choices to which we have access. Their opportunities for employment, health care, education, travel and leisure are typically very limited. We can experience them living on the edge of our consciousness as a nuisance, an embarrassment or perhaps as a challenge, an invitation. We who have lots of choices in many things, have choices too in the way we respond to people on the edge.

These people provide us with little amusement or scientific insight. They better serve as objects of research and social experimentation. Their shopping centres display, with precious little conscience, different product placement from the ones around our neighbourhood, catering to the obesity, the addictive practices and the envy that is often the lot of the poor.

They are the very ones to whom Jesus first preached the gospel, Perhaps because they had nothing to lose, they were open to a word of love, a gift of compassion and a call to justice, more than those who had more to lose. Among them, Jesus does his best work. He never has a harsh or judgemental word to say about any of them, even the most reviled, the most sinful, the most marginalised. He loves the people on the edge and gives his life for them.

He loves that part of us too that is on the edge of things, you know, that part of each of us that lies hidden from view, that holds shame, failure, unfaithfulness, greed, the edge of us that we don't want to look at ourselves, let alone show anyone else. It is this part of each of us, for which Jesus gives his life.

If we can come to terms with this part of ourselves this Lent, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, through acts of sacrifice and penance, through an attitude of compassion, through times of prayer, then it will become more possible for us to bring these same qualities to the fore when we become aware of those others who live on the edge of our world.

Just as Jesus longs to reach that part of each one of us, he longs to reach each of those who live on the edge of society. He calls us to help him seek them out.

Lent opens up so many possibilities for us, one of which is the chance to bring about in our own time and place something of God's Kingdom by daring to go to the edge.

May God embolden us as we consider His invitation.

Father Kevin

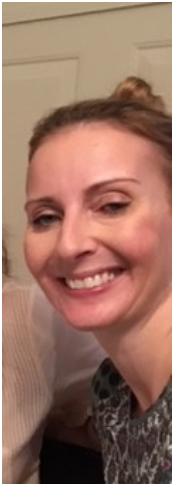
What's on?

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:

Giana D'Angelo



INTER-CHURCH LENTEN GATHERINGS Lenten Film Evenings

For those who are more visually inclined, join us for a feast of cinema experiences with our ecumenical neighbours. We will watch three films over several weeks, to be followed by drinks and nibbles as we discuss the major themes (and offer our theological critique :-).

- Sunday March 5th - 4:00pm @ All Saints' Hall, "Chocolat".

- Sunday March 19th - 4:00pm @ Our Lady Queen of Peace, Gladesville, "Babette's Feast".

- Sunday April 2nd - 4:00pm @ Boronia Park Uniting Church, "The Body".

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: 10 March, 26 May, 30 June, 21 July.
Parish House 6.30pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Wednesday night in Lent, 7.30 pm, at Holy Name of Mary Church. We will use a different version each week with varying lengths (30-40 minutes). The first session will be immediately after the Ash Wednesday evening Mass.

SCRIPTURE PRAYER GROUP

The Scripture Prayer Group is meeting weekly and following the 6 weeks Lenten Series of the Lectio Divina Heartbeat Program.

Place: Front room of 'Maryvale' 3 Mary St Hunters Hill Tuesdays at 6.45 for 7pm. All welcome.

SACRAMENTAL REGISTRATION FOR CONFIRMATION

Our Sacramental Program has gone Online. 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 \$35.30

Bookings will close at 11pm 22 March.

Trybooking Link:
<https://www.trybooking.com/OELX> or
<https://www.trybooking.com/249077>

If you are unable to use this system just come to the Parish office during business hours to complete the forms.

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

AQUINAS ACADEMY & CATALYST FOR RENEWAL REFLECTION MORNING

Our first reflection morning for 2017 will be held on Saturday 4th March in the parish hall of

Hunters Hill. Fr Michael Whelan sm will lead this reflection and his topic/theme is "The instrument for Your Story". The morning will begin at 9.30am and conclude at 12.30pm. A time to be still. Tea & coffee available. A donation is appreciated. No need to book. All are most welcome. Enquiries to Carole Wilson 9869 1036. Come and see.

WOLLONGONG LENTEN PROGRAM

If you would like to purchase a PDF copy, simply email to orders@dow.org.au or go online to <http://www.dowshop.org.au/>

READERS REQUIRED

We currently have a vacancy for a reader at both the 10am and 6pm masses of a Sunday. This involves reading about once every six weeks. We provide support to assist new readers if required. If you are interested in discussing or assisting with this important Ministry please call Barry Buffier on 0439034629.

SAINT PETER CHANEL—ALTAR FLOWERS MINISTRY

Would you like to join us by giving glory to God through beauty by joining our flower arrangement roster? We beautify our altar and church with flower arrangements using our various talents in creativity and practicality as well as our availability. There are no specific requirements needed to partake in the flower ministry other than a willingness to contribute time and care. Rostered days are flexible, you simply need to arrange to swap days if you are unavailable on a rostered date. A roster will be finalised this week. Please send your contact details (name, mob/home no. & email address to Nikki Shannon theshannons@bigblue.net.au by Wednesday 1st March. More information contact : Adrienne Ryan 0408 070 408 or Nikki Shannon 0414 519 106.

AFTERNOON FOR COUPLES HOPING TO CONCEIVE

Married couples (Catholic or otherwise) who are hoping for children, struggling to conceive, or who wish to better understand what the Church offers and promotes in regard to fertility awareness and assistance are invited to an afternoon of information and discussion. It is also an important opportunity for fellowship with other couples facing similar difficulties. **WHERE** : Dooleys Waterview Club, Silverwater Rd. Silverwater. **WHEN** : Saturday 18 March 2017 2-4pm. Please direct RSVPs and inquiries to lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org or phone 9307 8403.

MEN'S DINNER ON 21st MARCH 2017 PARISH HALL 7PM FOR 7.30PM

Phillip Glendenning talking on "Refugee Advocacy".

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT REFLECTION MORNINGS

Third Wednesday of every month 10-1 pm. For family and friends who grieve and their companions. Understanding and managing life's changes in Loss, Grief & Bereavement. Morning tea provided. For further information please refer to the flyer attached or contact Bereavement Support 02 9646 6908. bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all for your prayers and support following the death of Kathleen Pyrmont. Annette Gillespie

ST JOSEPH'S CHAPEL OPEN

This Sunday 10.00am-4.00pm.

Father Paul Glynn sm will be available at the Chapel 2.30pm-4.00pm for conversation, prayers, Reconciliation.

The historic chapel is located in the grounds of Villa Maria Monastery.

Well Done...CONGRATS AND THANKS ZONE

BAPTISMS

Congratulations and a very warm welcome to **Ivy Milburn, Charles Sambrook, Jakob Irecki, Sergio Avery, & Phoenix Kovacic** all of whom will be baptised into our Christian community this weekend.

JOAN BAUTOVICH

Over many years, Joan has been the eyes and ears of our parish, looking out for the welfare of everything to do with St Peter Chanel Church. She and George have now moved house, so it is timely to thank her especially and George too for their unfailingly generous stewardship of our Church. We have been well and truly blessed by you and pray a heartfelt blessing for you.

POINT TO PONDER

Critical intelligence is the gift God gave humanity. To use it in the cause of human dignity and insight is one of the great ways of serving God. When faith suppresses questions, it dies, when it accepts superficial answers, it withers. Faith is not opposed to doubt. What it is opposed to is the shallow certainty that what we understand is all there is.

Rabbi Jonathon Sacks

Villa Maria Primary School

Principal: Mr. Kevin Turner
Phone: 98796100
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Villa Maria Open Day

Thursday 9 March
9.00 am – 11.00am

Enrolments for 2018

Enrolments begin
Tuesday 8 March.

Marist Sisters' College

Principal: Dr Anne Ireland
Ph: 9816 2041
<http://www.mscw.nsw.edu>



St Josephs' College

Principal: Mr Ross Tarlinton
Mark Street, Hunters Hill, NSW
2110

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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 & Bebe Abdulah**



OUR ELDERLY PARISHIONERS

We keep in our prayers our elderly parishioners, especially those who are suffering ongoing ill-health. We remember too those for whom loneliness is a daily companion.

May we listen out for them and respond to their needs whenever we can.

Coming Soon

**Confirmation Registration now open until 22 March
Pastoral Council Election 4-8 March**

This Week... Scripture Zone

First Reading:

Genesis 2:7-9 3:1-7

The reading reminds us of our innate or inherited tendency to undervalue our relationship with our Creator in favour of inordinate love of self and self-will. We need salvation.

Response :

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading:

Romans 5:12-19

Sin entered the world through one man, Adam. Healing, forgiveness and redemption are offered to us in God's incarnate son, Jesus the Christ.

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:

Matthew 4:1-11

The devil is portrayed as using God's good creation and God's word in his attempt to lead Jesus astray. Jesus is shown as using God's word properly understood to reject the tempter.

Next week: First Reading : Genesis 12:1-4

Second Reading : 2 Timothy 1:8-10

Gospel Reading : Matthew 17:1-9



A PARISH OF THE MARIST FATHERS

PARISH OFFICE:

3A Mary Street.
Hours: 9.00am – 5.00pm, Mon-Fri
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FAX: 9817 4615.
EMAIL: villamar@bigpond.net.au

Web: www.hnom.com.au

Facebook: Holy Name of Mary Parish

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:

Ann Freeman

ann.freeman@syd.catholic.edu.au

Parish Pastoral Council Secretary:

Michael Brooks:

Michael.Brooks@infrahealth.nsw.gov.au

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 14 March, 4 April, 9 May, 13
June, 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

Altar Society: Jane Keneally 0419221185.

Joan Bautovich 0402 275 105

RCIA: Janet Greene 9879 6515

Cleaners: HNM Mike Burfitt 9879 4197

SPC Claire Glase 0418 668 486

Readers HNM: Barry Buffier 9817 8805

Readers SPC: Mark Volpato 9816 4431

Children's Liturgy Hnom:

Marie O'Donovan 0408 226 393

SPC: Tee Davies 0407 827 957

St Vincent De Paul: Tony Aduckiewicz
0411 641 895

Men's Group: Clinton McDonald

0450021011 Gerardo D'Angelo 0418 294 063

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

Welcomers' Coordinator:

Rob Turnbull, 0431 290 714

Family Faith Educator: Marea De Angelis
Ph: 0419 448 201

Atrium of the Good Shepherd : Corinne
Korkor 0448 440 592

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.