

HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH HUNTERS HILL ST PETER CHANEL WOOLWICH



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

20 May 2018

PENTECOST SUNDAY

THE FACES OF THE CHURCH 5

Calendar

May

- 20 **Pentecost Sunday**
- 22 **Confirmation Prep Session 2**
Parish Hall 7.00pm
- 24 **Parish Finance Committee Meeting** Parish House 6.00pm
- 27 **Ministry Leaders & Safeguarding Support Officers meet**
Chapter Hall 11.00 am
- 29 **Confirmation Prep Session 3**
Parish Hall 7.00pm

June

- 1 **Monthly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** HNM 7.00am-9.00am
- 1 **Confirmation Retreat Day**
- 2 **Marist Mission Centre Appeal**
All Masses this weekend.
- 4,7&8 **Confirmation Ceremonies**
HNM 6.30pm
- 12 **Baptism Prep**
Chapter Hall 7.30pm
- 13 **Men's Group Dinner** Parish Hall 7.00pm

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Rather than looking first at the Church "out there", we can look inwards and realise that every time we come to prayer, in our most private moments, we act in the name of the Church. Our most secret prayers take their place as part of the prayer of the whole Church. As members of the Body of Christ, the grace that is ours through baptism is the same grace which energises the whole Church. When I pray, the Church prays, and in that moment I am never alone.

Praying with me is that great Communion of Saints, including those people I have known and loved who are now with God. Praying with me are my sisters and brothers all around the world.

To express this communion with each other, we pray as families and name for each other, our faith in Jesus' presence among us. Similarly, we gather with larger groups of our fellow believers and express our common faith and share our common language and rituals.

The Sacraments, born of the Spirit's inspiration and our own reflection on the most significant transition moments in our lives, provide a shared expression of our faith in the sacredness of life as Jesus has revealed to us. Our private and public prayer nourish and complement each other. The Church prays in solemn ritual, in song, dance, words and silence.

Precious in our spiritual tradition is the practice of silent, wordless prayer, the prayer of contemplation in which our hearts become still in the presence of the great mystery of God's Love. Rather than being our own work, real prayer can only be received as a gift, and here becomes the source of our Communion with God and each other.

THE CHURCH WITH SPIRIT

Speaking of gifts, the Church comes to birth at Pentecost when the gift of the Holy Spirit breathes through the Disciples for the first time.

Fear and timidity are replaced by courage. The very human tendency to seek vengeance is replaced by mercy and the readiness to embrace the Cross on behalf of the world. The need to be in control is replaced by a surrender to Love, however Love calls to us. The need to succeed is replaced by a gift of joy, joy even in the smallest events of the day where God may be reaching out to us. This Spirit impels us to mission, not in order to convert, manipulate or dominate, but to a mission in which Love is made simply present and available to all who seek her.

Imbued with this Spirit, the Church becomes a healing presence and is never afraid to be among the most abandoned, forgotten and seemingly hopeless. Mercy and healing break through and show the tender face of God to those who feel furthest from God's reach.

Alive with this Holy Spirit, the Church commits itself to act for justice, especially where injustice holds sway. In this, the Church is not afraid of getting its hands dirty, risking unpopularity, ridicule or even persecution.

Attentive to the presence of the Spirit, the Church realises that it is not an end in itself but is rather the unique vehicle God has chosen to make known the presence of the Divine in every part of the human and cosmic story.

Being human, we are always needing to grow more faithful to the mission entrusted to us by the Spirit. Challenged by the Holy Spirit, the Church is always laid open to deeper truth, integrity and holiness.

Through our baptism, we are all responsible for breathing this Spirit into our world and playing our part in the Church's mission. May this Pentecost be a refreshment for each of us as we respond anew to Love's call.

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: **Tom Roche**



PARISH LETTER DROP

Once again this year the Parish Pastoral Council has prepared a letter to be delivered to a number of streets in our area. It's simply a way of greeting our neighbours and letting them know that they are in our prayers and we are mindful of them. If you are interested and able to take part in the letter-drop, please contact Matt Fehon on 0402 130 769.

VILLA MARIA STAFF ON THE CAMINO

During the recent school holiday's ten staff from Villa Maria, husbands and friends travelled to Spain to walk 200kms of the Camino.

It was both a physical challenge and a spiritual journey as we walked and talked with other "Pilgrims" along the country roads and tracks of rural Spain. Each day brought new experiences and aches and pains as

we walked from Astorga to Santiago. The warmth of the Spanish people, sights, food and scenery that we experienced along the way made this truly a remarkable journey.

To say that this experience was life changing is an understatement. To walk in the footsteps of St James and the thousands of "Pilgrims" who have travelled the same well-worn path was an experience to truly walk with God.

In our lives there are many "Bucket List" moments that we hope to experience and tick off. This truly was one of those moments and one that will last with us for a lifetime.



OUR PARISH SCHOOL TURNS 150!

Villa Maria Primary school is very excited to be celebrating 150 years of Catholic education in Hunters Hill and we warmly invite our Parish community to get involved.

Our major celebration event will be later in the year and in preparation we are reaching out hoping to make contact with everyone who has had any connection with our school in the past. We want to locate as many ex-students as we can. Do you have your old school photos or perhaps you still have your old Villa Maria school uniform? We'd love to hear from you. Either way please get in touch so we can ensure you're on our invitation list for our special event. Contact Deborah Khoury 0409 719 443 or email at deborah@greengrass.com.au

PRAYERS FOR MR KEVIN TURNER

Kevin, Principal at Villa Maria School is taking medical leave for the rest of term 2. Please keep him in your prayers as he faces surgery and a lengthy recovery.

WALK WITH CHRIST 3 June

All are invited to participate in this year's Walk With Christ Eucharistic Procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday 3 June 2018.

Participants will gather at the corner of Pitt St and Martin Place in the CBD at 2:30pm. The procession will follow the Blessed Sacrament through the Sydney CBD, finishing at the St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt with Adoration and Benediction.

The procession will help mark the 200th anniversary of a little known, but most heroic and faith-filled time in the history of the Australian Church. In 1818, the Government forcibly removed the only Catholic priest in Australia, Fr Jeremiah O'Flynn, from Sydney. Fr O'Flynn's last pastoral act was to leave the Blessed Sacrament reserved in a faithful Catholic's home near the site of St Patrick's Church, Church Hill, so that the colonists and prisoners could come to adore Christ present there. For two years, the Blessed Sacrament, in this lay Sydney home, was the source and centre of worship and consolation for the priestless Catholics of the Australian colony.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

Our CWF is on this weekend of 19th & 20th May. Please give generously as this appeal helps with charitable organizations within the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. This appeal is 100% tax deductible. In addition, your donation will help the parish reach our required quota for this appeal.

JOUBERT SINGERS CELEBRATING 25 YEARS IN 2018

Celebrate with us at three concerts in 2018 as we perform a selection of works from the last 25 years

Beller Voix—Sunday 27 May 2.30pm

at Gladesville-Boronia Park Uniting Church 93 Pittwater Rd. Boronia Park

\$30 per ticket/ \$25 concession

Silver Jubilee—Sunday 23 September 2.30m at Villa Maria Catholic Church, 1 Mary St. Hunters Hill

\$30 per ticket/\$25 concession

An Australian Christmas—Sunday 9 December 2.30pm at Villa Maria Catholic Church 1 Mary St. Hunters Hill

For more information or bookings : joubertsingers@gmail.com

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FINANCIAL YEAR 2018-2019

If you wish to receive a box of envelopes for the coming financial year please ring the parish office on 9817 5325. These attract 25% tax deductibility.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 Listening for the Spirit

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future.

To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question:

"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"

Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website now online:

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Our parish response will include a series of "conversation homilies" to be held over the next two months. Details soon.

Well Done...*CONGRATS AND THANKS* ZONE

BAPTISMS

Congratulations and a very warm welcome to **Harrison Sauer, Sofia Sassano, Ava Markovic & Saskia Halliwell** all of whom will be baptized into our Christian community this weekend.

CHURCH CLEANERS

We've mentioned them now and then before but why not again! Our Church Cleaners serve the parish with extraordinary generosity in all weathers, to make sure our Churches are kept in good order. No one sees them in action, but in action each week they are! We pray a heartfelt blessing on them all once again. If you have the time and feel able to assist them, just call Mike on 9879 4197 or Claire on 0418 668 486.

POINT TO PONDER

I sit down Lord,
to watch television,
to write an email, text or trawl Facebook,
to mend clothes,
to rest my feet,
to listen to music,
to read the news,
to shut my eyes and forget.

You sit down Lord
to wait for me to be ready for you.
Help me among other things for which I sit,
to remember you waiting for me.

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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, Judy Craig, Monica Carroll, Lina Gullotta, Janet Greene and Lisa.

BRYAN SIDGREAVES

Bryan underwent serious back surgery this week. We pray for him during what may well be a difficult and lengthy recovery.

THE RESTLESS SUFFERING WORLD

This week it's Gaza, then it will be Syria's turn, then Yemen.

Kenya has been hit by floods, collapsing dams and great loss of life.

Much of Cameroon is in the grip of largely unreported violence in which Christians especially are at great risk.

And so it goes. May the Spirit of Pentecost break through the cracks in our broken families and nations.

Coming Soon

CONFIRMATION PREP PROGRAM See Calendar on p.1 for details

This Week... *Scripture Zone*

First Reading:

**Acts of the Apostles
2:1-11**

While the account of the Pentecost event itself is very brief, our reading today focuses more on the response of those who witnessed this event. What is our response to the Spirit?

Response

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.
Alleluia!

**Second Reading :
Galatians 5:16-25**

Paul urges the Christian communities of Galatia to be guided and led by the Spirit. For Paul, living a Spirit filled life means freedom. Paul lists for the Galatians what the Spirit brings—what we know today as the Fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading:
John 15:26-27; 16:12-15**

In this reading, Jesus teaches his disciples about the coming of the Spirit. The Spirit stands beside them and enables them to be witnesses. As witnesses, we will be led to the truth.

*Next week: First Reading : Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40
Second Reading : Romans 8:14-17
Gospel Reading : Matthew 28:16-20*



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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:

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BAPTISM:

By arrangement. Parents please contact the presbytery to book & arrange to attend the Baptism Prep Program

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENINGS

COMING UP:

Tuesdays 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 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 Parish Hall. Elsa Hietbrink 0422 237 356
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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.