

22 MAY 2022

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Year C



MONTHLY

1st Friday

Adoration

7:30-9am HNOM

1st Friday

Twiddle Muffs

Chapter Hall 9:30am

1st Saturday

Anointing Mass

HNOM 8am

2nd Saturday Marish Laity

Chapter Hall 9-10:30am

MAY

22 Fr Kevin's 50th Celebration

10am HNOM Mass

26 Confirmation Parent Reflection Evening

7:30pm Parish Hall

30 Confirmation Program Begins

10am HNOM Mass

PEEPING THROUGH THE CLOUD

Many conversations recently have turned to the state of the world and the concern we feel about the future. More than one person has expressed the feeling that we are sitting under a big cloud that seems to be covering every aspect of our lives.

Some young friends have spoken of their fears around climate change and the perceived lack of political will to address this challenge and the impact this will have on their futures. Others feel surrounded by the pandemic and its effect on their personal, family and social lives.

Our ongoing inconsistent and often cruel treatment of people seeking asylum here is cause for shame and frustration for many. Recent, secretive releases of some long-term detainees as the election campaign got underway, underlies their disillusion.

The lack of an aboriginal voice in the affairs of the nation and the inordinately high rate of incarceration of aboriginal people speaks of a society which either doesn't care or doesn't know how to engage with cultures different from its own dominant culture.

Suicide rates among young people and among returned service men and women cause great concern and little yet has emerged that is addressing this tragedy in practical ways.

When we mention the election, we hear the voices of disillusionment with the quality of debate and the lack of depth in policy statements which seem geared to winning popular votes rather than realistically addressing the needs of our society.

Recent legislation in NSW regarding euthanasia is a cause of great sadness for many, leaving them to wonder about the safety of the sick and elderly and more broadly our society's moral fibre which seems in need of repair.

La Nina has played her role too with the constant rain we've received and the floods that have so damaged many people's lives.

More broadly, conflicts such as the war in Ukraine have battered our spirits and left us wondering what risks of wider warfare are not far away.

It's been pretty hard to peep through the cloud with which many are struggling.

And still we are celebrating the Easter season and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. As we celebrate, we have a role in addressing all of these troubling issues.

Moved by the Spirit, who as St Paul says, always comes to help us in our weakness, we can raise our voices in prayer, dialogue and social action to bring hope and healing to a world so beleaguered and uncertain about its future.

The Risen Jesus is the ultimate sign of this hope for the whole world and through our encounter with him, we enable his presence in the most unlikely places, in forums where his voice most needs to be heard and heeded. Pope Francis is constantly calling us to prayer and action in the face of the injustice and dangers to human dignity that accompany us.

It's a great shame if we find ourselves too busy to hear and respond.

Our local community is celebrating the gift of priesthood as I come to the 50th anniversary of my ordination as a priest. It's a good opportunity to remind ourselves of the priesthood that we all share as baptised members of the Body of Christ, and that none of us is incapable of playing our role in the priestly mission of the Church, whatever our circumstances.

Starting with our own prayer, we can raise our voices and play a prophetic role in shaping a more just, free and noble society. Some of us will be able to go further and give ourselves to action which will impact the world so in need of our touch.

Jesus in rising from the dead calls us forward beyond our fears and uncertainties, assuring us that through his Spirit he will be with us at every turn. In the face of such love, that enveloping cloud does not need to be the end of everything!

Father Kevin

What's on?

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS Let the celebrations begin!

Father Kevin

This weekend we are celebrating with Fr Kev to recognise his Golden Jubilee and celebrate the 50th anniversary of his ordination.



We, as a Parish would like to say a huge Thank You to Father Kevin for his extraordinary contribution over the past fourteen years, to our community here at Holy Name of Mary and St Peter Chanel. You have been our Parish Priest, our spiritual guide, our mentor, our friend and our resident Geelong supporter!

We are delighted that we can celebrate with you this weekend and we wish you good health, happiness and many years of writing and making music.



There are a series of events organised for *Friday, Saturday* and *Sunday*. We hope you will be able to join us for one or all of these. *See the table below*.

Father Brian

In June we also have Fr Brian's Golden Jubilee and will let you know more detail on this closer to the date.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

In June we will be running our SVDP Winter Appeal the weekend of 25th and 26th June

EXTRA CARE WITH COVID

Can we please remind everyone to be extra vigilant with hand sanitising, mask wearing and wiping the pews after Mass? We also wish that you approach the altar for Communion in single file and social distance.

FIRST AID COURSE

Rev Michael Armstrong, Rector, Anglican Parish of Hunters Hill has extended an invitation to join with other members of the local community to attend a first aid course. Please see his note.

"...we have arranged an on-site training course for Saturday 4th June from 10am to 1pm in All Saints' Hall – here is the course being offered -

https://www.firstaidcoach.com.a u/first-aid-course/

The cost is currently \$110.00pp, but if we have more numbers this cost reduces. Hence my email, as we'd love to open this to your congregations – happy for anyone to be involved, even if seeking to obtain for their work or other need.

There is some online material that needs to be done in advance of the course (they say about an hour or two depending on your technological ability), and then the course on the day is "hands-on".

We require people to register at least 7 days before the event

with their name, email address and a phone number to our Parish Office: office@aphh.com.au. After Registration closes we can confirm the final cost per person and will send a link to each person for payment in advance, and also the online link will be sent for competition prior to the course on the day. Blessings!

Rev Michael Armstrong, Office: +61298172167

MARIST LAITY

The Marist Laity Group will be having Rosary in the garden of the presbytery 28 Saturday May after 8am mass.

NEW LAYOUT

We are making some slight adjustments to the bulletin, by adding the weekend scriptures in full on page 3. We hope you find it helpful.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

We are currently seeking someone who could work 3days/wk at the Polding Centre.

Office Manager, Maternity Leave Position. May 2022 start.

Tuesday-Thursday

To apply please email your resume to cwlsydney@sydneycatholic.org (02) 9307 8383. Office hours are 9am-4pm Tuesday-Thursday

RETREAT DAY LET THE FIRE FALL

Jesus, Light of the World Communities are holding a retreat day, Saturday 4 June 2022, 9am - 4.30pm Guest Speakers: Marina George & Ron Maldigri.

Where: St Joseph's Parish Hall, Parker St, Rockdale Bookings essential:

Enquiries: Phone Helen on 0433 455 114 or Ida 0424 267 500

* Lunch will be served *

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Our Lady Help of Christians Australia's Patron Saint May 24th

We continue our tribute to Mary in this month of May.



The Virgin Mary has often been invoked in times of religious strife under the title of Help of Christians. In thanksgiving for the release of Pope Pius VII from captivity in 1814, the feast was established the following year on the anniversary of his restoration.

No priests were sent to the colony of Australia in its early days and Mass was not allowed, except for one brief year, until 1820. It was largely the Rosary that kept the faith alive. Catholic Australia remained faithful to Mary and was the first nation to choose her under the title Help of Christians, as principal Patroness.

The first Australian provincial synod held in Sydney in 1844 placed the Church in Australia under Mary's patronage invoked by the title Help of Christians. The solemn feast is an occasion to seek Mary's help and protection for our Church and nation.

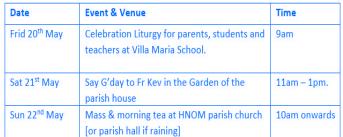
In the Opening Prayer for Our Lady Help of Christians, the Church prays that through Our Lady's intercession God will "grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens", so that "under her protection Australia may be granted harmony, justice and peace". Sources:

2022 Daily Mass Book, Liturgy Brisbane, pg399

Busselton Catholic Parish https://www.siparish.org.au/post/may-24our-ladv-mary-help-of-christians

CHILD SAFETY— OUR SPECIAL PRIORITY





Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguarding-enquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

WELCOME

BAPTISMS:

Congratulations and a very warm welcome to Seirsha Cadd, Percy Clark, Bode Roberts, Olivia El-Hachem, Audrey Alice, Valentino and Vincenza Puglia, Grace James, Arielle Beaumont, Mia George and Arabella Traill who will be baptised into our Christian community this weekend.

Pray for ... PRAYER ZONE

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

Leonie Hardman, Michael Foley, Kathleen Dolahenty, Janet Muscat, Andrew Gullotta, Suzanne Traill, Jill Caldwell, Valerie Grant, Catherine Keating, Carmel Walsh, Michelle Makin, Patrick Dowling, Colleen Hussin, and Mary Mann.

May They Rest in Peace

Last week we prayed for a little girl who was gravely ill, sadly little **Amelie Gutierrez**, passed away on Wednesday. We pray for her and her family at this very difficult time.

We also pray for Fr Paul Pearce and his family as they say goodbye to Fr Paul's father, **Ken Pearce**, who passed away last weekend.

This Week... SCRIPTURE ZONE

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/121921.cfm

First Reading Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you

Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

Response

Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us.

So will your ways be known upon earth

and all nations learn your saving help. **R.** Let the nations be glad and exult

for you rule the world with justice.

With fairness you rule the peoples,

you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing

till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

Second Reading Apoclypse 21:10-14, 22-23

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel or crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones. each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel John 14:23–29

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,

and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own; it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my

will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be trou-

bled or afraid.
You heard me say: I am going

away, and shall return.
If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father,

for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now, before it happens,

so that when it does happen you may believe.'

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Next Week: First Reading: Acts 1:1-11 Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23 Gospel Reading: Luke 24:46-53



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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

RECONCILIATON:

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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.

Parish Safeguarding Support Officers:

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BAPTISMS & PREP EVENINGS:

Please book online on the Sacraments tab, via our website www.hnom.com.au. Private baptisms by arrangement with the Parish

Office 9817

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENINGS:

Tuesday 12 April, 3 May, 14 June, 12 July, 9 Aug, 13 Sept, 11 Oct, 8 Nov, 14 Dec Parish Hall @ 7.30pm

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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.

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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.