

HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH HUNTERS HILL ST PETER CHANEL WOOLWICH



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

31 MAY 2020

PENTECOST YEAR A
A TAP ON THE SHOULDER

Calendar

MARCH

WEEKLY MASS AVAILABLE ON YOUTUBE

We will continue to have available a celebration of the Mass each weekend on YouTube.

We are presently considering extending this service even when we get to Stage 3 of the easing of restrictions;

Just go to:

bit.ly/hnomhuntershill
or search Holy Name of Mary Hunters Hill

and click on the appropriate Sunday's icon.

**PENTECOST SERVICE
OF ILLUMINATION
AVAILABLE ON
YOUTUBE. Details p.2**

WELCOME BACK FATHER PAUL

We are delighted to welcome Father Paul Pearce back to our parish team. You'll see him when you see the rest of us as the Churches begin to open more which we hope will be soon.

A little group of bewildered men, together with Mary and who knows who else, huddled together in a room for the comfort of one another's company and in fear of what lay beyond, is hardly an image that inspires hope. There's no social distancing here, just a small scrum of fear. The one who had brought them together and given them their identity was dead and gone. What was to become of them hardly bore thinking about. Somehow cutting through their fear, they felt a moment of alertness. Was it a gust of wind, a flickering of the candles on their table that seemed to burn brighter, a tap on the shoulder? The hopes that Jesus had generated in them were back on the table and calling to them once more. The Church was born and the Spirit that had tapped these people on the shoulder generated such joy and passion that here we are today celebrating them.

Years before, Mary had received a similar tap on her young shoulder and through her the unknowable God entered human history as a participant once Mary nodded her assent. Again and again through history, new directions have been embraced, communities created, movements formed under the breath of this overshadowing, shoulder-tapping Spirit.

We can recall stories of some great moments in the Church's history and marvel at them, admire those who responded to the Spirit's prompting and thank God for them. We think of the great saints and the quiet achievers who each responded with faith and generosity. We can note the cost involved for them, the sacrifices they made and the sufferings they endured so that the Spirit's purposes might be fulfilled through them. It seems that suffering becomes an inevitable companion when serious changes are needed.

In our time and in our part of the world, the Church as we know, is at a point of significant crisis. Profound cultural shifts over the past half century, the sexual abuse scandal, the Covid-19 pandemic, have all demanded a response from us. Far from a gentle tap on the shoulder, we have received an almighty nudge from another direction!

Our faith tells us that the Holy Spirit will never abandon us, that God will never cut us adrift. It seems that the Spirit has had to work a bit harder in our time in order for us to embrace the changes that will renew, heal and inspire us into the future.

The question for each one of us and for us as a community, is how we will respond to the tap on the shoulder that our present circumstances present to us. Some changes have been forced upon us such as government restrictions during the pandemic. Other changes will rely on our faith and imagination and our ability to listen with each other for what it is that this moment of our history requires.

The upcoming Plenary Council of the Australian Church is one vehicle that we hope will generate the creative listening that we need. Events such as this will have little value without the whole of our community coming together with a listening heart.

Along with this we need to be ready to pay the price for the changes the Spirit is calling us to make, as the apostles and saints had to do in their day. In our homes and parish gatherings, let's be alert through prayer, reading and good conversation with each other. Let's prepare ourselves to pay the price that important change requires, knowing that the same Spirit which overshadowed the Disciples at Pentecost is ours too, encouraging, inspiring and emboldening. May this Pentecost not pass us by and leave us bewildered, lost or disenfranchised. Rather may we be refreshed and enthused by that Spirit of Love who casts out all fear and who breathes hope and joy into the heart of the whole Church, and into each one of us. Father Kevin

What's on?

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR PARISH?

See if anyone in your pew knows the name of this Parish-ioner. His name next week. Last week's photo: Kathleen Lee



CHURCHES OPENING UP!

Thanks to a decision from the NSW State Government, announced on Thursday evening, From Tuesday 2 June, the daily 9.00 am Mass will re-commence at Holy Name of Mary Church with 8.00 am Mass on the Saturday.

Weekend Masses at both our Churches will re-commence at their normal times from the weekend of 6-7 June.

There is a maximum of 50 people allowed to be present at each Mass.

In order to comply with present regulations, if you wish to attend, you must book in at the parish office, giving your name, phone number, email address and the Mass you wish to attend.

Ph: 9817 5325/ 0415 049 923

Regulations state that if you are unwell, you must refrain from attending and wait until you are well enough.

The Government is preparing further guidelines with which we'll need to comply.



MYRA SINGS ALONG

Myra Edwards sings along with our online Mass last Sunday—her Hosannas joining voices all around the country!

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY ONLINE

The Catholic Weekly Digital Edition for issue 31 May 2020 is now available. Please click the link to view.



<https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/catholic-weekly-newspaper-online/>

CLEANING REQUIREMENTS WHEN PUBLIC MASSES RESUME

Once public Masses resume, we will be required to clean the seats and doorhandles after each Mass.

We envisage a team of 3 people rostered on for each of our five weekend Masses. We would also need to clean after each weekday Mass.

If you would like to offer your services please give your name and contact number to Catherine at the Parish Office: 9817 5325/0415 049 923.

PENTECOST SERVICE OF ILLUMINATION

Our parish and school communities have combined in creating a special online Celebration of Light to mark this Pentecost Sunday. It is an extra opportunity for you to stop, pray and reflect on this most important Feast Day, marking the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church.

Just click on the link: bit.ly/hnomillumination which will be available for viewing sometime this Friday evening, 29 May.



PARISH FINANCES

Thanks very much to those parishioners who have responded so generously with your contributions to the parish during this time.

CHILD SAFETY— OUR SPECIAL PRIORITY



Well Done...CONGRATS AND WELCOME ZONE

COME HOLY SPIRIT



POINT TO PONDER

Holy Spirit Lord of Light, from the clear celestial light,

Thy pure beaming radiance give.

.....Light immortal, light divine, visit thou these hearts of thine, And our inmost being fill.....

Thou of all consolers best, though the soul's delightful guest, Dost refreshing peace bestow.....

Thou in toil art comfort sweet, pleasant coolness in the heat, Solace in the midst of woe...

If thou take thy grace away, nothing pure in man would stay, All his good is turned to ill.....

Heal our wounds our strength renew, on our dryness pour thy dew, Wash the stain of guilt away.....

Bend the stubborn heart and will, melt the frozen, warm the chill, guide the steps that go astray.....

Give us comfort when we de, Give us life with thee on high, Give us joys that never end.

Excerpts from the Sequence for Pentecost.

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, Ron Hill, Catherine Keating, (Pauline Dowling's Mother,) and Eddie and Carmel Walsh (Ann Curtin's parents.)

ALL THE BAPTISED

We pray for the whole Church, all God's faithful people on this Pentecost Day.

In the light of the suffering the world faces through climate-generated events and the current pandemic, we pray that the breath of the Holy Spirit refresh, renew, enliven and comfort the hearts of all believers.

May God's faithful people in turn breathe a new Spirit of love and care for one another in every corner of the earth.

COMING SOON

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PROGRAM WILL BE ONLINE: DETAILS SOON.

This Week... Scripture Zone

First Reading:

Acts 2:1-11

They were filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

Response

Lord sent out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

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 20:19-23

As the Father send me, so I am sending you.

Receive the Holy Spirit...

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

*First Reading : Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9
Second Reading : 1 Corinthians 13, 11-13
Gospel Reading : John 3: 16-18*

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The College was really pleased to welcome all our students back to face to face learning this week . Our young ladies were certainly missed and it was so lovely to see their smiling faces and hear the chatter of voices around the College.



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

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Priests Assisting:

Fathers Aliko Langi SM, Ph: 0408 896 839

John Worthington SM, Paul Pidcock SM,

OAM, Paul Pearce sm, JP

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:

Tuesday 9 June, (if possible) 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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Villa Play Group: Tues 9:30-11:30am

Parish Hall. Mercedes Simola 0414 625 384

www.hnom.com.au/children

St Vincent De Paul: Tony Adukwicz 0411 641 895

Meditation Group: Gabrielle Woodcock, 9817 0097

Youth Group: Luana: 0426845053 or

Danielle: 0400 871 423

Young Adults Group: Nicholas Fearnley 0401 722 839

Aged Ministry : Margaret Gambley 9807 2160

Grief Support Group:

Cecilia Brungs: 0412 284 028

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David Macedone: 0412 049 895;

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Marist Laity Group: Cathy Gallo 9817 2959

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Mackun 0435 899 917, Ralph Fitzgerald 0412 230 626

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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.