

HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH HUNTERS HILL ST PETER CHANEL WOOLWICH



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

7 MAY 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Year A

Calendar

MAY

- 6** **Garden Rosary**
Saturday 9am
HNOM Church in
front of Chapter Hall
- 18** **Confirmation Parent
Reflection / Infor-
mation Evening**
Parish Hall 7pm
- 27/28** **Confirmation
Commitment Masses**
All Masses

WEEKLY

Monday
Meditation
Mon 7pm-7:45pm
Chapter Hall

Tuesday
Meditation
Tues 10-10:45am
Chapter Hall

Tuesday
Legion of Mary
5:30-7pm
Chapter Hall

Thursday
Scripture Group
2pm Meeting Room

Friday
Adoration
7:30-9am HNOM

MONTHLY

1st **Wednesday**
Fr Glynn Talk
9:50am HNOM

1st **Friday**
Twiddle Muffs
9:30am Chapter
Hall

1st **Saturday**
Anointing Mass
8am HNOM

2nd **Saturday**
Marist Laity
9-10:30am
Chapter Hall

EXTRACT FROM JOHN THORNHILL'S EMMAUS SERIES

During the Easter Season, the Church seeks a greater appreciation of all that the Saviour's Resurrection means for the human family. Christ's Resurrection is far more than his coming back to life. It is nothing less than the final achievement of God's work of creation.

It is God's intention that, ultimately, the whole human family, together with creation itself, shall be caught up in this great event.

To help us find a fuller understanding of this truth, the gospel reading of the Easter liturgies have been taken from the treasures of John's gospel. Today's reading takes us to the heart of this gospel's understanding of the Saviour and what he came to give the world.

The second reading, from the letter of Peter, serves as a splendid complement to our gospel reading. Peter describes the achievement of the Saviour in biblical terms - his words echo, no doubt, the first Christian preaching, as it presented the Risen Lord as the fulfilment of Old Testament hopes.

Peter refers to a verse of the processional psalm we met last week (Ps 118:22): 'The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men, but chosen by God', to become the 'keystone' of God's work.

This stone is proving a 'stumbling block' to unbelievers; but it is precious to God; and believers recognise in him the realisation of Israel's hopes.

Peter sums up these hopes in a series of biblical allusions. The Lord's promise to Moses on Sinai - 'Out of all peoples, you shall be my personal possession. For me you shall be a kingdom of priests, a holy nation' (Exod 19) - has now been fulfilled. United in the Risen Lord, believers are 'a chosen race, a royal priesthood' offering 'the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God'.

It is good to nourish our faith and hope in this way, from the long biblical tradition of God's dealings with his people. The gospel of John, however, brings us a presentation of what the Saviour can mean for us in a different key.

The great disciple of Jesus who inspired the deep meditations of this gospel appeals to themes that speak to the common experience of humanity. In today's gospel we meet several of such themes. As we ponder them, we should recall that the Saviour is portrayed in the fourth gospel, bathed, as it were, in a subtle light that is the expression of his risen glory.

What 'way' should our personal journey take us, if we are to avoid life's frustrations and disappointments? - Jesus assures us that 'in him' our journey will lead to authentic life - 'I am the Way'.

In a world filled with the voices of false hope and self-indulgence, where are we to find 'truth', a truth that we can 'see for ourselves'? - 'I am the Truth. To have seen me is to have seen the Father'.

Where shall we find the 'place' where a truly loving welcome brings an end to our seemingly endless wandering? - 'I shall take you to my Father's house'. And, in the end, what manner of 'life' may we look forward to? - Something that is beyond the imagining of the human heart, nothing less than sharing all things with God - 'I am in the Father and the Father is in me'.



Reflections of the late John Thornhill sm from his [Emmaus Series](#).

What's on?

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

If you would like to book your child into the Confirmation Program for this year, bookings are now open. Please go to our website www.hnom.com.au and select the "Sacraments" tab at the top of the homepage and select "Confirmation"

Parent Reflection/Information Evening will be held in the Parish Hall Thursday 18th May at 7pm.

Confirmation Commitment Mass will be held at all Masses 27th & 28th May

Information for all other Sacraments is also available on our website and registrations will open for these later in the year.

MARIST LAITY ROSARY IN THE GARDEN

The Marist Laity will be celebrating the mother Mary's month of May, with *Rosary in the Garden* on the lawn outside the Chapter Hall at 9am, Saturday May 6th, after the 8am Anointing Mass. The Ukulele Group will be there accompanying the celebrations. There will be prayers for all members of our Parish community and their families and all who presently are in need of prayers. There will also be a box for your own personal intentions. All are welcome. Come and join us for a cuppa.

2023 WALK WITH CHRIST

You are invited to participate in celebration of the feast of Corpus Christi, by attending the 2023 Walk with Christ Eucharistic procession throughout the streets of Sydney. The walk will take place on **Sunday 11th June commencing at 2:30pm** from the corner of Pitt St and Martin Pl. It will be preceded by a Festival in Martin Pl commencing at 1pm. For more information, go to the link below.

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/about-us/archdiocesan-events/walk-with-christ/>

GUESS WHO???

Look carefully at the photo below — there are two people you



should recognise!

Taken in Fiji, some time ago, Fr Brian met with Prince/King

JRS DONATIONS

Jesuit Refugee Service are collecting now for their clients. If you have any non-perishable food items—tinned goods, oil, rice, pasta, toothpaste, etc., please deliver them to the Parish Office. Thank you.

SISTER FIDELIS

The following items are needed. Please drop at Parish Office.

Men's Toiletries, men's warm casual clothes, men's shoes and backpacks/roller luggage.

Dear Parish Volunteers

The work you do for all of us, is at the very heart of our parish life and Fr Aliko and I are grateful for your generosity.

For many of us who are volunteers, safeguarding requirements can occasionally be time consuming, but they are very important.

Linda Power is our Safeguarding officer has done a wonderful job over the past months updating our lists. I know that when she sends you or me a message and asks us for information we will respond promptly. *Fr Brian*

CHILD SAFETY— OUR SPECIAL PRIORITY



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The nomination period for the election of a new Parish Pastoral Council is still open. You are encouraged to consider suitable candidates. We approach the election prayerfully and with the good of the parish community in mind. Nomination forms are available at the back of the Church and the timeline appears below.

Fr Brian

PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTION TIMELINE

14 May: Nominations due

16 May: 'Come and See' evening for nominees, Parish Hall 7.30pm

20/21 May: Voting forms distributed.

31 May: Voting closes.

3 /4 June: New Council announced

17 June: Orientation session for new Council (9-1pm)

22 June: First meeting of new Council.

25 June: Commissioning Mass for new Council HNM 10.00am

CWF APPEAL 6th/7th MAY



The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) May 2023 Appeal will be happening on **6 and 7 May** and we need your help.

Please keep alive the vital ministries of the Church in service to those who need it most.

In hospitals, churches, schools, communities and families, your donation is making our world a loving, caring and compassionate place.

Give generously. **Your tax-deductible gift changes lives.**

Thank you!

Donate at www.ourfaithourworks/give-to-cwf, complete the parish envelope or scan the QR code below.

All donations contribute to our Parish target.



ST PETER CHANEL—APRIL 28

Anyone who has worked in loneliness, with great adaptation required and with little apparent success, will find a kindred spirit in Peter Chanel.

As a young priest he revived a parish in a "bad" district by the simple method of showing great devotion to the sick. Wanting to be a missionary, he joined the Society of Mary (Marists) at twenty-eight. Obediently he taught in the seminary for five years. Then, as superior of seven Marists, he travelled to Western Oceania where he was entrusted with a vicariate. The bishop accompanying the missionaries left Peter and a brother on Futuna Island, north east of Fiji, promising to return in six months. He was gone five years.

Meanwhile Peter struggled with this new language and mastered it, making the difficult adjustment to life with whalers, traders and warring natives. Despite little apparent success and severe want, he maintained a serene and gentle spirit and endless patience and courage. A few natives had been baptised, a few more were being instructed. When the chieftain's son asked to be baptised, persecution by the chief reached a climax. Fr Chanel was clubbed to death, his body cut to pieces.

Within two years after his death, the whole island became Catholic and has remained so. Peter Chanel is the first martyr of Oceania and its patron.

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.

BAPTISMS:

Congratulations and a very warm welcome to **Huxlee Hexton, Eli Simes, Dominic Biviano and Rosa Lombardo** 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:

Pat Dangar, Bishop Peter Ingham, Lilian Hakim, B McNamara, Shirley Baker, Joe Bannon, Janet Muscat, Andrew Gullotta, Suzanne Traill, Valerie Grant, Catherine Keating, Carmel Walsh, Michelle Makin, Colleen Hussin.

**Rest in Peace**

We pray for **Elaine Leong** and her family, after her husband **James (Jimmy) Leong**, passed away peacefully last Sunday night. His funeral will be held at

All Souls Chapel, Rookwood Cemetery at 11am Wednesday 10th May.

We also hold in our prayers **Paul Trainor** and his family after the passing of his mother, **Anne**, and also **Matthew Hall** and his family. Matthew passed away in Melbourne, aged 55.

This Week... SCRIPTURE ZONE**First Reading****Acts 6:1-7**

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.'

The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19**

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R.**

For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Second Reading**Peter 2:4-9**

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for

you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Alleluia!

Gospel**John 14:1-12**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you.

I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the

Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?' Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

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Next Week:

First Reading : Acts 8:5-8,14-17

Second Reading : Peter 3:15-18

Gospel Reading : John 14:23



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CATHOLIC WEEKLY LINK

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

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:

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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 Officer:

Linda Power:

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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:

14 Feb, 14 Mar, 11 Apr, 9 May, 13 June, in Parish 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:

Tom Roche, contact Parish Office 9817-5325

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Villa Play Group: Tues 9:30-11:30am

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www.hnom.com.au/children

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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.