

HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH HUNTERS HILL ST PETER CHANEL WOOLWICH



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

10 NOVEMBER

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

SEEKING INTEGRITY

Calendar

NOVEMBER

9 **Marist Laity Meeting** 9.00am

9 **Babaayn Event Gerringong**
Social Justice Group

16 **Mass of the Little Angels**
HNM 8.00 am

16 **Regional Twilight Retreat**
Preparing for Plenary Council 2020, Parish Hall and Grounds

20 & 21

First Reconciliation Ceremonies
HNM 6.30pm

22 **OASIS Yr 5-6 Youth Group**
Parish Hall 6.00pm

30 **Camp Runamuck** (For Fathers and Children, Villa Maria Monastery Grounds)

30-1 **Dec. Catholic Mission Appeal**
All Masses

DECEMBER

3 **Men's Group Dinner** Parish Hall 7.00pm

7-8 **Vinnies Christmas Appeal** All Masses

In the first Chapter of John's Gospel, we meet the disciple Nathanael, whom Jesus describes as "a man in whom there is no deceit." Jn 1.47. This came about after Nathanael was called to conversion himself when he met Jesus. We sense that Nathanael grew to be a person of clear mind and clean heart, someone who is who he says he is with no if's or but's that would compromise or diminish his integrity. Encouragingly for us, he seems to have reached this point only after a struggle!

We all dream of achieving such a singleness of purpose, clarity of vision and the integrity to be who we say we are. Human nature being what it is, original sin rears its head if you like, and we ever so easily hedge our bets. We trim a little integrity off here or there, delaying a step into the unknown which would require greater transparency from us, hiding a bit of our past which shows us in a less admirable light or telling ourselves that all is well in our heart when we know that healing and wholeness are some way off.

We are pulled up short when we encounter someone whose integrity shines through. We see in them a certain simplicity, an innocence, an openness. Sometimes innocence is a form of ignorance, born of lack of experience or understanding. The innocence that accompanies integrity on the other hand is wise, alert, intelligent and aware of the movements of the human heart.

There is a sort of integrity that can be worn as a mask, and it is easy to see in others. We may spot it in politicians, business people, clergy, sales-people and so on. This integrity-mask is a tool that is designed to buy our trust, claim our business or get our vote. When the mask is taken away, trust is lost and game is over for the one wearing the mask. This mask is harder to see in ourselves!

Commonly enough our society takes dishonesty, corruption and spin as our normal currency to the point where these things become somehow acceptable and are subject to a resigned shoulder-shrug that says "What else can you expect?" In this climate, real integrity is too much of a challenge for many. People can't quite believe that such purity of heart can exist and so they respond by denying its existence or attacking the person who seems too good to be true.

False accusations, persecution, ridicule are all tools commonly used in an attempt to discredit the person of integrity. It's often written that the gospel call to purity of heart, or integrity, is too much to ask of us and that is why the gospel has never really been tried successfully!

We look to family members or members of our church community for examples of this gospel quality. We see it in our saints, some more than others, for we are aware that the saints too had their foibles and struggles with sinfulness. We look in the mirror and seek the signs of integrity within ourselves, so often buffeted by glimpses of our inconsistencies, prejudices, fears and the knowledge of past failures.

It's here that we know the need for God's grace and that in God's company alone integrity may blossom and grow within us. It's here, in coming to terms with our own frailties, we are able to throw ourselves into the arms of God's mercy and lay all our compromises and imperfections open to conversion. It's here that anxiety becomes a thing of the past, the fear born of our sinful self is replaced by trust in the working of God's great grace.

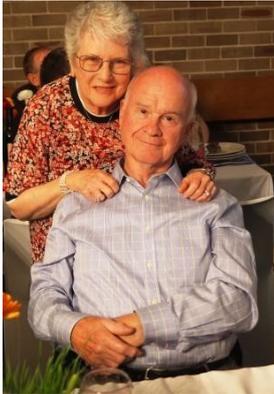
May we grow as Nathanael did as people in whom integrity shines out. We pray for this grace for our parish and the church at large and for a world that still seems out of its depth when confronted by the sight of this essential virtue.

Father Kevin

What's on?

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR PARISH?

See if anyone in your pew knows the name of this lovely couple. Their names next week. Last Week's photo Steve Gardiner



PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 RETREAT

Our parish is hosting a regional retreat afternoon on Saturday 16 November, 2.30-5.30pm followed by Mass.

Venue: Parish Hall
The retreat speaker is Marist Brother Graham Neist.

The retreat is organised by the office for the Plenary Council 2020 under the leadership of Bishop Terry Brady. All Welcome

MEN'S GROUP 5TH DECEMBER 2019

Chris Hancock is our speaker, and is Deputy Executive Chairman of Robert Oatley Vineyards, and the only living Honorary Master of Wine. Join us on Thursday 5th December 2019 at 7pm for our Christmas Men's Group Dinner and hear our speaker Chris Hancock

Cost : \$30

MARIST LAITY MEETING

Marist Laity Meeting Saturday 9th November 9am to 11am at the Chapter Hall.

CHILD SAFETY—OUR SPECIAL PRIORITY



JACK RYAN ON MISSION TO THE PHILIPPINES

Jack Ryan, a Year 10 student at St Aloysius College is embarking on an Immersion to the Phillipines in December. He will be building houses for and serving people who are on the margins of society to hopefully gain an insight into the struggles of many and to learn from them. All students are expected to raise funds to purchase building and educational supplies and he seeks the support of the parish to assist him on his journey and will speak at the 10am Mass on Sunday 10/11/2019. There will be bis-

cuits for sale after Mass to help Jack's fund-raising efforts.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND 10TH NOVEMBER 2019

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal will run this weekend and we need your help. The work of CWF's benefiting agencies represents our Christian values of mercy, social justice and compassion, giving your gift the power to change lives for the better.

There are envelopes for your use or alternatively, visit the CWF website to donate securely by credit card (please remember to include your nominated parish as this helps them too). Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. To find out more: 1800 753 959 or cwf@sydneycatholic.org

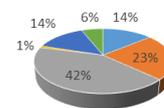
PARISH FINANCES

Our average parish collections for the past three months are:
First Collection: \$1600/wk Second Collection: \$1800/wk
Thank you all for your generous support for the parish.
The Parish Dinner raised a little over \$8,000.

Special thanks again to all our sponsors: Piccolina Hunters Hill, Sydney FC, OutBack Steakhouse, Oliveto Rhodes, Do It Outdoors Fitness, Elizabeth Bay Cellars, Chris Lewis Jewellers, Yoga by Tee, Woolwich Pier Hotel, The Alcott Lane Cove, Hunters Hill Hotel, Cav & Co, VMPS, Pilates by Alex and more.

Parish Financials: Sept Qtr 2019

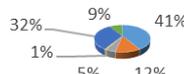
Income: \$114142.71



- Loose Collection
- Planned Giving & Envelopes
- Weddings & Parish Hall Hire
- Tap & Go machine
- CDF distribution /CCI rebate
- Other Income

Parish Financials - Sept Qtr 2019

Expenses: \$112587.77



- Staff Expenses
- Insurance
- School Capex
- Repairs & Maintenance
- Utilities
- Parish Operations

SYDNEY STREET FEAST—CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

On Friday November 15 the Archdiocese of Sydney is hosting the Sydney Street Feast in response to Pope Francis' call to celebrate an annual World Day of the Poor. You can volunteer by helping to serve meals and drinks, welcome guests and hopefully share a meal with people who are sleeping rough in Sydney please get in touch with Ruth at the Justice and Peace Office as soon as possible via email: jpinfo@sydneycatholic.org. We would need you to be available from 11am to 3pm at St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt.

GIFTS OF FAITH

This Christmas give a gift with faith at the Centre. The Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need has produced a Gift of Faith catalogue in support of suffering and persecuted Christians. Visit www.aidtochurch.org/GiftsofFaith or phone 1800 101 201. Order by 9 December to receive your Gift of Faith cards and envelopes in time for Christmas.

GRIEF CARE ZONE TELL ME YOUR STORY...



Telling or writing a story can be a way to feel, honour, reflect and say unsaid things, when used as a tool for navigating the grief experience.

Every time we tell a story, new meaning is created and shared. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross and David Kessler tell us that telling the story helps us to dissipate the pain. Telling your story often and in detail is primal to the grieving process. Grief must be witnessed to be healed. Grief shared is grief abated.

Resources:

Book - Challenging the landscape of Loss. Terence P Curley

Website: <https://hunterwriterscentre.org/grieve-project/>

Well Done... CONGRATS AND THANKS ZONE

Congratulations and a very warm welcome to **Arielle Salib & Lincoln Bolster** who will be baptized into our Christian community this weekend.

BERNADETTE AGOSTINO & FAMILY

We thank Bernadette, her family and team for the excellent meal at the Parish Dinner, provided under duress when the 20-year-old second hand oven in the hall decided it had had enough!

Bernadette is also assisting us greatly in arranging the purchase of a new oven for the hall.

On both these counts we thank her most sincerely.



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, Brian and Annette Sidgreaves, Bruno Fossati and Valerie Grant.

JUDY CRAIG

We pray especially for Judy who is quite unwell. Judy has been a gentle quiet presence in the parish for some years and has lived a life that has required great sacrifice and courage. We keep her in our hearts as she struggles with poor health.



POINT TO PONDER

John's Gospel

This is the Gospel of the primal light,
The first beginning and the fruitful end,
The soaring glory of an eagle's flight,
The quiet touch of a beloved friend.

This is the Gospel of our transformation,
Water to wine, and grain to living bread,
Blindness to sight and sorrow to elation,
And Lazarus himself back from the dead!

This is the Gospel of all inner meaning,
The heart of heaven opened to the earth,
A gentle friend on Jesus' bosom leaning,
And Nicodemus offered a new birth.

No need to search the heavens high above,
Come close with John, and feel the pulse of love.

Malcolm Guitte, Sounding the Seasons

Coming Soon

MASS OF THE LITTLE ANGELS HNM 16 November

PLENARY COUNCIL RETREAT 16 November

MEN'S GROUP DINNER 3 December

This Week... Scripture Zone

First Reading:

2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

Less than two centuries before the coming of Christ, the events of this reading depict a time of persecution for the people of God. It attests to the promise of eternal life offered to all who remain faithful to God.

Response

Lord, when your glory appears,
my joy will be full.
Alleluia !

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

Paul reminds us that the Lord is faithful and gives us strength and comfort even in the face of evil.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia,
Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;
Glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.
Alleluia !

Gospel Reading

Luke 20:27-38

Jesus responds to a group of Sadducees attempting to ridicule faith in the resurrection. Doing so, Jesus lifts our vision to take in something of the life giving nature of God.

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First Reading : Malachi 3:19-20
Second Reading : 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
Gospel Reading : Luke 21:5-19



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:

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John Worthington SM, Paul Pidcock SM,

OAM

Parish Secretary: Sylvia Gutierrez & Catherine Byrne

New or Returning Parishioners...

Please come along to the Parish Office for a warm welcome and to pick up a Parish Information Kit.

Associate Secretary: Maggie Mullane

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:

Tuesdays: 12 November, 10 December, 11

February. Wednesday 11 March, 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:

Marita Winters

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Parish Pastoral Council Secretary:

Carmen Pelling

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Parish Finance Committee:

Andrew Curtin 0423 123 995

Family Faith Educator: Marea De Angelis

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RCIA: Janet Greene 9879 6515

Counselling: Deborah Khoury 0409 719 443

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

Parish Hall. Mercedes Simola 0414 625 384

www.hnom.com.au/children

St Vincent De Paul: Paul Ladd 0468 355 753

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

Social Justice Group:

David Macedone: 0412 049 895;

Marnie Butler: 0413 004 702

Marist Laity Group: Cathy Gallo 9817 2959

Josiane Espinosa 9807 9199

Liturgy Group: Kia Mackun 0435 899 917

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SPC: Maria Goode: 0423 706 830

Altar Servers Coordinator:

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SPC: Tee Davies: 0407 827 957

Altar Society: Julia Cuming: 0412 031 451

Annette Hills: 0401 252 064

Cleaners:

HNM: Mike Burfitt: 9879 4197

SPC: Tracy Ferguson : 0408 324 611

Men's Group:

Clinton McDonald: 0419 646 311

Gerardo D'Angelo 0418 294 063

Inter-Church Council:

Richard Korkor 0410 431 022

Prayer Group: Maryanne Knoblanche

9816 2273/ 0403 170 061

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.