

HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH HUNTERS HILL ST PETER CHANEL WOOLWICH



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

12 November 2017

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

SHAPING OUR PARISH—RICHARD ATTRILL

Calendar

November

- 16 Anointing Mass** Chapter Hall 11.30am
- 18 Mass of the Little Angels** HNM 8.00 am
- 21 Baptism Prep Session** Chapter Hall 7.30pm
- 21 Liturgy Group Meeting,** Parish House 7.30pm
- 23 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** Parish Hall Meeting Room 7.30pm
- 24 Parish Dinner** Parish Hall from 7.00pm
- 25 Camp Runamuck** Villa Maria Monastery Grounds 5.30pm
- 29 & 30 First Reconciliation Ceremonies** HNM 6.30pm
- December**
- 1 La Paroisse Restaurant** Parish House 6.30pm

Dear All,

I received the following email this week in response to last week's story about our conversations at the Youth Mass the other week. It's a very thoughtful piece from our parishioner Richard Attrill and is too good not to share with you. I can hear a broader conversation emerging early in the new year which may answer some of the questions Richard raises and which we discussed at Mass the other evening. I invite you to reflect on Richard's piece and start engaging with the questions he raises with each other. Let's see what might emerge in terms of broader conversations into the new year and more fruitful, practical action. Father Kevin

Dear Father Kevin,

I hope you are well and want to share some thoughts inspired by your bulletin. On reading your reflections: "A lively conversation" after church at St Peter Chanel, this morning, this got me thinking.

The Parish, what do we want more of etc. I asked myself why I go to church? My colleagues either personally and professionally have asked me the same question- I have been in banking for 30 years! In the mad business world standing out saying one is a regular church goer sometime challenges people.

My response in the last 5 years since arriving in Australia is always the same. It is my time to reflect. How has the week gone? Have I been a good husband, father and friend, neighbour and colleague? What could I do better? Listen to the scriptures and try and take something out – like today – Mathew – "walking the talk" - In my current studies (masters in Psychology and coaching) I came across an expression that really resonates with me.

"The quality of our conversations determines the quality of our relationships- the quality of our relationships determines the quality of our families and communities..." –Are we talking and listening to our friends and neighbours? At work or home there are too many distractions? Church is one place one can truly reflect, and in my experience we don't do enough reflection and to some point sharing. I asked myself today in church, I wonder why everyone else comes. Reflection is 3 dimensional – Inward – outward and overtime.

The outward piece here is really important – the impact on others- And so I ponder, if we shared this, through you, why we come, we might inspire and help each other. Most services are delivered one way –the priest the readings and the congregation: "A priest up there and us down here" – however we are challenged to be part of a community- but we don't share. Now this takes a lot of trust which is founded on non- judgemental acceptance – and the ability to feel comfortable being vulnerable- so many great examples in New Testament of Jesus here! If we are truly to act and behave like a community perhaps we need to do this more- reflect and share? This is a modern-day challenge bearing in mind how we live in our homes.

I would be interested in why others come? We might be able to inspire, and help each more – if we knew? Imagine – if there was someone sitting a few rows in front of me – who was asking for help and guidance through prayer on something at home – that any number of people might be able to help with... isn't that a community? It could be something quite simple. If we helped one person each week – that's 52 happier families a year? and more from the sense of helping each other. These things don't need to be personal – they can be practical. Someone helping with something in a garden, helping fix something at home, giving someone a lift somewhere for an appointment- all normal neighbourly community stuff.

My thoughts, Thanks,

Richard Attrill

What's on?

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR PARISH?

See if anyone in your pew knows the name of this parishioner pictured below. Her name next week. Last week's photo: **Cathy Gallo**



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AGM

The final meeting of the Pastoral Council for this year also serves as the Annual General Meeting. Parishioners are very welcome to attend.

Parish Hall Meeting Room,
Thursday 23 November 7.30pm

LA PAROISSE RESTAURANT

Book in for a meal cooked by Father Kevin and meet some of your fellow parishioners. Bookings at the parish office. Our last date for the year is: 1 December, Parish House 6.30pm.

PRIEST-FREE ZONE!

Fathers Wills and Kevin will be away from this Sunday afternoon until Friday evening with other Marist Fathers on an annual retreat. Father Paul will be kindly looking after the weekday Masses during this time.

MASS OF THE LITTLE ANGELS

The annual Mass of the Little Angels, for people who have lost children, before, during or after birth by whatever means, will be on Saturday 18 November at Holy Name of Mary Church at 8.00 am

PARISH DINNER BOOKINGS & FUNDRAISING

Bookings are now open for the Parish Dinner which is on Friday 24 November.

You can book online through Trybooking:

YOUR TRYBOOKING LINK IS EITHER:

<https://www.trybooking.com/SEYU> or

<https://www.trybooking.com/319716>

These Links are now open and will close at Midnight Friday 17 November

Booking forms are also available at each Church and you can use these to book at the parish office.

As bookings for the Dinner close on Friday 17 November, please get your bookings in as soon as possible.

The parish is still repaying the \$500,000 loan we took out for Church Restoration Work at the rate of \$5000/month. The dinner is an important fund-raising event for this purpose.

If you, personally or through your company could donate items for auction at the dinner, that would be of real assistance.

Likewise, if you know of any local businesses who may contribute, please approach them or let us know at the parish office.

We estimate that we should have the debt paid off by this time next year.

ANOINTING MASS

The monthly Anointing Mass will be in the Chapter Hall this Thursday, 16 November at 11.30am. All Welcome.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

For registrations and enquiries within the Northern Deanery contact Anita on 0406607115 or anitabhogan@gmail.com

SCRIPTURE TEACHERS REQUIRED 2018

Next year we will be able to take Scripture classes for Years 7-10 at Hunters Hill High School. We are in need of volunteers who could take up this important ministry. We offer comprehensive training. We would need you for half an hour each Tuesday during school terms, from 8.45-9.15am. Please contact Rosalia at the parish office.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

Our CWF is on this weekend. 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.

CATHOLIC CARE

are marking **Responsible Gambling Awareness Week**. If you are concerned about yours or someone else's gambling, contact our team on 02 9509 1148 or email us confidentially on: gamblinghelp@catholiccare.org

POSITION VACANT

Sacramental Coordinator

Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Kingsgrove. Permanent part time position working 20 hrs per week. For further information please visit www.catholicjobsonline.com.au or by contacting Antony Spata, on 0402 210 005. Applications close 15/11/2017.

SHERIDAN ROCHE HONOURED

Sheridan and Tom Roche have been part of the parish since 1988. Their children have grown up here and have forged life-long friendships.

Sheridan began working in the Parish firstly as a catechist, then as a coordinator of the catechists, then the sacramental program and then the Parish Office or whatever help was needed.

She also works voluntarily teaching refugees Maths and English, helping them integrate into mainstream education.

She does all this out of the goodness of her heart. She has been offered paid jobs but always says no and continues to donate her time.

Sheridan is incredibly generous with her time and, frankly selfless. Someone commented recently to Tom, that Sheridan is the embodiment of one of the key lines in our Parish Prayer:

"May the world be somehow more alive because we have passed this way".

Last Sunday at 10.00 am Mass on behalf of the Sydney Archdiocese, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine and Holy Name of Mary Parish, we presented Sheridan with a Papal Blessing.

"Thanks" is hardly an adequate word as a response to Sheridan's years of selfless, gracious service.



Well Done...CONGRATS AND THANKS ZONE

Congratulations and a very warm welcome to **Quinn Hankin, Anthony Mancini, Luca Galati, & Valentina Biviano** all of whom will be baptised into our Christian community this weekend.

RECONCILIATION GROUP LEADERS

Once again this year it has been a delight to watch our young parents guiding their children through the preparation sessions for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation.

Thanks to you all for this very open demonstration of your faith and God bless you as you continue to share this faith with your children.

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, John Edwards, Judy Craig & Monica Carroll.

Janet Muscat and Marie Ferris are currently residents at Ashburn House and Judy Craig is a resident at Glades Bay Retirement Home. No doubt they would welcome visitors.

BANKSIA ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL GREENACRE

We pray this week for the community at Greenacre, so devastated by the tragic accident there this week. May children and parents receive all the healing care that they need at this time.

Our parish has contacted the school and assured them of our prayers.

POINT TO PONDER

PRAYER FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN

Dear God

We praise you for your love and faithfulness. We thank you for your protection and care over our families. Thank you that you give us the power to love well; the wisdom to lead and teach our children. You are Redeemer, Restorer, and Friend.

We confess, some days, parenting is tough. Many days we can feel anxious or overwhelmed. We ask that you would make us more like you, more aware of your constant Presence in our lives. Help us to release our children to You, so that You are free to fully accomplish all that You desire, in them, through them. Please fill our families with your truth, your gift of forgiveness, gentleness and joy in each other. Lord, we pray for these blessings over our children, today, and every day...

Coming Soon

Parish Dinner Friday 24 November

First Reconciliation Ceremonies
29 & 30 November

Australian Catholic Youth Festival
7-9 December

This Week... Scripture Zone

First Reading: Wis 6:12-16

Today we are met with a short poem on divine wisdom. Understood as the true light that emanates from God, wisdom is personified as brilliant, readily seen, eagerly sought, found by those who remain alert and awake. We have here a warm and bright poem reminding of how close and available God is to us.

Response

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading: 1 Thess 4:13-18

Paul is assuring the community, living in the expectation that Jesus will come shortly, that their members who had died already will not be left without hope in the final coming of Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia Alleluia,

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming .

Alleluia !

Gospel Reading: Matt 25:1-13

The parable of the attendants at the wedding feast seems quite unfair. Five were well prepared for the task, five had not paid due attention to the situation and miss out because of their carelessness. However the parable serves a purpose: to keep us to task, to keep us aware that we need to remain awake and attentive.

*Next week: First Reading : Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Second Reading : 1 Thess 5:1-6
Gospel Reading : Mat t 25:14-30*

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Mini-Maestros

The College is looking forward to welcoming students from our Primary Feeder schools to this years Mini Maestros Festival on Thursday. These talented young ladies and gentlemen will have the opportunity to display their musical skills in the categories of Band, Choir and Dance.



A PARISH OF THE MARIST FATHERS

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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

Ph: 0425 333 129

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Priests Assisting:

Fathers Wills Melteras SM, Paul Pearce SM

JP.

New or Returning Parishioners...

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

Parish Secretary: Sylvia Gutierrez

Associate Secretary: Maggie Mullane

Sacramental Coordinator: Rosalia Foley

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Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson:

Matt Fehon

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Richard McNamee:

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Caitlin Story, Ph: 0450 847 979

Repair & Maintenance: Anthony Russo

BAPTISM:

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

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENINGS

COMING UP:

Tuesdays 21 Nov, 19 Dec, 13 Feb, 20

March, 10 April 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 Par-

ish Hall. Fran Kanaan 0408 447 377,

hnom.com.au/children

Meditation Group: Gabrielle Woodcock,

9817 0097

Young Adults Group: Nicholas Fearnley

0401 722 839

Aged Ministry :

Margaret Gambley 9807 2160 or

Joan Bautovich 0402 275 105

Grief Support Group:

Cecilia Brungs 0412 284 028

Liturgy Group : Rob Turnbull 0431 290 714

Eucharistic Ministry Coordinator :

Kate Buckland 9817 2558

Altar Servers Coordinator:

Kathleen Lee 0433 500 648

Social Justice Group:

Sonia Zec 0413791775

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Annette Hills 0401 252 064

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Cleaners: HNM Mike Burfitt 9879 4197

SPC Claire Glase 0418 668 486

Readers HNM: Barry Buffier 9817 8805

Readers SPC: Mark Volpato 9816 4431

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Olivia Edwards: 0409 541 177

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Josiane Espinosa 9807 9199

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Rob Turnbull, 0431 290 714

Family Faith Educator: Marea De Angelis

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Ecumenical Group : Richard Korkor 0410

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Young Christian Workers Group: Natasha

Foley 0424 976 658

St Peter Chanel Management Team:

Claire Glase 0418 668 486

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.