

HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH HUNTERS HILL ST PETER CHANEL WOOLWICH



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

21 November 2021

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FROM UNDER A CLOUD

Calendar

NOVEMBER

- 24 Grief Group Meeting**
Parish House
7.30pm
- 26 First Communion HNM**
6.00pm
- 27 First Communion HNM**
11.00am

DECEMBER

- 2 Confirmation retreat HNM**
4.30pm
- 3 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament HNM**
7.00am
- 3 Tweedle Muffs**
Chapter Hall
9.00am
- 3 Pastoral Council Meeting & Dinner**
Parish Hall,
7.00pm
- 4 Confirmation HNM**
10.00am & 12.30pm
- 5 Confirmation HNM**
12.30pm & 3.00pm

Recently at a meeting of one of our parish pastoral groups, one of the participants commented that the Covid19 pandemic has had its effect on everyone. "It's as if," she said, "that we are all under a Covid cloud and are having trouble finding our way out of it".

She was onto something in that this pandemic has seeped into every corner of our lives and into every life. The weight of the lengthy lockdown followed by the current period where we are constantly checking when and whether to wear masks and what shifting regulations we need to be following, serve to colour every decision.

We become cautious, concerned about our own health and the health of our family, and we can easily come to feel powerless and fearful about what lies ahead.

Marry this to the state of international and more local politics and the leadership vacuum that is evident on many fronts along with the preoccupation with the advance of climate change, and our look into the future becomes nervous and fear-bound. Hope comes in short supply as that Covid cloud and all that comes with it colours our horizon.

Something has to budge for us to break free and the up-coming season of Advent may be just the tonic. When we listen for the Scriptures during Advent, we can't avoid hearing voices of joyful hope calling to us. There is a sense of wonder that God is going to bring freedom for all creation even in times of disaster, famine and war. Nothing it seems is beyond the reach of God's liberating purpose for us and we can be well refreshed when we allow the lively Advent prophecies take hold of our imagination.

If these don't quite do it for us, we still have our naked faith to fall back on, that faith which when stripped back to its basic self, leaves us alone with nothing but God for company.

When this faith is all we have left, we can feel little comfort in God's presence and find little inspiration. However somewhere in the depth of our soul, we know that God is still with us and that God will not fail us. Our Marist Founder, Father Jean-Claude Colin had this to say when speaking of this raw, seemingly un-rewarded faith:

"If you get nothing out of it, neither taste, nor enlightenment, nor consolation, well.... carry on all the same. Such a meditation is always of greater benefit than you think. If you can say nothing at all, just be content with a sense of faith... not a sense, but rather the knowledge that faith gives you, the knowledge that God sees you. Go, walk in this certainty of faith and you will become strong."

Armed with this awareness, even while we feel powerless and in cloudy places, we can still reach out with a gift of hope for the world around us. We can speak truth where truth is in short supply. We can act justly in an environment where injustice becomes normal currency. We can show mercy in place of the hardness of heart that shapes so much of our communication with each other. We can be gentle in places where forces of power and control dominate.

Out of our own poverty of spirit we can take courage and lift the cloud that hangs over us in so many ways. As Advent arrives, let's open our ears, eyes and hearts to the promises heralded through the beautiful Scriptures of this new-born season. May our cautious selves give way to hearts overflowing with joyful hope and become a nourishment and delight for the world around us.

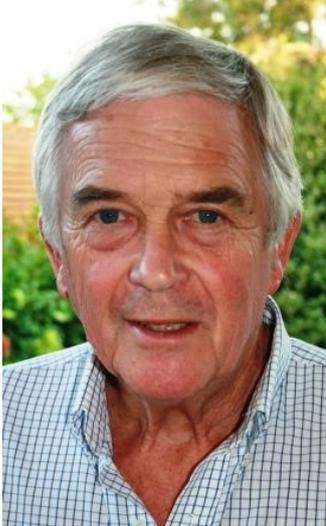
Have a blessed Advent season.

Father Kevin

What's on?

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR PARISH?

See if anyone in your pew knows the name of this much loved parishioner. His name next week. Last week's, photo: Weston Liao



PLANNED GIVING WEEKLY ENVELOPES

For parishioners who have been allocated planned giving envelopes, these will be available for collection at the back of the churches. They are sorted by surname.

PARISH ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLET NOW AVAILABLE ON PARISH WEBSITE

Once again this year we are grateful to Nicholas Chaplin for producing a book of daily reflections for the coming season of Advent. The booklet will soon be available on the parish website: hnom.com.au



CONFIRMATION CEREMONY

Saturday 4th Dec 10.00am and 12.30pm

Sunday 5th Dec 12.30pm and 3pm

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES 2021

Friday 26th November at 6.00pm
Saturday 27th November at 11.00am

A 2sq metre rule applies in the church. Each Communion Candidate may have 4 Adults attend. All Masses will be live streamed.

JESUIT REFUGEE FOOD APPEAL— IS ON HOLD FOR THE TIME BEING

Many thanks to everyone who has supported the JRS food appeal. At the moment JRS's stocks are plentiful, so they have requested that the collection be put on hold for now.

NEW VOICES ON THE OFFICE PHONE!

From last Monday you will have been hearing two new voices answering the office phone.

From Monday-Wednesday Anne Mawa will be at the desk. Anne comes to us with a wealth of secretarial experience and deep faith commitment. Anne is new to our community so please pop in and make yourself known to her.

On Thursday-Friday, our well-loved Maggie Mullane will be in charge of the office. Maggie has worked as our back-up person for some years and we're delighted that she is now with us in this new role. Like Anne, Maggie will always welcome a visit!

SOME FIRST COMMUNION PRAYERS FROM OUR CHILDREN

My Communion Prayer

God our Father who walks with us, we offer you ourselves today, in our work and in our play.

Your Son Jesus showed us how to live through courage, respect and generosity.

Please help me to get better with my maths and also to be more tolerant of other people.

Also, please help all the kids in the world who are suffering from Covid-19. Amen

Dear God,

Thank you for life, love, friendship and family.

You display the true qualities of justice and respect.

May we continue to be like you and always trust in our love of God.

Amen

Dear Jesus

Thank you for allowing me to receive you for the first time.

I pray that all people that receive you will feel inner strength and comfort.

I pray that you will continue to watch and protect me all of my days.

I pray this in memory of you.

Lord Hear our Prayer. Amen

SAINTS OF THE WEEK ST ANDREW DUNG LAC & COMPANIONS

Since evangelization began in Vietnam in the 16th century, wave after wave of persecutions were visited on the Catholic community. It is estimated that over 130,000 people were martyred for professing their faith. Many of their names are lost but their memory is held sacred in the church in Vietnam still.

More recently 117 of these martyrs' lives have been documented and they were canonized together by Pope John Paul II on 19 June 1988. Their feast day is this Wednesday.



CATHOLIC CEMETERIES PRESENT:

Let's talk about THE LAST THINGS - Dying, Purgatory, Heaven & Hell.

Join us in pondering what happens after we die. Tuesday 23rd November 7pm-8.30pm on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85239904232?pwd=NXBwZ0diWUNuM2NyTHh1eGRweEpzd09>

MEETING ID: 852 39904232
PASSCODE: 147691

Our culture tends to ignore conversations about death, or at the very least we make every attempt to distract ourselves from it for as long as possible. Without doubt, death is a difficult topic. We live our lives, striving for happiness in the here and now as if it will last forever. Theologian, Dr Stanley Hauerwas (*hours*) says "no-one gets out of life alive!"

Join us in the last week in November, the month when we remember our dead in a special way, and in the last week of our liturgical year in opening up a conversation about The Last Things...

A DAY OF PEACE AND QUIET



Join us for a day of reflection and prayer as we prepare for Advent. Walk through the lovely grounds of

the Marist Fathers and pause to pray and reflect at each of the special places. Indigenous Cross, Our Lady's Statue, St Joseph's Chapel, Marist Cemetery **When:** Sunday 28th November, 11am-4pm (come and go as you please) **Where:** Marist Fathers' Grounds - 1 Mary St, Hunters Hill **Contact:** Luana @ 0426845053 .



CHILD SAFETY— OUR SPECIAL PRIORITY



Well Done...CONGRATS AND WELCOME ZONE

BAPTISMS:

Congratulations and a very warm welcome to Angus Donaldson, Sofia Bonifacio and Elena Dalla Venezia, who will be baptised into our Christian community this weekend.



SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

The Parish Social Justice Group met this week over a meal to celebrate the year's work together. This work was significantly curtailed by the pandemic but we still managed a wonderful event in June listening to the stories of refugees in Australia.

The group is an outstanding gathering of committed, purposeful people with vision and faith. We congratulate and thank them for the witness they continue to offer the wider community.

POINT TO PONDER

Special Baptism

Bonnie & Nick David and Family were icons of the parish for a lifetime. Last weekend we celebrated the baptism of their newest member, Annaliese Margaret, daughter of Bonnie and Nick's son Benjo and his wife Yvonne with a wonderful gathering of family and friends from the parish. It was a blessed moment for all of us present.



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We were overjoyed to welcome our incoming Year 7 2022 cohort for orientation this week – the College was abuzz with their excitement. We can't wait for them to begin their MSCW journey with us next year. With the ongoing HSC exams taking place, we also continue to keep Year 12 in our prayers.

Pray for... PRAYER ZONE

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

Janet Muscat, Andrew & Lina Gullotta, Suzanne Traill, Jill Caldwell, Valerie Grant, Catherine Keating, Eddie & Carmel Walsh, Michelle Makin, Patrick Dowling & Colleen Hussin, Michael Douglas, Yvonne Inglis, John Earls, Charles Titmus.

OUR ALTAR SERVERS

We pray a blessing on all our altar servers. Very soon they will be joining the parish acolytes for the first time since the lockdown concluded. We look forward to welcoming them back to perform their important role of serving our community through the parish liturgies.

KELLY PISANI

We pray a blessing for Kelly who is currently the Religious Education Coordinator at Villa Maria. She has been appointed Assistant Principal at Holy Spirit Primary School North Ryde. While we will miss her at Villa, we celebrate with her this new appointment and wish her every success.

COMING SOON

The Season of Advent

This Week... Scripture Zone

To go straight to this Sunday's Readings, copy & paste this link:

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/112121.cfm>

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

I saw coming on the clouds of heaven one like the Son of Man.

Response

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Second Reading: Revelations 1:5-8

Jesus Christ has made us a line of kings and priests.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading John 18:33-37

"Mine is not a kingdom of this world"

".....so you are a king then?"

"It is you who say it" answered Jesus.

Next Week:

First Reading : Jeremiah 33:14-16
Second Reading : 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
Gospel Reading : Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



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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 Officers:

Caitlin Pfafflin & Kathleen Lee:

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BAPTISM:

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

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENINGS:

Tuesday 19 November, 7 December, 8 February, 8 March, 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

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

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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.