

# HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH HUNTERS HILL ST PETER CHANEL WOOLWICH



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

22 November 2020

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

THE ACCOMPANIST

## Calendar

### NOVEMBER

21, 27, 28

**First Holy Communion Masses** HNM

27 **Youth Group**  
Parish Hall 6.00-8.00pm

### DECEMBER

2 **Social Justice Group Meeting**  
Chapter Hall 7.30pm

4 **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** HNM  
7.30am

4 **Tweedle Muff Making** Chapter Hall 9.30am

6 **Mens Long dinner** Parish hall 11.30am

8 **Baptism Prep evening** Parish hall 7.30am

14 **Liturgy Group Meeting**  
Chapter Hall 7.30pm

Over the years, one of life's blessings has been the opportunity to accompany singers, choirs and other instrumentalists. My usual spot on these occasions has been sitting at a piano/keyboard or organ while others are front and centre. As an accompanist you are not the main focus of the audience or congregation. Your own focus likewise is not so much on yourself and your performance as on the people out front, the ones you are backing. It's a most enjoyable experience working in with other musicians and singers in order to create a whole musical experience together. While your own performance is important to the overall effort, you are supporting rather than starring.

As the accompanist you need to listen carefully for cues from those leading, waiting for them, anticipating them, arriving on time with them. It's their gifts that you most want displayed and even though you can take pleasure in your own skills your task is to support them as their talent displays itself. There is a certain communion created between you all and when the music ends, there is the satisfaction of having created something of beauty and worth that has been infused with something of the heart and soul of each one of you.

Something rather sacred has happened as hearts have joined in God's creative work. There can be a sense of awe and wonder at what you have made together which none of you could have done individually.

There are times as an accompanist you have to go quietly and allow other more apt instruments and performers to carry the tune and to wait until it is right for you to rejoin the performance.

Once you have made music with others, bonds are created that will remain as precious memories that time won't erase. It's here that we can stop and look at the Church which plays this role of the accompanist in so many ways. The Church when at its best is not drawing attention to itself. When we as the Church are really living out our baptism, we accompany the world as we seek to create music that will enliven, heal, nourish and welcome.

As a worthy accompanist, we listen attentively to the sounds of our world, its joys and hopes, the cries of the hungry and the poor, the desperate silences of the displaced and abused. We seek to find the right time and rhythm before we begin to sound the notes needed to advance the song of their lives.

Finding the right time and rhythm can require lots of patient waiting which can be costly for those wanting to advance the music more quickly. This waiting could well involve us stepping aside and making room for the gifts of others more suited to the task. The accompanying Church needs a humble spirit and must be able to recognize the Spirit-driven music that may come from beyond her borders. After all, she is but one part of the accompanying orchestra.

We move towards the Advent season when we encounter John the Baptist, the great accompanist of that new symphony, the Good News of Jesus. He got people interested, intrigued, concerned and even excited. Some were so concerned as we know, that they terminated his career! Others became interested in his passionate introduction to the new symphony and have learnt it so well that they have enabled us to learn, play and love it all these years later. One of John's mantras, "*He must increase and I must decrease*", holds up a mirror to the Church as she continues his accompanying mission. In everything we are and do, we point towards Jesus, Who is the heart of the music we play.

All the gifts we bring, our energy, faith and generous purpose, find their purpose only in Jesus as we accompany Him and the world around us towards our only true home.

It's good to chat with you, but I must away, it's time for practice!

Father Kevin

## What's on?

### HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR PARISH?

See if anyone in your pew knows the name of this winsome parishioner.

Her name next week.

Last week's photo:

John Fox



### ADVENT REFLECTION BOOK AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE

Once again this Advent, Nicholas Chaplin has produced a book of daily reflections for us. This year the booklet is available on the parish website, [www.hnom.com.au](http://www.hnom.com.au).

Many people have been looking to the Church, often via online services and commentaries to help them make some sense of this strange and challenging time. Once again we have another instrument, a lovely Advent booklet to support you through the sacred Advent season, which you can access from our website. May you find it a blessing and source of inspiration and hope.

### JESUIT REFUGEE FOOD APPEAL

Collection point: Parish office on Wednesdays 9am to 11am.

### BOOKING IN FOR MASS

Because of social distancing requirements we are limited to 90 people at Holy Name of Mary and 75 at St Peter Chanel.

**If you wish to attend, you will still need to book in at the parish office.**

You can also book in through Trybooking on: <https://www.trybooking.com/BJUKE>

Parish office: Ph: 9817 5325  
Masks are recommended.

### MEN'S LONG DINNER

The men's long dinner will be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December, 2020 11:30am for 12pm on the Lawn near the Parish Hall

Numbers are limited to 30 ( 60 sqm)

RSVP :Gerardo D'Angelo  
0418 294 063

Clinton McDonald:  
0419 646 311

Cost : \$20

### DOORKEEPERS NEEDED

As you are all aware, due to COVID19, we have had to implement a check-in system for mass attendance. If you have attended mass recently, you would have met our hard working, friendly 'doorkeepers'. We are needing a few more people to help share the load, especially Saturday 6pm and Sunday 8am. If you would like to help, please call Maggie Mullane 0411 475 469 or email [fmmullane@outlook.com](mailto:fmmullane@outlook.com)

### THANK YOU

Thank you to the wonderful people who have volunteered to clean St. Peter Chanel.

### HNM CLEANERS NEEDED

Can you spare about 1-1 1/2hrs on a Saturday morning every 3 weeks or so? A group of four is rostered on each week to clean the church and bathrooms. We need a few more people to help share the load. If you would like to help, call Maggie Mullane 0411 475 469 or email [fmmullane@outlook.com](mailto:fmmullane@outlook.com)

### VINNIES CHRISTMAS CARDS & COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR SALE

Cards (\$8 for 10) and Calendars (\$10) are for sale at the back of both churches. There are 3 different card designs, 2 traditional and 1 Australian. If no Vinnies person is attending please put payment in paper slot at Holy Name of Mary and in the poor box slot in St. Peter Chanel.

### FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT AFTERNOON

CHILD SAFETY— OUR SPECIAL PRIORITY



## Well Done...CONGRATS AND WELCOME ZONE

Congratulations and a very warm welcome to: **Theodore Kot, Harvey Cook & Giuliano Murdocca** who will be baptized into our Christian community this weekend.



### OUR SACRAMENTAL TEAM

Thanks and congratulations to our sacramental team Rosalia & Sheridan for their management of the First Communion program in this challenging time. Thanks also to Bobby & Kia for their IT and musical support.

### POINT TO PONDER

So much goes unseen and stays unsaid,  
 So much that carers keep within their hearts,  
 The children who get parents out of bed,  
 Already tired before their school day starts,  
 The neighbours who keep giving up their time,  
 To add a daily round of extra care,  
 Veronicas who cleanse the sweat and grime,  
 And those whose gift is simply being there,  
 The patient partners lifting up a cross,  
 To bear the burden their beloved bears,  
 Who ease each other through the pain and loss,  
 And feel that no one sees and no one cares,  
 But there is One to hear, to feel, to see,  
 And he will say 'You did it unto me.'  
 Malcolm Guitte, Parable and Paradox.

## 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, Madge Mullen, Jill Caldwell, Valerie Grant, Ron Hill, Catherine Keating, (Pauline Dowling's Mother,) and Eddie Carmel Walsh (Ann Curtin's parents,) Michelle Makin, Patrick Dowling & Colleen Hussin.**

### IN MEMORIAM— ANNETTE & GARRY

At our Memorial Mass on 8 November, we prayed for all those people and families for whom we had conducted funerals in our churches this past year.

Two of our faithful parishioners, Annette Sidgreaves and Garry Traill were farewelled at their Requiem Masses at St Joseph's College.

We pray for them both in this month of the Holy Souls that they now rest in peace, We remember Garry's wife Suzanne and Annette's husband Brian as they approach this first Christmas time since Annette and Garry left us.

### COMING SOON

First Holy Communion

The Season of Advent

## This Week... Scripture Zone

### First Reading:

**Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17**

What is it to be under the reign of God? The prophet Ezekiel, echoing the Good Shepherd psalm, proclaims the care of God for sheep, with a particular tenderness for the scattered, the lost, the injured and the stray.

### Response

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

### Second Reading:

**1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28**

Here we have Paul engaging his hearers with a metaphor of kingship. In Christ is the overturning of the reign of death and a new order of life. What follows from this is that it is Christ who is King of history, a history which is returned to the sovereignty of God.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

### Gospel Reading Matthew 25:31-46

Our Gospel is one of the most significant sections of Matthew's Gospel. Put in place as the final preaching of Jesus before his death, it is a sort of 'last' teaching. As such it has an importance in line with the beatitudes as Jesus' will and testament of his life. And the message is so profound yet simple: as far as you did it to the least you did it to me.

*First Reading : Isaiah 63:16-17;64:1,3-8*

*Second Reading : 1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

*Gospel Reading : Mark 13:33-37*

### Villa Maria Primary School

Principal: Mr. Kevin Turner  
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### Marist Sisters' College

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 Mark Street, Hunters Hill, NSW  
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### Yr 7 Orientation

Year 7 2021 students attended their Orientation on Monday. A wonderful afternoon was experienced by all and we look forward to welcoming them fully into our College community next year.



# A PARISH OF THE MARIST FATHERS

## PARISH OFFICE:

3A Mary Street.

Hours: 9.00am – 5.00pm, Mon-Fri

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**Web:** [www.hnom.com.au](http://www.hnom.com.au)

**Facebook:** Holy Name of Mary Parish

## 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

Ph: 0425 333 129

[kev@kevinbates.com](mailto:kev@kevinbates.com)

### 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](mailto:fft@hnom.com.au) 0409 608 979

### Parish Safeguarding Support Officers:

Caitlin Pfaffin & Kathleen Lee:

[hnompsso@gmail.com](mailto:hnompsso@gmail.com)

### BAPTISM:

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

### BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENINGS:

Tuesday 8 Dec, 2 Feb, 2 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

[bmwinters6@gmail.com](mailto:bmwinters6@gmail.com)

### Parish Pastoral Council Secretary:

Carmen Pelling

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### Parish Finance Committee:

Andrew Curtin 0423 123 995

### Family Faith Educator:

 Marea De Angelis

Ph: 0419 448 201

**RCIA:** Janet Greene 9879 6515

**Counselling:** Deborah Khoury 0409 719

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

Parish Hall. Mercedes Simola 0414 625 384

[www.hnom.com.au/children](http://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

**IT Group:** Bobby Mackun 0434 070 350

**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 & Music Ministry:

 Kia

Mackun 0435 899 917, Ralph Fitzgerald 0412

230 626

### Eucharistic Ministry Coordinators:

**HNM:** Maggie Mullane: 0411 475 469

**SPC:** Maria Goode: 0423 706 830

### Altar Servers Coordinator:

Yvonne Young: 0410 588 063

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**Readers HNM:** Barry Buffier: 9817 8805

**SPC:** Mark Volpato: 9816 4431

### Children's Liturgy:

**HNM:** Olivia Edwards: 0409 541 177

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**SPC:** Sally Grill: 0417 916 267

**Altar Society:** Julia Cuming: 0412 031 451

Annette Hills: 0401 252 064

**Ukelele Group:** Fr Aliko: 0408 896 839

### Cleaners:

**HNM:** Maggie Mullane 0411 475 469

**SPC:** Sharon Breen: 0403 189 018

### 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.