

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



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

28 November 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year C

TIME FOR A CHANGE!

## Calendar

### 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
- 7 Baptism Prep Session**  
Parish Hall  
7.30pm
- 8 Liturgy Group Meeting** 7.30pm  
Venue tba
- 9 Finance Committee Meeting & Meal** 7.00pm

*Marist Fathers Provincial, Father Tony Corcoran has received correspondence from Archbishop Anthony Fisher accepting Father Kevin's retirement as parish priest from 31 January next. The Archbishop has appointed Father Brian Wilson sm as our new parish priest. He will take up this role from 1 February.*

Dear Parishioners,

My retirement has been necessitated by my increasingly fragile health. I'll be living in the Marist community at Montbel, adjacent to Holy Name of Mary Church, and so will still be in the neighbourhood and may pop up in the life of the parish from time to time not to mention other popular meeting haunts!!

Father Brian, our incoming parish priest, has a rich history in his ministry. Here are the areas in which he has ministered:

Oceania 1974 – 1990, 1999 - 2004,

Principal St John's College, Cawasi, Fiji; Principal of Corpus Christi Teachers College, Fiji; Director of Catholic Education Fiji; Parishes in Fiji and Tonga; Procurator for the Marist Province of Oceania.

United Kingdom 1991-1992—Assistant Priest, Westminster Cathedral, London.

Australia 1996 – 1998; 2005 -

Mission Procurator, Oceania House, Hunters Hill; Chaplain to the Fijian Catholic Community, Sydney; Permanent Supply ministry; Eastwood parish, 2005-2020

Joined the Marist Province of Australia in 2019, Assistant Priest, St Patrick's, Church Hill

Father Brian is a warm, gentle man with a keen pastoral sense and very open to learn and understand the way our parish functions. He's a wonderfully entertaining story-teller! I'm delighted to welcome him as our new pastor and thank him for his generous response when asked to take on this ministry. I know you will all welcome and support him as he grows into our community here.

Father Aliko will continue as Assistant Priest. I acknowledge his gentle, pastoral presence among us and thank him for his unfailing kindness and care for me. Without him I would never have been able to continue to this point in time. I will always be thankful for the three years we have shared.

For myself, I feel a mixture of sadness and relief at this time and some enthusiasm for the next stage of my life. I am filled with gratitude for the privilege of being your parish priest since 2008. Thanks to all of you, it has been the most growth-filled period of my life. Your kindness, love, wisdom and the challenges you've given me, along with your extraordinary generosity have become a gift that will sustain me well into the future.

Let's continue to pray for one another as we continue on our journeys, that the steps we take will be part of the unfolding of God's saving promise for us, our families and for the world around us.

"May our world be somehow more alive because we have passed this way."  
Father Kevin

*What's on?*

**HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR PARISH?**

See if anyone in your pew knows the name of this parish-ioner. Her name next week. Last week's, photo: Tony Ryan



**CONFIRMATION CEREMONIES**

Saturday 4th Dec 10.00am and 12.30pm  
Sunday 5th Dec 12.30pm and 3pm

**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](http://hnom.com.au)



**CAMPION COLLEGE SUMMER PROGRAM**

Registration for the Campion College Summer Program is now open! If you know a 16-20 year old with an interest in history, literature, philosophy and theology, encourage them to sign up for one of the immersive four-day programs in January 2022. Attendance is fully funded but spaces are limited! Find out more and register on the Campion College website: [www.campion.edu.au/summer-program](http://www.campion.edu.au/summer-program)

**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.

**CHILD SAFETY— OUR SPECIAL PRIORITY**



**VINNIES' BAABAYN CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

The Baabayn Aboriginal group at Mount Druitt is again in need of gifts for their annual Christmas celebrations, particularly for Aunties and Teenagers. At the back of the church there is a box covered in "post-it" notes. Please take one and next week leave the gift at the back of the church or sacristy where it will be collected by a Vinnies representative. Final collections will be made by December 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your continued generosity

**COLUMBIAN CALENDARS AND CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Vinnies is once again selling Columbian calendars (\$10) and Christmas card packs (\$8). They will be available to purchase this weekend.

**SAINT OF THE WEEK St FRANCIS XAVIER**

Born in 1506, Francis met Ignatius Loyola and became a Jesuit priest in 1537. The Pope sent him as part of a mission to India and he spent the rest of his life in the East. He made many converts and worked tirelessly to protect the rights of local people from exploitation by Europeans. He spent two years in Japan laying the foundation for a number of Christian communities there. After entering China secretly to preach the Gospel, he died of fever and exhaustion.

His Feast Day is 3 December



**CHRISTMAS LITURGIES**

Reconciliation Service  
Wednesday 15 December  
7.00pm

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**HOLY NAME OF MARY**

Outdoor Mass Villa Maria Monastery Grounds

Carols 6.00pm  
Mass 6.30pm

**ST PETER CHANEL**

Carols 7.00pm  
Mass 7.30pm

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**HOLY NAME OF MARY**

Masses 8.00am & 10.00am

**ST PETER CHANEL**

Mass 9.00am

**BOXING DAY (Sunday)**

**HOLY NAME OF MARY**

Masses 8.00am & 10.00am

**ST PETER CHANEL**

Mass 9.00am

**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. Indignous 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 .



**SIXTEEN DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER BASED BIAS**

The United Nations 16 days of activism begins on 25th November – International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, and ends on 10th December – Human Rights Day. 2021 marks the 30th anniversary of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Campaign. Human trafficking, a \$150 billion global industry, is one of the greatest examples of violence against women and girls. As well, millions of women and girls are forced to marry or to work in terrible conditions for little pay and no chance of an education. Pope Francis reminds us: "It is not possible to remain indifferent before the knowledge that human beings are bought and sold like goods!" To assist communities, workplaces, parishes and schools take part in the 16 Days Campaign ACRATH has developed a number of resources. Click on the following icons to access these resources. For more detailed information, please check out the ACRATH website: <https://acrath.org.au/take-action/16-days/>.

## Well Done...CONGRATS AND WELCOME ZONE

### BAPTISMS:

Congratulations and a very warm welcome to Owen, Flynn & Archie Sharkey, Connor Hardie, Matteo Caker, Lennox Juanas and Oliver Margi, who will be baptised into our Christian community this weekend.



### LUCY CORDONY-JONES

Young parishioner and singer, Lucy entered the Sydney Eisteddfod for 13 year-olds and out of 120 contestants in her section took third place! Congratulations Lucy on this very fine achievement. We're all very proud of you.



## POINT TO PONDER

### *I am the vine.....*

How might it feel to be part of the vine?  
 Not just to see the vineyard from afar  
 Or even pluck the clusters, press the wine,  
 But to be grafted in, to feel the stir  
 Of inward sap that rises from our root,  
 Himself deep-planted in the ground of Love,  
 To feel a leaf unfold a tender shoot,  
 As tendrils curled unfurl, as branches give  
 A little to the swelling of the grape,  
 In gradual perfection, round and full,  
 To bear within oneself the joy and hope  
 Of God's good vintage, till it's ripe and whole.  
 What might it mean to bide and to abide  
 In such rich love as makes the poor heart glad?  
 Malcolm Guitte Parable and Paradox

### Villa Maria Primary School

Principal:  
 Mrs. Hannah Schneider  
 Mark Street, Hunters Hill, NSW  
 2110  
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### St Josephs' College

Principal:  
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 Mark Street, Hunters Hill, NSW  
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### Marist Sisters' College

Principal:  
 Dr Anne Ireland  
 Ph: 9816 2041  
[www.mscw.nsw.edu.au](http://www.mscw.nsw.edu.au)  
 Congratulations to Megan (Year 7) and Isabella Allsopp (Year 9) for receiving prizes in the Sydney Catholic Schools' Lockdown Arts Festival. Megan placed first in the category of Drama: Monologue/Duologue – Lower Secondary and was highly commended in the category of Music: Performance – Lower Secondary. Isabella was highly commended in the Contemporary Dance – Lower Secondary category. We are so proud!

## 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.**

### Fr PAUL PEARCE

Please keep Fr Paul in your prayers, may he have a speedy recovery after a fall earlier this week.

### THOSE WHO GRIEVE

In November especially we pray for those we have loved who have died. While we pray and grieve, there may well be relationships that were left unfinished, issues unresolved and feelings of guilt or sadness that are not yet laid to rest.

We hold in our prayers all those who are grieving and whose grief still calls out for rest.

May those who have died rest in peace and may those who hold their memories sacred, now live in peace.

## COMING SOON

Christmas Celebrations

## This Week... Scripture Zone

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

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/112821.cfm>

**First Reading:**  
**Jeremiah 33:14-16**

Our Advent readings open with the proclamation of the Lord our Justice. It is a statement of hope beyond the environment of despair and disappointment that was the lot of the Jewish people in exile.

### Response

To you O Lord, I lift my soul.

**Second Reading:**  
**1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2**

To strengthen the community, Paul prays for an increase in love, enabling the members to conduct themselves within the holiness of God.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading**  
**Luke 21:25-28,34-36**

In the Gospel we are reminded that The Christ will return and live now so that we may stand before God.

### Next Week:

**First Reading :** Baruch 5:1-9  
**Second Reading :** Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11  
**Gospel Reading :** Luke 3:1-6





# A PARISH OF THE MARIST FATHERS

## PARISH OFFICE:

3A Mary Street.

Hours: 9.00am – 5.00pm, Mon-Fri

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**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

Paul Pidcock SM, OAM, Paul Pearce SM, JP

**Parish Secretaries:** Anne Mawa & Maggie Mullane

**Sacramental Coordinator:** Rosalia Foley  
[fft@hnom.com.au](mailto:fft@hnom.com.au) 0409 608 979

## 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:

[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 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

### Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson:

Tom Roche

[Tom.roche7@gmail.com](mailto:Tom.roche7@gmail.com)

### Parish Pastoral Council Secretary:

Lynne Lyons

[Lynne.Harman@gbca.org.au](mailto:Lynne.Harman@gbca.org.au)

### 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 719 443

### 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 Adukevicz 0411 641 895

**Meditation Group:** Gabrielle Woodcock, 9817 0097

**Youth Group:** Luana: 0426845053 or Danielle: 0400 871 423

**Youth Ministry:** Danielle Dwyer & Luana di Stefano: [youthministryhnom@gmail.com](mailto:youthministryhnom@gmail.com)

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

**Aged Ministry :** Margaret Gabley 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

Email: [yvhnom@gmail.com](mailto:yvhnom@gmail.com)

**Readers HNM:** Paul Trainor: 0416 884 142

**SPC:** Mark Volpato: 9816 4431

### Children's Liturgy:

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

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**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:

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.