

HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH HUNTERS HILL ST PETER CHANEL WOOLWICH



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

October 10 2021

TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Year B

REACHING FOR HOPE

Calendar

OCTOBER

12 **Baptism
Prep Session**

Parish Hall
7.30pm

13 **Parish
Pastoral
Council
Meeting**

Chapter Hall
7.30pm

26 **First
Communion
Parent
Reflection**

HNM Church,
7.00pm

NOVEMBER

7 **Memorial
Mass for
Deceased**

HNM 10.00am

12 **First
Communion
Retreat
Morning**

HNM Church
9.00-12.00

12 **Mass of the
Little Angels**

HNM 8.00 am

What a restless time we're having. In Sydney we're preparing to come out of a very tiring lockdown. The NSW Coalition Government has lost three senior members across the long weekend. Victoria's Covid cases are spiking alarmingly following mass protests there and there was the earthquake that shook that State awake early one morning the other week.

Australia has turned its back on a contract it had signed with France in order to obtain nuclear powered submarines from the UK and US, causing damage to an important relationship for who knows how long. Taiwan is making noises about the threat it feels from China and is asking us to stand with them.

This week, Pope Francis is hosting a conference of scientists and theologians, reflecting on the relentless advance of climate change just weeks before the Glasgow Summit. Our Government is still unsure as to its level of commitment to the Glasgow event, a fact which is worthy of some concern.

Here at home, the Plenary Council of the Catholic Church is underway this week with a mixture of nervous optimism and concern on the part of the many people who contributed to its preparation.

Following the lockdown will be a process in which we will learn how to be together while still taking care to avoid the virus that will continue to be about.

In our own parish, not having been together for what will be four months by the time we re-open, while we will be delighted to be able to gather once more, we will be re-building our community with new foundations and structures that will need to be implemented.

Along with this there are our own personal, family and local struggles we're dealing with as we respond to the pandemic. It's no wonder that some people are feeling despair about the state of the world in general and more locally and are wondering where hope is to be found. This concern can focus on our own personal future and that of our families and of the wider world. It can so easily consume us.

Jesus, in his rising from the dead, catches up all humanity and all creation through every historical circumstance. Nothing is beyond the embrace of the Risen Life of the one we call "the Redeemer."

The hope that the Risen One brings to us is central to our faith and we can bring this hope to bear when facing any or all of the uncertainties that assail us at this time. Overwhelmed by the enormity of the struggles facing our world, we can easily dismiss this hope as wishful, unrealistic thinking. We could say that holding on to this hope is a denial, a running-away from facing the issues confronting us and indeed this could well be the case for some people. Such denial would buy people a cheap and doomed freedom.

The realistic hope of the person of faith however, is grounded in the struggles of each day, who feels the painful uncertainties, knows the fear that these great burdens occasion in us.

In this messy setting, hope refuses to be denied its place. It is centred on God Who is beyond and among us through the Spirit of the Risen Jesus and who calls us through each of these battlegrounds, promising that there will be a place where peace replaces violence and love transforms our fears. Only when God is at the centre of who we are each day, is this hope possible. God, who is both immersed in our struggles and who transcends them, waits for us to hear love's invitation.

Our hope is no desperate clinging or no hanging on for dear life. It is rather a passionate embracing of the world in which we find ourselves right now with a commitment to refresh, heal and renew however we can. Our hope is a passionate "yes" to this passage of our shared story.

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: Michael Brungs



the fence or socially distant. We have made new family rituals and experiences, with weekly BBQs and marshmallow toasting and family movie nights with breakfast cereal snacks particularly successful. While our neighbourhood is well worn by walks and bike rides, bumping into neighbours, friends and familiar faces along the way has made them all the more rewarding.

We try our best to cherish our time together and look at the brighter side or the opportunity presented, than dwell on what we miss. We hope we can keep it up into the future.

Marita Winters - Source of Wisdom & Former Pastoral Council Chair.

Walking and talking through the Pandemic

During the present COVID lockdown it has been a source of refreshment and joy to be able to take long walks. Unlike last year's lockdown, when I had a fractured ankle and was confined to home, I am rejoicing in having freedom of movement, and the chance to spend special moments in the outdoors by myself and with others.

To start the day Bernie and I sometimes walk together. We step out in the cool, semi-light of the early morning, and walk and talk. We plan what needs to be done to prepare for remote learning coming up that day, discuss progress on our home building project, or share the cares and concerns of our loved ones. We rejoice in the aesthetic of our neighbourhood, especially crossing over the bridge from Lane Cove to Hunters Hill and seeing the first light as the sun reaches high in the sky. We also tackle some of the local hills with gritted teeth and determination - "no pain, no gain" as the saying goes.

Sometimes I walk alone, but I am not lonely. I make it a time of prayer and contemplation. And I still tackle the hills.

To finish the day Bernie, Elizabeth, Grace and I often walk to Blackman Park to shake the wriggles out after a day lived on ZOOM. The changing colours of the twilight sky are arresting, as are the snippets of stories shared as we walk. Often one or other child will hold my hand, a sense of closeness and possession that is reassuring and meaningful for us both.

While COVID-19 has stripped away so many of our normal activities and responsibilities, I feel blessed to reflect on the grace of precious time and space to walk and talk with loved ones.

Much love,
Marita

INVITATION FOR REGISTRATION FOR CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION CEREMONIES 2021

We are limited by Covid restrictions as to what we can offer this year. Details are below if you would like to join us and register your child. We understand that some families may choose to wait till next year when fewer restrictions will apply.

Confirmation 2021

We are going to proceed with some Confirmation Ceremonies for the children who have already completed the preparation program.

The 4sqm rule applies to our churches, so each candidate will have 4 persons in total (candidate + sponsor + 2 Adults). All Ceremonies will be live streamed.

Our dates are as follows and you need to choose one of the four ceremonies, and then register with the trybooking link. The link will appear in the Parish bulletin next week.

CONFIRMATION CEREMONY

Saturday 4th Dec 10.00am and 12.30pm

Sunday 5th Dec 12.30pm and 3pm

First Communion 2021

PARENT REFLECTION/ INFORMATION EVENING

Tuesday, Oct 26th at 7pm in HNOM Church. Attendees must be Double dose Covid -19 Vaccinated.

ONLINE PROGRAM SESSIONS for 3 weeks.

Session 1: beginning October 27th

Session 2: beginning Nov 1st

Session 3: beginning November 8th

NB: All sessions are to be completed by the child with a parent online.

RETREAT DAY:

Friday, November 12th, 9 am-12pm in HNOM Church.

Your child will need to be dropped off at the HNOM church by 8.45. The day will begin with the celebration of Mass at 9am.

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES

Thursday 18th November at 6.00pm

Friday 19th November at 6.00pm

Saturday 20th November at 11.00am

Friday 26th November at 6.00pm

Saturday 27th November at 11.00am

The 4sqm Rule applies in the church. Each Communion Candidate may have 4 Adults attend. All Masses will be live streamed. The trybooking link to register for the program will appear in next

WHEN WE OPEN UP AGAIN

This came from the Sydney Archdiocese last week.

At 80% fully vaccinated we will open our churches and ceremonies to "mixed" congregations (fully vaccinated, partially vaccinated and as yet unvaccinated); the 4 sqm rule will apply, and masks must be worn indoors.

More details to come.

SOME PARISHIONERS MANAGING LOCK-DOWN!

Ronnie & Rachel Alam— Young Parish Couple.

It is clear life has been significantly impacted by the COVID pandemic. We have worked from home, kids have learnt remotely, we haven't seen family and friends as we used to, we have cancelled holidays and social gatherings, and we have been confined to our LGA.

Having each other and our community and maintaining a positive perspective during this experience has been so important to getting us through.

We may have missed our offices and socialising at work but have been blessed to be able to work from home and to spend far more time together than we ever did. Kids have missed their friends but have kept in touch through online games, zoom and messenger calls, spent more time playing among themselves, and grown closer to neighbours' kids even if through

CHILD SAFETY— OUR SPECIAL PRIORITY



Well Done...CONGRATS AND WELCOME ZONE

BAPTISMS: Plans are being put in place to catch up on the back-log of baptisms built up during lockdown. More soon.



OUR SCHOOLS

Welcome back to our school communities who are starting Term 4 for this year. They are all looking forward to having their students back on site over the coming weeks. We pray a blessing on them all as they begin to return to normal school life.

POINT TO PONDER

In the morning fill us with your love,
We shall exult and rejoice all our days.

Give us joy to balance our affliction
For the years when we knew
misfortune!

Psalm 89

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, Jill Caldwell, Valerie Grant, Catherine Keating, Eddie & Carmel Walsh, Michelle Makin, Patrick Dowling & Colleen Hussin, Michael Douglas, Yvonne Ingles, John Earls, Charles Titmus.

PLENARY COUNCIL

The 280 delegates to the Plenary Council have been meeting throughout this week. We pray that the Holy Spirit managed to find a place at the table and inspired, encouraged and transformed.

It sounds as though the process has been conducted in a prayerful, respectful and open atmosphere where all voices have been heard with good grace.

May the work of the Council move forward to bear real fruit in the life of the Church.

COMING SOON

First Holy Communion & Confirmation before year's end.—See Page 2 for proposed program.

This Week... Scripture Zone

To go straight to this Sunday's Readings, copy & paste this link:
<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/101021.cfm>

First Reading:
Wisdom 7: 7-11

In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit,

The kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading Mark 10: 17-30

Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.

Response

Fill us with your love O Lord,
And we will sing for joy!

Second Reading:
Hebrews : 12-13

The Word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Next Week:

First Reading : Isaiah 53:10-11
Second Reading : Hebrews 4: 14-16
Gospel Reading : Mark 10:35-45

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MSCW teachers and staff warmly welcome students back for Term 4 2021. There are many exciting and engaging learning opportunities ahead. While remote learning continues for now, we look forward to the gradual return to in-person learning this term and to everyone in our community being back together at the College soon.



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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 12 October, 19 November, 7 December, 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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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.