

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



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

October 24 2021

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THE RIGHT TO LIVE

## Calendar

### OCTOBER

26 **First Communion Parent Reflection**  
HNM Church,  
7.00pm

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

### NOVEMBER

3 **Finance Committee Meeting**  
Parish House  
7.00pm

7 **Memorial Mass for Deceased**  
HNM 10.00am

10 **Grief Support Group Meeting**  
Parish House  
7.30pm

12 **First Communion Retreat Morning**  
HNM Church  
9.00-12.00

13 **Mass of the Little Angels**

Some time ago, "A Current Affair" ran a poignant piece telling the story of Gabe Watkin, a Queensland woman suffering the effects of Motor Neuron Disease. She had been pleading with Queensland Health for access to a surgical procedure that will likely extend her life. At the time of the broadcast, Queensland Health's Ethics Committee had kept Gabe and her family waiting twelve months before declining her access to the tracheotomy she was seeking. All Gabe wanted as she said herself was the right to live.

The Queensland Government at the same time was preparing its Right to Die Legislation. The NSW Parliament is beginning to debate similar legislation once again.

Euthanasia, (Voluntary Assisted Dying) is a subject that raises ethical and moral questions along with much heated emotion. Its supporters, often acting out of compassion for people who are so ill that life seems to hold nothing for them anymore, argue that people should have the right to decide how and when they die.

New South Wales is now the only State that has not passed such legislation at this point.

Along with the understandable heated emotion, clear thinking around this issue is terribly important, something that is often hard to come by around such matters. Many will argue on practical humanitarian grounds alone, that the quality of palliative care now available to dying and critically ill patients is such that there is no need for us to legalise euthanasia. A visit to any palliative care ward will confirm this impression. There is always a gentle lightness of touch on the part of doctors, nurses and staff and even a certain joy in the way they accompany a dying person's final journey. They are able to provide whatever it is that is needed to make the patient comfortable and minister to the patient with great tenderness. Nature is allowed to take its course and unnecessary measures to keep a person alive or to be resuscitated need not be taken.

This is a very different decision from the one to end one's own life.

**Letting go is very different from taking away.**

A crucial component in any debate for people of faith is the place of God in all this. If we leave God out of the debate, then the way is more easily cleared to support euthanasia and its accompanying legislation.

If we allow God into the discussion the ground shifts. The gift of life that God entrusts to us comes with a tag that says "Not to be taken away." The Catholic Church clearly opposes the practice of euthanasia understanding that we do not have the right to take our own life.

Even in my time of suffering and dying, I am still a person made in God's image and have the capacity to speak through my weakness of God's saving love. The dying Christ on the Cross speaks of this for us. In his dying, Jesus becomes a gift of life for the world, modelling for us the pattern for our own dying. We are never useless and of no value no matter how disabled and ill we become. Love can be our gift to each other right to our last breath. Memories surface, stories are told and love is refreshed around our death-bed.

Without the context of faith, we can understand the compassion and concern for loved ones that prompts people to argue for euthanasia to be legalised. With the eyes of faith we have another starting and ending point as we place God and not ourselves at the centre of our considerations. We do this not mindlessly or without making use of medical assistance. We trust that our gift of life will find its own time and place to end.

Allowing God into the conversation, we pause as we reflect on the decisions facing us.

May we have thoughtful, faith-filled and wise discussions with each other as this matter comes before our Parliament once again.

Father Kevin

## What's on?

### HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR PARISH?

See if anyone in your pew knows the name of this parishioner. Her name next week. Last week's photo: Jennifer & Tony Adukiewicz



### PAGE 1 REFLECTION

This week's reflection appeared in the bulletin a few weeks' ago. Given that the legislation for Voluntary Assisted Dying is now before State Parliament, (though delayed at the moment), it seems apt to re-print the reflection.

This will allow access for people who do not receive the emailed bulletin, given that this week's bulletin is the first to go into hard copy since the lockdown began in June.

### 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 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in HNOM Church.  
**Attendees must be Double**

**CHILD SAFETY— OUR SPECIAL PRIORITY**



### dose Covid -19 Vaccinated. ONLINE PROGRAM SESSIONS for 3 weeks.

Session 1: beginning October 27<sup>th</sup>

Session 2: beginning Nov 1st

Session 3: beginning November 8<sup>th</sup>

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

#### RETREAT DAY:

Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 18<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00pm

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00pm

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 11.00am

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00pm

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

### VINNIES YOUTH PROGRAMS

To our Parish Supporters of the St Vincent de Paul Society

I hope that you and your Parish community are keeping safe and well during these testing times.

On behalf of myself and the Schools and Youth Engagement Team at the St Vincent de Paul

### FAREWELL CATHERINE

After two wonderful years' service as parish secretary, our dear Catherine will be leaving for greener pastures in mid-November. Her move has been necessitated by a change in her husband's employment situation.



Society, it would be deeply appreciated if the below items could be included in your parish bulletin:

*This is the link to the Vinnies Metropolitan Schools and Youth Term 4 2021 Newsletter:* [bit.ly/VinniesSchoolYouthNewsTerm42021](https://bit.ly/VinniesSchoolYouthNewsTerm42021)

*The 2021 edition of the Mini Vinnies Formation Program (MVFP) for students in Years 4 – 6 is available for those who wish to undertake Social Justice Formation in their own time. For more information please go to <https://bit.ly/VinniesMVFP>*

Thank you so much in advance for the amazing support. I thoroughly look forward to working with you in the near future.

God bless,  
Christina Gilio | Metropolitan Schools Engagement Officer

### DONATIONS OFFICER NEEDED

A permanent part-time position for immediate start at the Marist Mission Centre in Hunters Hill. The position is for [10 to 12 hours per week over 2 or 3 days \(negotiable\)](#).

*For application package, please contact the Provincial Business Manager, Mr Andrew Biddle on 9844 2222 or email [businessmanager@maristfathers.org.au](mailto:businessmanager@maristfathers.org.au)*

**Applications close Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 at 5pm**

### SHOCK OF THE WEEK!

The lovely Emma Watkins, the Yellow Wiggle since 2013 has decided to leave Wiggleland and focus on family and her Ph.D studies.

No doubt her departure will disappoint some of our younger parishioners and perhaps their Dads!!!

Our sympathies to you all!



### THIS WEEK'S SAINTS!

This Thursday we honour the Apostles Simon and Jude. Simon, known as "the zealot", suggests he was a very enthusiastic member of Jesus' little group. St Jude is held to be the patron for lost and desperate causes. He probably has a few friends around the place!



Catherine has been an absolute joy and a rock of safety for us all through these two trying years of the pandemic. Her patience, clarity of mind, attention to detail and fierce Irish humour have graced our lives so very much. We wish Catherine, her husband Paul and their two sons every blessing into the future and pray God's blessing on them.

Our new Secretarial team will comprise Mrs Anne Mawa who will be new to our community and our own Maggie Mullane. We look forward to welcoming Anne and Maggie to their new roles on our parish team.

## Well Done...CONGRATS AND WELCOME ZONE

### BAPTISMS:

We will welcome more families into the Church community next week.



### OUR PASTORAL GROUPS

Welcome back to our various pastoral groups as they swing into post-lockdown action.

Our Liturgy, Social Justice, Finance, Grief Support, Eucharistic Ministers, Acolyte groups, Altar Society and Pastoral Council are all gearing up for meeting and shaping our mission for the end of this year and into 2022.

Children's Liturgy and Altar servers will be a little slower off the mark but will resume in due course.

We're delighted to be back in action together again and pray a blessing on you all.

### POINT TO PONDER

*Shout with joy for Jacob,  
Hail the chief of nations, Proclaim! Praise!  
Shout!  
The Lord has saved his people,  
the remnant of Israel.  
"See I will bring them back from the land  
of the north,  
and gather them from the ends of the  
earth.....  
a great company returning here!"  
Jeremiah 31*

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### Marist Sisters' College

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*We are blessed to welcome back Year 12s to Marist Sisters' College Woolwich for face-to-face workshops and are thrilled to see them in person again after so long. Good luck to our Year 8 and Year 10 Debating teams for Friday's CSDA Semi Finals - they take on SPC Strathfield and CBHS Lewisham respectively.*

## 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 Inglis, John Earls, Charles Titmus.**

### YVONNE INGLIS

Yvonne continues her slow recovery in hospital following medical complications. We pray for her and her husband Gordon during this most testing time.

### EVERYONE RETURNING

We keep in our prayers, everyone who will be joining us for our weekend Masses this weekend, our first gatherings since the lockdown started.

For some there will be excitement and for some there will be caution.

We pray that all the measures we are putting in place will serve to keep everyone safe and feel welcome in our churches once again.

### COMING SOON

First Holy Communion & Confirmation —See Page 2 for Ceremony times.

## This Week... Scripture Zone

*To go straight to this Sunday's Readings, copy & paste this link:  
<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/102421.cfm>*

### First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

A song of celebration and praise features in the reading from Jeremiah. Joy is encountered as the loving God reaches out and calls his people from "the ends of the earth" back to their home and back to Godself.

### Response

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

### Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

This reading from Hebrews continues to contrast the priests of Israel with priesthood found in

Jesus. Both are called by God to act on behalf of humanity, but Jesus is like no other before him because his authority is found in being God's son; thus he is the eternal mediator for humankind.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his Gospel.

Alleluia!

### Gospel Reading Mark 10: 46-52

Bartimaeus may be blind, but he is able to see with eyes of faith. He recognises the power and intent of Jesus where others miss it.

### Next Week:

*First Reading : Deuteronomy 6:2-6  
Second Reading : Hebrews 7:23-28  
Gospel Reading : Mark 12:28-34*



# A PARISH OF THE MARIST FATHERS

## PARISH OFFICE:

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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:**

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**Associate Secretary:** Maggie Mullane

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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:

[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, 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

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### Parish Pastoral Council Secretary:

Lynne Lyons

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### Parish Finance Committee:

Andrew Curtin 0423 123 995

### Family Faith Educator: Marea De Angelis

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### 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

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### Social Justice Group:

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Marnie Butler: 0413 004 702

**Marist Laity Group:** Cathy Gallo 9817 2959

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### 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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**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.