HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH HUNTERS HILL
ST PETER CHANEL WOOLWICH

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

17 September 2017

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Calendar

September

16-17 Catholic Mission Appeal

19 Baptism Prep Chapter Hall 7.30pm

20 Pastoral Council Exec Meeting Parish House 7.30pm

21 Anointing Mass Chapter Hall 11.30am

21 Thursday Afternoons at Villa Chapter Hall 1.00pm

21 Men's Group Dinner Parish Hall 7.00pm

October

6 La Paroisse Restaurant Parish House 6.30pm

8 HSC Mass HNM 6.00pm

12 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Chapter Hall 7.30pm

14 Marist Laity Chapter Hall

ARE SOME LIVES WORTH MORE THAN OTHERS?

This week we've seen endless hours of footage of the devastation caused in Florida by Hurricane Irma. As of now some six million people in Florida are without power, several people have died, and as was the case recently in Texas, people have been heroic in their efforts to care for each other. Our networks had their own reporters on the ground. We also got some pictures and reports of the damage done earlier across the Caribbean. One Island in particular, Barbuda, had nearly every building demolished. Details however were less forthcoming. We had no reporters there.

Meanwhile the disaster in Myanmar continues apace with thousands upon thousands of Rohingya Muslim people fleeing to Bangladesh. Media were not permitted into the area concerned so our coverage necessarily was far more sketchy.

Bangladesh itself had about half its population submerged under floodwaters with the ensuing threat of disease and death of great concern. Once again our own media coverage was minimal or non-existent. There were plenty of reports to be found if one took the time to search on some of the international news providers.

It's easy to become moralistic about which bits of tragedy the media chooses to share with us. Some people have been asking whether we think that lives in the US for instance, have more value than those in Myanmar or Bangladesh.

We can easily enough transpose the same questions to our local scene. The percentage of Aboriginal inmates in our prisons for example leads many to conclude that our legal system works well enough for non-indigenous people and in some respects spells doom for people who do not, will not and cannot fit in with this system. The old cliché that declares that if we are not part of the solution then we are part of the problem comes to mind. While we stay silent, collude or even participate in systems that in some respects are unjust, then we have questions to answer.

Are some lives in our view of more value than others? If we were each asked that question we'd probably say that we regard each life as being of equal value. Yet we are, each one of us, part of a society in which some lives are valued more than others. This question also becomes part of the conversations around the euthanasia or "assisted dying" legislation that will shortly come before the New South Wales Parliament. When someone has reached his or her use-by date, isn't it time for us to help them on their way?

Underlying all these dilemmas, we have a deep shared memory that each person is made in the image of God. In which case each person has rights, freedoms and dignity that is unique to each one and can never be really compared to those of another person.

It is at this point that we could do well to pause, catch our breath and re-consider our views on some of the above matters. Rather than becoming moralistic and judgemental, we could take a gentler, but no less clear approach by having as our starting point the unique dignity of every single person who is an image, a sacrament of God's presence in our world.

In the suffering brought about by natural disasters, in the debilitation occasioned by illness and ageing, in the anonymity that reduces individuals to being a number among millions of others, there is hidden, someone of unique value. Here is someone who longs to be loved and to love. Here is someone capable of showing the face of the suffering Christ, the compassionate Christ, the healing Christ if only he or she is given the opportunity. We pray for our suffering world. We pray too for ourselves that we become agents of liberation and hope, especially when precious lives seem to be forgotten.

Father Kevin

What's on?

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR PARISH?

See if anyone in your pew knows the names of this parishioner. Her name next week.

Last week's photo:

Corina and Eliza Casolin

LA PAROISSE RESTAURANT

Book in for a meal cooked by Father Kevin and meet some of your fellow parishioners. Bookings through Sylvia at the parish office and our dates are:

6 October, 1 December Parish House 6.30pm.

PILRIMAGE WALK 2017

A Walk On The North Side
Walking the Rosary
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!!
Sunday 15 October
Leaving from Holy Name of Mary Church (Hunters Hill) after the 10am Mass

Five prayer stops - Holy Name of Mary, Hunters Hill; Our Lady Queen of Peace, Gladesville; Mary Help of Christians, Greenwich; St. Mary's, North Sydney; Our Lady Star of the Sea, Kirribilli

ARCHBISHOP FISHER ON EUTHANASIA

Here is a link to Archbishop Fisher's reflection in the light of the up-coming euthanasia legislation.
https://youtu.be/V9ZmXqf7YEs

RCIA

The RCIA program has been running in our Parish for over 20 years. We think it is time for a reunion and celebration ! Anyone who has had any involvement: participants, home hosts, presenters and all family members are welcome. The reunion will commence with Mass at 2pm in the Parish Hall.

Where: Holy Name of Mary Parish Hall
When : Saturday 14 October
Time : 2pm onwards

Catering: Please bring either a plate of "party" food to share or a bottle of wine/soft drink. If you know someone who participated in the program in any capacity, please pass on this message.

RSVP : 9th October
Helen : 0421 450 650
Janet : 0410 144

OPTIONS FOR MAKING PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

- Emailed Bulletin: Click on **https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/huntershillparish**
- Credit cards: details can be given to the parish office.
- Direct Deposit: **BSB 062 784 A/C No. 635 5001**
- Envelopes

SAVE THE DATE ....

L' Arche Open Gardens 2017

Monday 23 October 9.30am—12.30pm

Cost : $30. Tickets limited. Click on link to book : www.trybooking.com/RXRK

Enquiries :
Julie-Anne McNamee/Felicity McCaffrey
0418489046 / 0407117868

MEN'S GROUP DINNER

Thursday 21 Sept
Parish Hall 7.00pm.
Camino Walkers sharing their story.

THURSDAY AFTERNOONS AT VILLA

A delicious afternoon tea awaits you on 21 September, from 1.00pm in the Chapter Hall. All are invited to meet and to share interest and companionship.

Arranged by the Parish Marist Laity Group.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL REGISTRATIONS

ACYF registrations continue. For registrations and enquiries within the Northern Deanery contact Anita on 0406607115 or anitabhhogan@gmail.com

There are still some complimentary registrations for students attending State schools. University students can also register with groups of University students by contacting unicatholics@sydneycatholic.org

FIRST RECONCILIATION REGISTRATION

Please register online for Reconciliation using the Trybooking system.

In addition to personal information, you will need the following in order to complete your registration:

1. Baptism Certificate
2. Credit Card details for payment of $35.30

Bookings open 7pm 20th September and close 12am 16th October. The link to the Trybooking is:
https://www.trybooking.com/RVUX

Or
https://www.trybooking.com/313531

If you are unable to use this system please come to the Parish office during business hours to complete the forms and pay $35 registration fee.

COMMUNION SERVICE

Monday, HNM 9.00 am

SOME IMAGES FROM OUR FEAST DAY MASS

Well Done...*CONGRATS AND THANKS ZONE*

Congratulations and a very warm welcome to **Sinead Dillon, Aria DÁndreti & Matteo Bertolli** all of whom will be baptized into our Christian community this weekend.

PARISH FEAST DAY

Special thanks to the many who contributed to the joyful atmosphere that marked our Parish Feast Day last Sunday and thanks to all who came and participated with such a lively spirit.

Our parish is indeed blessed in you all.

Pray for... *PRAYER ZONE*

Please pray for all those who are sick or in special need in our community.
We pray for:
Peter Jackson, Marie Ferris, Janet Muscat, John Edwards, Terry Braitling, Annette Cousins & Monica Carroll.

THE DOUBTERS

We pray a blessing on all those who doubt:

- Their faith
- Their family relationships
- The refugee crisis
- Their ability to pray
- The value of their own lives

May they be blessed with new hope.

POINT TO PONDER

Blessed are the poor, not the penniless,
but those whose hearts are free.
Blessed are the meek, not the soft,
but those who are patient and tolerant.
Blessed are the merciful, not those who forget,
but those who forgive.
Blessed are the pure in heart, not those who act like angels,
but those whose lives are transparent.
Blessed are the peacemakers, not those who shun conflict,
but those who face it squarely.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for justice,
not because they suffer
but because they love.

Church workers in Santiago, Chile

Coming Soon

Catholic Mission Appeal 16-17 September

Mass for our HSC Students 8 Oct 6.00pm

Parish Dinner Friday 24 November

This Week... *Scripture Zone*

First Reading: Sirach 27:30-28:7

Used as an instruction manual for the Catechumens, today's reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus, urges us to remember the commandments, remember the covenant and not to bear our neighbour any ill-will.

Response :

The Lord is kind and merciful;
Slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

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Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

The interconnectedness which we share with our brothers and sisters in life does not unravel with death, because we are brothers and sisters of Christ who is Lord both of the dead and the living.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia Alleluia,

I give you a new commandment:

Love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia !

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-25

In response to Peter's question about how often to forgive, Jesus tells him the parable of the unforgiving servant, with the challenge to us that there must be no limit (seventy-seven times) to our willingness to forgive.

Next week: First Reading : Isaiah 55:6-9
Second Reading : Philippians 1:20-27
Gospel Reading : Matthew 20:1-16

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Marist Sisters' College

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Enrolments Closing

Important note for Parents:

Enrolments for **Year 7 2019** at the College will be closing on **20 September.**

Enrolments for **Year 7 2020** will be closing on **11 April 2018.**

A PARISH OF THE MARIST FATHERS

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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
RECONCILIATON:
Holy Name of Mary: Saturday 5.15pm-5.45pm or by request.

PARISH TEAM:
Parish Priest:
Father Kevin Bates SM
Ph: 0425 333 129
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Priests Assisting:
Fathers Wills Melteras SM, Bill Ryder SM, Paul Pearce SM JP.

New or Returning Parishioners…
Please come along to the Parish Office for a warm welcome and to pick up a Parish Information Kit .

Parish Secretary: Sylvia Gutierrez
Associate Secretary: Maggie Mullane
Sacramental Coordinator: Rosalia Foley
fft@hnom.com.au
Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson:
Suzan Sharples
Susan.sharples@bigpond.com
Parish Pastoral Council Secretary:
Richard McNamee:
richard_mcnamee@baxter.com
Parish Finance Committee Michael Lindsay 0423 020 002
Repair & Maintenance: Anthony Russo
BAPTISM:
By arrangement. Parents contact the presbytery to book & arrange to attend the Baptism Prep Program

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENINGS COMING UP:
Tuesdays 19 Sept, 17 Oct, 21 Nov, 19 Dec in the 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
Counselling: Allison Cahill 0402 405 843. & **Deborah Khoury** 0409 719 443
Villa Play Group: Tues 9:30-11:30am Parish Hall. Fran Kanaan 0408 447 377, hnom.com.au/children
Meditation Group: Gabrielle Woodcock, 9817 0097
Young Adults Group: Nicholas Fearnley 0401 722 839
Parish Pastoral Council: Michael Brooks (Secretary) 0400 908 706
Parish Finance Committee:

Aged Ministry :
Margaret Gambley 9807 2160 or
Joan Bautovich 0402 275 105
Grief Support Group:
Cecilia Brungs 0412 284 028
Liturgy Group : Rob Turnbull 0431 290 714
Eucharistic Ministry Coordinator :
Kate Buckland 9817 2558
Altar Servers Coordinator:
Kathleen Lee 0433 500 648
Social Justice Group:
Sonia Zec 0413791775
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Men's Group: Clinton McDonald 0450021011Gerardo D'Angelo 0418 294 063
Marist Laity Group: Cathy Gallo 9817 2959, Josiane Espinosa 9807 9199
Welcomers' Coordinator:
Rob Turnbull, 0431 290 714
Family Faith Educator: Marea De Angelis Ph: 0419 448 201
Ecumenical Group : Richard Korkor 0410 431 022
Young Christian Workers Group: Natasha Foley 0424 976 658
St Peter Chanel Management Team:
Claire Glase 0418 668 486

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.