

HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH HUNTERS HILL ST PETER CHANEL WOOLWICH



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

September 19 2021

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Year B

I BELIEVE—AND?

Calendar

Everything on hold until we are out of lockdown.

SEPTEMBER

We hope that this calendar will once again be nicely stocked with parish events before too long!

In the meantime we continue patiently and with good hope.

"I believe in God the Father Almighty....." and on we go! The phrase *"I believe"* includes our own voices and is the voice of the whole Church proclaiming its faith.

This statement of our faith is just the tip of the iceberg. The events of the wonderful salvation story which we proclaim, find their completion in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and are our starting point.

Then it's up to each one of us to live in the light of what we believe. The Scriptures remind us that faith without good works is dead, and in the words of St Thomas Aquinas, faith and love are inseparable.

Our faith is more than a simple affirmation of beliefs. It is more than a kind of feeling that we belong somehow so that we can call ourselves Catholic or Christian. It is more than just attending Mass.

If we settle for the above we end up being a pale imitation of what faith really means. The phrase "cultural Catholic" comes to mind here. We have our kids baptised, pop by a church for our wedding and jump through the necessary hoops to get our children into a Catholic school and then it's back to "real life" in which faith may play little or no part.

We may come to church often, bombard the Lord with our prayers and then pay little attention to the cries of the poor, the state of our earth, the plight of the refugee or even of our near neighbour. Our prayers may seem to excuse us from further action.

Then there are those of us who get involved in all sorts of action, parish events, social justice initiatives, networking. All of them are worthy enterprises and to be admired. These may be evidences of our faith in action, or they can just as easily become central passions in themselves in which faith plays little part.

Our school and parish groups can proclaim that we are committed to "gospel values". Once again these are worth pursuing and then we realise that many gospel values are readily found in the Qu'ran and the holy books of all the great religions. Young parents often tell us that they want their children to be in a Catholic school to learn these values.

There's something crucial missing here. When I commit simply to a code of values, however worthy, I am still in control and when that control is threatened by illness, death, job-losses, economic struggle, these values struggle to nourish and sustain.

Our faith, first and last involves an encounter with the risen Jesus in which he is a central presence in our daily life. When I'm in a relationship with another person, with a community, with Jesus, I allow myself to be vulnerable, accountable and open to change. When crises come, this loving relationship is my fall-back position. Here I have somewhere to rest, reflect and renew my hope. In this, nothing is too much for me to handle, as St Paul notes when he claims that nothing can come between him and the love of Christ.

When people view the Church as a welfare agency, an education or health provider, a hierarchic institution with the same kinds of worthy qualities and corruption that mark any human enterprise, they are not really looking at the Church in its essence.

Before anything we are a communion of faith, a faith that is born of God's good grace, a faith that calls us into a union with all that is truly sacred, and from which emerges a deep passion for the coming of God's purposes, the well-being of all creation. From this relationship flow our values, values that are centred on God rather than ourselves, values born of a love which alone gives birth to our mission in the world.

I wish us all a share in this intimate loving.

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. His name next week. Last week's photo: Kate Barry



PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY CONTINUES IN LOCKDOWN

Luana and Danielle, our Youth Ministry coordinators have been at work during this lockdown as Luana reports here:

Despite lockdown, our youth ministers have still been continuing their amazing work from home. During this time, they have been working with Marist Sisters' College and Holy Cross College to organise a group of student volunteers to help out with youth group events.

They have led a training event for their volunteers via zoom, and are really excited to eventually begin working with their new wonderful volunteers. They have been utilising their time in lockdown to come up with new creative and fun ideas for their next events and are very excited to share these with the kids when lockdown lifts!

Thanks,
Luana



ARCHBISHOP'S AFGHAN REFUGEE APPEAL

Sydney Catholic Archbishop, Anthony Fisher OP, has launched the Archbishop's Afghan Refugee Appeal. The appeal will raise desperately needed funds and commit the Archdiocese resources of education, health and welfare to Afghan families and individuals fleeing their homeland in the wake of the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan. The UN and aid agencies are preparing for a Syria scale refugee crisis. The appeal means that those who find their way to Australia will have support and resources waiting for them. These dark times remind all of us that we really are our brothers' and our sisters' keeper.

For further information contact Fr Peter Smith at the Justice and Peace Office: 0408 613 709.

REACHING OUT DURING LOCKDOWN

Let's all look out for each other during this extended lock-down particularly those who are finding it tough. We have a number of ways in our community that can help us stay connected:

Forget-Me-Nots: We have a band of helpers who can be a friendly voice and someone to chat to, go on a walk with or indeed help with shopping or provide a meal.

Contact Marea De Angelis on 0419 448 201 or:

mareadeangelis0@gmail.com

Helping hands: We know there are many families juggling work and home schooling or otherwise doing it tough due to loss of income through lockdown.

Contact: David Macedone on 0412 049 895 or davemacedone@hotmail.com or

Marnie Butler on 0413 004 702 or MButler@monte.nsw.edu.au

Assistance is also available through the parish **Counselling** ministry.

If you would like help please reach out to Catherine at the parish office (9817 5325 or villamar@bigpond.net.au) and we will assist with connecting you.

ERth SUMMIT 30 Sept-2 Oct

The 2021 Earth Summit (ERth) will be a 3-day long international conference – a platform where we aim to get the young people voices from over 193 countries and territories to discuss their concerns on environmental problems.

The summit will be a global stage for young people to come work together in creating solutions for both local and global climate problems. Participating in the conference will empower young attendees to enhance various crucial skills.

The recommendation will be fed into a document on Ecological Rights of the Children. Notably, the ERth Summit is open to students and young people across the globe. It aims to foster dialogue at an international scale, providing an opportunity to showcase youth-led climate action around the world.

About the organizer: PRATYeK | NINEISMINE

PRATYeK is a child and earth rights organization based in New Delhi, India. We work in collaboration with several international and national organizations such as UNICEF, Edmund Rice International, WWF, and Save the Children.

For registration and queries, please contact: earthsummit2021@gmail.com

HEALING AFTER ABORTION

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries offers a confidential voicemail number: 0400 092 555.

Healing retreats are held regularly in the Sydney area offering women and men a spiritual way through grief and loss. See the website:

rachelsaus.blogspot.com
Next retreat will be held 5-7 November 2021.

VILLA CHALLENGE—PETS AND US!



CHILD SAFETY— OUR SPECIAL PRIORITY



Well Done...CONGRATS AND WELCOME ZONE

BAPTISMS: We're keeping the water warm and the oils ready for when the lockdown is lifted!



TEACHERS & SCHOOL STAFFS

Thank you to all our school staffs who are completing a whole term of online teaching and learning. Your patience and care are an inspiration to all of us. Enjoy your upcoming break!

POINT TO PONDER OUR FATHER

I heard him call you his beloved son
And saw his Spirit lighten like a dove,
I thought his words must be for you alone,
Knowing myself unworthy of his love.
You pray in close communion with your Father,
So close you say the two of you are one,
I feel myself to be receding further,
Fallen away and outcast and alone.
And so I come and ask you how to pray,
Seeking a supplicant's distant petition.
Only to find you give your words away,
As though I stood with you in your position,
As though your Father were my Father too,
As though I found his 'welcome home' in you.
Malcolm Guitte, Parable and Paradox.

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As we approach the end of Term 3 and prepare for the school holidays, we acknowledge the perseverance and hard work of students, teachers and staff, as well as parents and carers, during this term of remote learning. We wish everyone in our College community a relaxing and safe break - see you in Term 4!

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.

OUR LEADERS

As we begin to the move out of lockdown over the coming weeks, we pray for all our leaders for the courage, wisdom and clear-sightedness they will need to guide the community through a return to more normal freedoms.

May they all act with the good health and well-being of all, setting aside any special interests that could interfere with a positive and safe return from this lengthy period of privation.

COMING SOON

Hopefully First Holy Communion & Confirmation before year's end.

This Week... Scripture Zone

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

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/091921.cfm>

First Reading:
Wisdom 2: 12; 17-20

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

Response
The Lord upholds my life.

Second Reading:
James 3:16-4:3

Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel
To share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading
Mark 9: 30-37

The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity...All who wish themselves to be first must make themselves the servants of all.

*First Reading : Numbers 11: 25-29
Second Reading : James 5: 1-6
Gospel Reading : Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48*



A PARISH OF THE MARIST FATHERS

PARISH OFFICE:

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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

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Fathers Aliko Langi SM, Ph: 0408 896 839

Paul Pidcock SM, OAM, Paul Pearce SM, JP

Parish Secretary: Catherine Byrne

Associate Secretary: Maggie Mullane

Sacramental Coordinator: Rosalia Foley

New or Returning Parishioners...

Please come along to the Parish Office for a warm welcome and to pick up a Parish Information Kit.

fft@hnom.com.au 0409 608 979

Parish Safeguarding Support Officers:

Caitlin Pfafflin & Kathleen Lee:

hnompsso@gmail.com

BAPTISM:

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

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENINGS:

Tuesday 12 October, 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:

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Tom.roche7@gmail.com

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Lynne.Harman@gbca.org.au

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

Parish Hall. Mercedes Simola 0414 625 384

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

Youth Ministry: Danielle Dwyer & Luana di Stefano: youthministryhnom@gmail.com

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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.