

HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH HUNTERS HILL ST PETER CHANEL WOOLWICH



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

23 September 2018

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

WHEN SPRING BREAKS THROUGH

Calendar

September

25-7 Marist Fathers Provincial Assembly

29 AFL Grand Final!

October

5 Monthly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
HNM 7.00 am

10 Liturgy Group Meeting
Parish House
7.30pm

11 Parish Pastoral Council Exec Meeting
Parish House
7.30pm

12 Youth Group
Parish Hall

13 Marist Laity Chapter Hall
9am

13-14 Drought Relief Appeal
(See p.2)

14 Mass for HSC Students
HNM 6.00pm

16 Baptism Prep
Chapter Hall
7.30pm

Spring is arriving with its clear air, excited birdsong, warmer breezes and blossoms colouring our surroundings.. The world around us pulses with new life. Our bodies respond to this newfound energy as muscles relax and passions we thought long-buried surface once again. The world within and around us feels somehow newly alive. Spring fashions brighten footpaths that were only recently cloaked in heavy coats and sombre hats.

It really is a beautiful season and feels a bit like resurrection all over again. It refreshes our longing that life itself is meant to be beautiful, big-hearted and full of the sort of joy embodied in the song of the birds as they notice that winter is gone.

This past week with gentle joy, we celebrated the Feast Day of our parish. In similar vein the Marist community at St Patrick's Church Hill, celebrated 150 years ministry of the Marist Fathers there. In a few weeks, our parish school, Villa Maria will be marking its 150th anniversary with spring-like thankfulness.

While all this new life is being celebrated, remembered and re-claimed, woven through each day, each news cycle, is the relentless suffering of our mother the earth and the suffering of so much of our human family.

As we call to mind those lured into many forms of modern-day slavery, in industry, agriculture, the sex trade, our spring-song stops short. The ongoing suffering of victims of sexual abuse, most often in families and sadly too often in our church among other institutions, continues silently and aloud.

The despair that leads young lives to a premature end too frequently stirs our sadness and bewilderment. The emptiness that lures so many, especially young people, to search for the next "high" through the misuse of drugs, alcohol, sex or addictive and ultimately mindless electronic games, leaves us grasping for hope and puzzling over the sad fragile state of our human family.

Much of our entertainment is infected by a cynicism about the human condition and a sad surrender to human evil. It's as if corruption, addiction and our noisy, restless desires are all that's left to us.

In the middle of all this, with quiet determination, spring breaks through!

In the middle of all that weighs on us and of all that requires our attention and healing touch, it's fitting that without apology or hesitation, we embrace the occasions of joy and new life with glad hearts. We need the nourishment they provide in order to be present lovingly in our world. We need the hope that they generate to move forward, still searching out the path of love, justice and peace that is our calling.

Quietly present through everything, is the Spirit of the Risen Jesus who knows only too well the depth of our desperation and suffering, and whose graced presence is more than enough to cope with our darkest selves.

So much of our lost, aimless addictive behaviour speaks of lives whose centre has gone missing. In Jesus we find that missing centre which anchors all our endeavours.

In the song of Jesus we hear the sounds of spring. This is no trivial shallow song cased in a sort of cosmetic niceness. This song springs from the very depths of human and cosmic suffering and is a joyful proclamation that love indeed is not only possible, but is present here and now, breaking through all that weighs on us and seeks to bring us down. Because of Jesus' song, we celebrate with glad hearts, without hesitation, with confidence and without shame, for we know that it is this song alone that will be the healing of our broken suffering world.

Let's embrace this springtime whole-heartedly, and celebrate our joyful moments with untarnished thankfulness. We then embrace the suffering world with a certain joy, knowing God's longing, that all creation might share in the hope that spring announces, and that we can play our part in making real this divine longing. 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: **Lila Conomos**



DROUGHT RELIEF APPEAL 13-14 OCT

Archbishop Anthony has launched a drought relief appeal for the people of the Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese. At each Mass on the weekend of 13-14 October, there will be a special collection for this purpose.

PARISH AMBASSADOR FOR 2020 PLENARY COUNCIL

Paul Bingham has generously accepted an invitation to be the parish's Ambassador leading up to the Plenary Council in 2020. Chis Gorrige has kindly agreed to support Paul in this role. We thank them both very much.

BAABAYN INDIGENOUS CAMP, GERRINGONG

Once again our Social Justice Group is supporting the Baabayn Community for their annual camp in November. We will be calling on parishioners to donate food and sporting goods to assist the kids to have a wonderful time and the parents to have some well needed respite. Please watch this space for ways you can help this important initiative for our indigenous brothers and sisters.

MARIST 180 TUTORING PROGRAM FOR REFUGEE CHILDREN

Are you interested and available to help tutor refugee school students through Marist 180?

Our parish social justice group is calling for volunteers who may be able to help with tutoring for refugee children who are being supported by Marist 180. The commitment would require you attend on a roster basis with another volunteer about once per month, for 2 hours after school. Marist 180 will provide working with children and police checks, as well as some training before you begin. Please contact Marnie if you are interested or have any questions.

marniebutler@gmail.com

PARISH DINNER

Tickets are on sale for our much loved **Annual Parish Dinner - Friday 19 October 2018** - Parish Hall. Tickets \$60/person.

Please book tickets:

www.trybooking.com/XSTH

Booking forms are also available at each Church which you can fill in and bring to the parish office.

We will be holding a Raffle and an Auction. If you would like to donate a prize please drop it off to the Parish Office or Villa School Office.

Looking forward to a night filled with great food and nourishing company (or vice versa)

All Welcome



The Disciples arguing about who is the greatest.....Recent events tell us that we haven't changed all that much!

RECONCILIATION REGISTRATION

Please register online for the Sacrament of First 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 \$40.30 (The payment is to cover the cost of administration and the materials required for the preparation program.)

Bookings open 7pm 26th September and close 12am 19th October. The link to the Trybooking is :

<https://www.trybooking.com/YBBZ>

Or

<https://www.trybooking.com/422551>

If you are unable to use this system please come to the Parish office during business hours to complete the forms and pay \$40 registration fee.

HUNTERS HILL OPEN GARDENS FOR L'ARCHE

Help raise funds for L'Arche, an innovative international charity enabling people with intellectual disabilities to live in the community. Enjoy a beautiful garden experience walking between two historic waterfront estates and a charming cottage garden.

Friday November 2 9.00-1.00pm

Tickets limited. Cost \$30

Click on link to book or donate:www.trybooking.com/WLHA or ring:

Julie-Anne McNamee

0418 489 046

Felicity McCaffrey

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MARIST FATHERS PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY

On 25-27 September, the Marist Fathers will be holding an Assembly, to study and to form a community response to the findings of the Royal Commission into Institutional Child Sexual Abuse.

The Assembly will be held in the Parish Hall here.

During those days there will be no Masses or Communion Services in the parish.

Holy Name of Mary Church will be open during each day and you are all invited to pay a visit and join in spirit and prayer with the Marist Fathers Community as we work towards our response to the findings of the Royal Commission.

We invite you to journey with us in prayer not just at the church but wherever you happen to be through these very significant days.

AID TO CHURCH IN NEED

Job vacancies—Bookkeeper and Diocesan Outreach Assistants. The Pontifical charity Aid to the Church in Need is advertising for a part-time bookkeeper to work out of their national office in Penrith, and confident public speakers to deliver monthly presentations in parishes across Sydney. For all details visit: www.catholicjobsonline.com.au

FULL TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS TO ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL COLLEGE

Boys currently in year 2 are invited to audition as members of the prestigious St Mary's Cathedral Choir to begin in 2019.

All students receive full-tuition scholarships to St Mary's Cathedral College when placed as Cathedral Choristers.

Please contact our Music Admin. To arrange an audition or for more info: at music@stmaryscathedral.org.au

Well Done...CONGRATS AND THANKS ZONE

Congratulations and a very warm welcome to **Domenico Garzo, Jana Villanueva, Jordan Tighe, Oliver Gregorio, Alexandra Lynch & Madeline Nguyen** all of whom will be baptized into our Christian community this weekend.

OUR SECRETARIES

From Sylvia at the parish office, through our energetic and welcoming team at Villa Maria to the smiling faces that greet you at Marist Sisters College, we owe so very much. They are the faces of our parish and schools. They are the holders of the stories. They make connections. They bring us back to earth. They are our wisdom figures. We thank God for them and bless them all.

POINT TO PONDER

THE HIDDEN CENTER

*Some may introduce their God
as moody sovereign meddler,
busybody puppeteer,
a gamester stacking the cards.*

*Mine plays in a crude combo –
members free to improvise,
exchanging cues uncharted,
yielding to quick chance solos.*

*Behind this motley hubbub
weaving measured counterpoint
God relaxed directs somehow
by quiet indirection.*

Vernon Roland Tactics of Nevertheless

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Prayers for Exam Time

Marist Sisters' College asks for the Parish community to hold our Year 11 students in your thoughts and prayers as they undertake their preliminary examinations.

Pray for... PRAYER ZONE

Please pray for all those who are sick or in special need in our community:

Marie Ferris, Janet Muscat, Judy Craig, Monica Carroll, Lina Gullotta, Suzanne Traill, Frank Lloyd, John Burton, Kevin Turner & Paul Manton.



JAMES STACK

James, who assists regularly with the music at 10.00 am Mass, is in hospital following a number of operations and in a frail condition. His prognosis seems positive, so let's keep him in our prayers.

James is a very unassuming, quiet, and most generous parishioner. We pray for a good recovery for him.

I WAS SICK AND YOU VISITED ME

Coming Soon

Parish Dinner 19 October

Villa Maria School 150th Celebrations 28 October

This Week... Scripture Zone

First Reading:

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Our reading from the Book of Wisdom reflects the challenges that come from living within the wisdom of God, a living that involves speaking the truth and naming as God sees.

Response

The Lord upholds my life.
Alleluia !

Second Reading :

James 3:16-4:3

While the Christian community is to be marked by peace and mercy, it is also a place where our worst selves, our selfishness and jealousy, can be at play.

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

As Jesus explains to his closest followers that his healing and teaching are leading to his death, he encounters the misunderstanding of his own disciples, who have not comprehended the meaning or implications of his servant leadership.

Next week: 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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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
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kev@kevinbates.com

Priests Assisting:

Fathers Wills Melteras SM,(on leave) John
Worthington SM, Paul Pearce SM(on leave)

Parish Secretary: Sylvia Gutierrez

New or Returning Parishioners...

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

Associate Secretary: Maggie Mullane

Sacramental Coordinator: Rosalia Foley
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:

Tuesdays: 16 Oct, 13 Nov, 11 Dec, Chapter
Hall @ 7.30pm

MARRIAGE:

At least six months notice must be given. The
parish clergy will officiate primarily for parishion-
ers. Others will generally need to arrange their
own Priest or Deacon.

PARISH PASTORAL GROUPS AND CONTACTS

Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson:

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Villa Play Group: Tues 9:30-11:30am Par-
ish Hall. Elsa Hietbrink 0422 237 356
hnom.com.au/children

St Vincent De Paul: Paul Ladd 0468 355 753

Meditation Group: Gabrielle Woodcock,
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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.