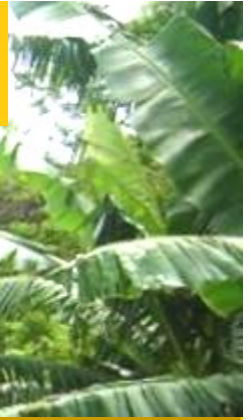


HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH HUNTERS HILL ST PETER CHANEL WOOLWICH



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

24 September 2017

**TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A
SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY**

SPRING HAS SPRUNG

Calendar

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
9.00am
- 14 RCIA Reunion Mass & Afternoon Tea**
Parish Hall
2.00pm
- 15 Parish Pilgrimage**
After 10.00 am
Mass
- 17 Baptism Prep**
Chapter Hall
7.30pm
- 19 Anointing Mass** Chapter Hall 11.30am
- 19 Children's Liturgy Group Leader's Meeting**
Chapter Hall
7.30pm

Almost as soon as September kicks in, the blossoms start to decorate their trees and shrubs. The birds seem to know something is up as they chortle with new passion and somehow brighter tones. The sun is up earlier and asleep a bit later so the early-morning walkers are silhouetted not by setting moonlight but by rising sun. The chooks of the world have more daylight to peck, scratch and lay when it suits them.

For us, our winter clothes are packed away and our lighter gear with its fresh brighter spring colours walk the streets. There is a lightness in our step and expectation in our hearts of extra time in the garden, on the harbour or the tennis court.

Spring feels like it sounds and if we're alert, the spring in our step and the lightness in our heart beat as one with the rhythm of the nature around us. Spring allows us to be a bit silly and not take ourselves as seriously as we mostly do. Spring feels like resurrection, as the cold, ascetic mood of winter finally begins to yield to the unstoppable force of new birth and delight.

Meanwhile the news regularly reports on terror events and threats in many parts of Europe.

Bellicose rhetoric from Donald Trump and equally aggressive responses from North Korea raise alarms around the world. The flight of the Rohingya refugees into Bangladesh and the denial of any knowledge of the causes of their plight by Aung San Suu Kyi, leaves many people incredulous.

Our local news is peopled with images of violence, addiction and unresolved grief and anger. Economies are fragile and trust between nations disintegrates too easily. Corruption in business, unjust employment practices, highlighted in this year's Bishops' Social Justice Statement, seem too often to go unchallenged.

The joys of spring are easily eroded by our ignoring of its lessons. As the Scriptures note in more than one place, we prefer darkness to light. Our normal condition seems to be one of violence, both within ourselves and among ourselves. We are so attached to our original sin that we daren't allow for the surrender, the grace, the beauty or the freedom that spring affords us and all others. We cannot lose control. We cannot allow others to live as they choose. We cannot abide people who do not fit our concept of what is right and proper.

Regardless of our fallen state, spring still bursts on the scene and there is nothing we can do to stop her!

St Paul longs to "know Christ and the power of his Resurrection." This is the stuff of spring. This is the true destiny of lives lived in love. This is the hope that alone can lift the whole of our broken, angry, turbulent human family.

Jesus so perfectly embodies God's hope for every person. He gives the human story a touch of the divine in which each person's journey through time can become a beautiful icon of grace. "In Jesus", St Paul cries, we can do all in him who strengthens us". Without him, well we only have to turn on the news any hour of the day or night to see the results.

Jesus is the centre of all our yearning. He is here among us. He speaks to us in Word and Sacrament in so many diverse and wonderful ways. Somehow we keep missing him in our earnest rush to who knows where. May this springtime bring refreshment to your faith in the risen Jesus. May it also brighten and renew your faith in the lives of those closest to you, so that spring begins to sing its song in all your hearts.

God bless us and our world this spring time. May the blossoms, the birds, the merry breezes and the clearer light of this springtime grace us well.

Father Kevin

What's on?

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR PARISH?

See if anyone in your pew knows the names of these parishioners pictured at our Feast Day Mass and gathering.. Their names next week. Last week's photo: **Nancy Minari**



BISHOPS' SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT AVAILABLE TODAY

This year's Statement "Everyone's Business—Developing an Inclusive and Sustainable Economy" has something important to say to each one of us. We encourage you to read and reflect on it yourself and with your families.

FATHER KEVIN AWAY

Father Kevin will be away from the parish from next Sunday until 4 October.

COMMUNION SERVICE

Monday, HNM 9.00 am

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

RCIA

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 144 448

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

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL REGISTRATIONS

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

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

<https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/huntershillparish>

- Credit cards: details to parish office. -

- Envelopes -

- Direct Deposit:

BSB 062 784

A/C No. 635 5001

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. Closing 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.

RETREAT AT JAMBEROO ABBEY BY SR KERIN CALDWELL SGS

AGEING AND AWAKENING: GOD'S SURPRISING GIFTS

Time and age are the gifts of the second half of life. As the worn oak wine barrel produces mellow

wine so the second half of life allows us time to notice and reflect on the richness of our experience of life—awakening us to God's surprising gifts on our journey.

Date: Oct. 27-29

Venue: Benedictine Abbey

695 Mountain Rd. Jamberoo

Time: 9am commencing with Eucharist and concluding with Vespers at 5.00pm on 29th

Presenter: Sr. Kerin Caldwell sgs

Cost: \$100 for the talks plus accommodation fees.

Bookings: Petrina 0242360533

COMMEMORATION OF THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION

Place : Chapter Hall

St Mary's Cathedral

Date: 11th October Wed.

10-5pm

Adults: \$40

Enquiries: 02 9390 5172

Followed in the evening by an inter-religious prayer gathering.

CALLING ALL UNIVERSITY STUDENTS!

Are you a student (or do you know a student) studying at University? Each University has a Catholic Society that offers daily Mass, social gatherings and avenues to deepen your faith on campus.

Visit www.unicatholics.org.au to find out what is happening on your campus.

JUSTICE IN THE WORKPLACE—JESUS' PARABLE MATTHEW 20



Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard [Codex aureus Epternacensis]

Well Done...CONGRATS AND THANKS ZONE

We welcome new families and friends that have joined our parish in recent times:

Robert Kirk and Nury,
Nicole Harris,

Jacqueline & Rhodri Jones,
Madeleine & Enzo Chalhoub

The Buchanan Family,
Hesn and Stuart Higgins and Family,

We are blessed to have you with us.

WELCOME TO THE PARISH HESN & STUART HIGGINS AND BOYS.



POINT TO PONDER

*Christ of the pilgrim road,
May your people be
More concerned with justice
Than with easy piety when so
Many around us are hurting.
Amen*

Villa Maria Primary School

Principal: Mr. Kevin Turner
Phone: 98796100
www.vmhuntershill.catholic.edu.au

YR 4 VISIT MARY MACKILLOP

The Year 4 children spent a day of retreat at Mary MacKillop Place on Tuesday, concluding with a Mass in the chapel with Father Kevin. The word is they now want to be saints too!

St Josephs' College

Principal: Mr Ross Tarlinton
Mark Street, Hunters Hill, NSW
2110 T +61 2 9816 0807
www.joey.org

Marist Sisters' College

Principal: Dr Anne Ireland
Ph: 9816 2041
<http://www.mscw.nsw.edu>

YEAR 12 GRADUATION

The College celebrated the Year 12 2017 students with a Graduation Award Ceremony, Mass and Supper this week. The events were a beautiful way of celebrating these young ladies as they farewell the College and move towards their HSC examinations. We wish them great success

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 Braitting, Annette Cousins & Monica Carroll.

BUSINESS LEADERS AND OWNERS

We pray a blessing on all who contribute to the community through their business ventures.

May their pursuit of profit and productivity, never be at the expense of justice for their workers and consumers.

May the message of this year's Bishops' Social Justice Statement give us all good guidance.

Coming Soon

Social Justice Sunday 24 September

Mass for our HSC Students 8 Oct 6.00pm

Parish Dinner Friday 24 November

This Week... Scripture Zone

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

This reading, from the third major section of the Prophet Isaiah, reminds us that God's ways are radically different from our ways.

Response :

The Lord is near to all who call him.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-27

Among the very many memorable sayings in Paul's letters, today's second reading contains one which could well be his motto : Life to me, of course, is Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia Alleluia,

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia !

Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16

In many ways, this parable, a story of a generous employer, is an explanation and illustration of Jesus' earlier teaching in Matthew's Gospel (cf. 19:30) about the last being first and the first being last. It is also a reminder of the unfathomable depths of God's mercy.

*Next week: First Reading : Ezekiel 18:25-28
Second Reading : Philippians 2:1-11
Gospel Reading : Matthew 21:28-32*



A PARISH OF THE MARIST FATHERS

PARISH OFFICE:

3A Mary Street.
Hours: 9.00am – 5.00pm, Mon-Fri
PHONE: 9817 5325.
FAX: 9817 4615.
EMAIL: villamar@bigpond.net.au

Web: www.hnom.com.au

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
Ph: 0425 333 129
kev@kevinbates.com

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 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 Par-
ish 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

Altar Society: Jane Keneally 0419221185.

Annette Hills 0401 252 064

RCIA: Janet Greene 9879 6515

Cleaners: HNM Mike Burfitt 9879 4197

SPC Claire Glase 0418 668 486

Readers HNM: Barry Buffier 9817 8805

Readers SPC: Mark Volpato 9816 4431

Children's Liturgy H NOM:

Marie O'Donovan 0408 226 393

SPC: Tee Davies 0407 827 957

St Vincent De Paul: Tony Aduckiewicz
0411 641 895

Men's Group: Clinton McDonald
0450021011 Gerardo 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.