

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



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

27 September 2020

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

*I BELIEVE.....AND?*

## Calendar

### OCTOBER

- 2 **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** HNM 7.30am
- 2 **Tweedle Muff Making** Chapter Hall 9.30am
- 13 **Baptism Prep** Chapter Hall 7.30pm
- 13 **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** Meeting Room Parish Hall 7.30pm
- 14 **First Communion Parent Reflection Session**, Parish Hall, 7.00pm

### NOVEMBER

- 6 **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** HNM 7.30am
- 6 **Tweedle Muff Making** Chapter Hall 9.30am
- 8 **Annual Memorial Mass for the deceased** HNM 10.00am
- 14 **Annual Mass of the Little Angels** HNM 8.00am

*"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 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 lovely parish family. Their names next week. Last week's photo: Ralph Fitzgerald



### BOOKING IN FOR MASS

Because of social distancing requirements we are limited to 90 people at Holy Name of Mary and 75 at St Peter Chanel.

***If you wish to attend, you will still need to book in at the parish office.***

You can also book in through Trybooking on:  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BJUKE>

Parish office: Ph: 9817 5325  
**Masks are recommended.**

### NEW PARISH IT GROUP PROPOSAL

To enable us to make the best use of the new equipment installed at Holy Name of Mary, we are planning to establish a parish IT group.

If you are interested you can contact Bobby Mackun on 0434 070 350, or Catherine at the Parish Office.

### FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

Full details of our program are available on the parish website. You can book for our program through Trybooking as follows:

**Trybooking link is the following**

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

The registration closes on 30<sup>th</sup> September at 11pm.

**Please Note: Small Groups for preparation of the children will be formed on the Parent Reflection Evening on 14 October**

### MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

We are in need of a few more volunteers to assist with the cleaning of St Peter Chanel. Feel free to involve your family and friends. The days and times are flexible.

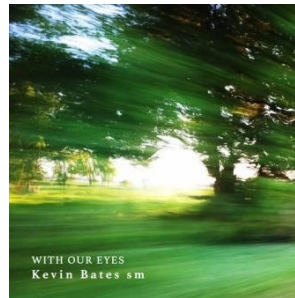
If you are available to help please contact Sharon Breen 0403 189 018.

### HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL 3 & 4 OCT.

Our Parish will hold the Holy Father's appeal next weekend for which we ask your support.

Through your gift you can help Pope Francis bring hope, opportunity and the spirit of Jesus Christ to our less fortunate brothers and sisters around the world. Your donations will go to assist communities impacted by floods, earthquakes, civil war and other disasters. Appeal envelopes will be in the churches next weekend.

### NEW ALBUM FROM FATHER KEVIN



### "We Have Seen With Our Eyes"

Father Kevin's new collection of songs will be released soon.

Pre-release copies of the CD are available for \$25 each from the parish office or via the website:

<https://www.with-our-eyes.com/>

**You can place orders now.**

### FATHER KEVIN MEETS WITH YEAR 6 STUDENTS

This year, some Year 6 students from Villa Maria are participating in the Pope Francis Award program. This program aims to encourage young people to participate in prayer and reflection through their involvement in service to the community and parish. 2020, our inaugural year of participation, has presented a few challenges, however they are deeply committed to reaching out to the school community and making new connections within the parish. On Wednesday the group met with Father Kevin to reflect on the life of the parish and their future involvement.



### SYDNEY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN—FAMILY EDUCATORS

If you are interested in becoming part of the Sydney Catholic Schools Educators, please take a look at their recruitment video <https://youtu.be/dr1C0GJaL7U> and email Lee Ann Xavier for further information on Lee-ann.xavier@syd.catholic.edu.au

### Glimpses of our Confirmation online prep program—this week: Annabel Ireland

#### The gift of Courage:

*Carrying on and striving to do good when things are not great and not going as good as you might have imagined.*

*Outreaching to others and having courage to be brave and asking others if they are ok and help them look onwards.*

*Understanding we should have the courage to do good and follow God in all that we do and say throughout our journey with God.*

*Remembering that we should always have the courage to look up to God and show that we can devote ourselves to his love and our faith.*

*Always carrying on and endlessly helping others when times are rough or aren't perfect. As well we also may follow God throughout our journey.*

*Grateful that we may have the courage to show and talk with God whenever we need to and have gratitude we have the courage to ask God to help us sometimes or reconcile our sins.*

*Encouraging others to be brave and have courage when we need it to not only help ourselves but others in our position.*

**CHILD SAFETY— OUR SPECIAL PRIORITY**





## Well Done...CONGRATS AND WELCOME ZONE

Congratulations and a very warm welcome to: **Samuel Bramble & Jonathon Phillips** who will be baptized into our Christian community this weekend.



### OUR SCHOOL TEACHERS

As they move into a deserved term break, we thank all our teachers and staff for their outstanding work during this pandemic season. Some of their efforts have been quite heroic in maintaining the care and education of our young people. God bless them all.

## POINT TO PONDER

### God's Everlasting Love

<sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Romans 8, 31-39

## Pray for... PRAYER ZONE

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

**Kathleen Lee, Janet Muscat, Judy Craig, Andrew & Lina Gullotta, Suzanne Traill, Frank Lloyd, Winifred Wall, Madge Mullen, Jill Caldwell, Valerie Grant, John O'Connor, Ron Hill, Catherine Keating, (Pauline Dowling's Mother,) and Eddie and Carmel Walsh (Ann Curtin's parents.)**

### JOHN O'CONNOR

We pray for John who is very unwell and for his wife Alice as she accompanies him in his illness.

### PEOPLE IN CRISIS

We will all know people who are struggling to cope with the present circumstances. There are health issues, job-losses or uncertainties, economic challenges, family disruptions and separations due to work commitments and many more like situations.

We pray for all those who are struggling through these times that the love of family and community may sustain them and that their faith provides the nourishment that they need.

## COMING SOON

The Sacrament of Confirmation

## This Week... Scripture Zone

### First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

For the prophet Ezekiel we have a reminder to the virtuous that sin leads to death, and a life within what is right and just allows for authentic living. There is always forgiveness and mercy upon recognizing our fall from grace.

### Response

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

### Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5

Christ emptied himself of divine privilege and entered fully into human reality so that we could

be raised up and death be defeated. We are invited to have the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel Reading Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus addressed the leaders of faith and Jewish culture, challenging them to be faithful to what God is revealing in the lost and the poor. The same reading challenges our ecclesial leaders to keep the Church in touch with the signs of the times.

### Villa Maria Primary School

Principal: Mr. Kevin Turner  
Phone: 98796100  
[www.vmhuntershill.catholic.edu.au](http://www.vmhuntershill.catholic.edu.au)

### St Josephs' College

Principal: Dr Christopher Hayes  
Mark Street, Hunters Hill, NSW  
2110 T +61 2 9816 0802  
[www.joeys.org](http://www.joeys.org)

### Marist Sisters' College

Principal: Dr Anne Ireland  
Ph: 9816 2041  
[www.mscw.nsw.edu.au](http://www.mscw.nsw.edu.au)

First Reading : Isaiah 5:1-7  
Second Reading : Philippians 4:6-9  
Gospel Reading : Matthew 21:33-43



# 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

[kev@kevinbates.com](mailto:kev@kevinbates.com)

### Priests Assisting:

Fathers Aliko Langi SM, Ph: 0408 896 839

John Worthington SM, Paul Pidcock SM,

OAM, Paul Pearce SM, JP

Parish Secretary: Catherine Byrne

Associate Secretary: Maggie Mullane

## New or Returning Parishioners...

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

**Sacramental Coordinator:** Rosalia Foley  
[fft@hnom.com.au](mailto:fft@hnom.com.au) 0409 608 979

### Parish Safeguarding Support Officers:

Caitlin Pfaffin & 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 13 Oct, 10 Nov, 8 Dec, 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

### Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson:

Marita Winters

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### Parish Pastoral Council Secretary:

Carmen Pelling

[cdpelling@gmail.com](mailto:cdpelling@gmail.com)

### Parish Finance Committee:

Andrew Curtin 0423 123 995

### Family Faith Educator: Marea De Angelis

Ph: 0419 448 201

### 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 Adukwicz 0411 641 895

**Meditation Group:** Gabrielle Woodcock, 9817 0097

**Youth Group:** Luana: 0426845053 or

Danielle: 0400 871 423

**Young Adults Group:** Nicholas Fearnley 0401 722 839

**Aged Ministry :** Margaret Gambley 9807 2160

### Grief Support Group:

Cecilia Brungs: 0412 284 028

### Social Justice Group:

David Macedone: 0412 049 895;

Marnie Butler: 0413 004 702

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

Josiane Espinosa 9807 9199

### 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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**Readers HNM:** Barry Buffer: 9817 8805

**SPC:** Mark Volpato: 9816 4431

### Children's Liturgy:

**HNM:** Olivia Edwards: 0409 541 177

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**Altar Society:** Julia Cuming: 0412 031 451

Annette Hills: 0401 252 064

**Ukelele Group:** Fr Aliko: 0408 896 839

### Cleaners:

**HNM:** Maggie Mullane 0411 475 469

**SPC:** Sharon Breen: 0403 189 018

### Men's Group:

Clinton McDonald: 0419 646 311

Gerardo D'Angelo 0418 294 063

### Inter-Church Council:

Richard Korkor 0410 431 022

## 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.