

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



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

8 SEPTEMBER 2019

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

PARISH FEAST DAY

## Calendar

### SEPTEMBER

- 8 Parish Feast Day Mass**  
10.00 am
- 10 Men's Group Dinner** Parish Hall  
7.00 for 7.30pm
- 19 Anointing Mass**  
Chapter Hall  
11.30am
- 21 Marist Laity Meeting** in Chapter Hall  
9.00am
- 26 Grief Support Group Meeting**  
Parish House  
7.30pm
- 27 Grandparents Day Mass** Villa Maria School  
9.30am
- OCTOBER**
- 6 Regional Twilight Retreat**  
Preparing for Plenary Council 2020, Parish Hall and Grounds (More Details soon)
- 15 Baptism Prep Session** Chapter Hall  
7.30pm
- 16 Social Justice Group Meeting**  
Parish House  
7.30pm
- 17 Anointing Mass**  
Chapter Hall  
11.30am

This excerpt from a reflection by French Marist Francois Marc gives us a glimpse of how the Church could be when shaped by Mary's spirit.

### A MARIAN CHURCH

*I would like to plead for a Marian church; not for a church which multiplies processions and blesses huge statues....Rather a church which "lives the gospel after the manner of Mary."*

The Marian church follows Mary into the mountains, going off with her to encounter life; she visits men and women, and though things may seem to be sterile, she is on the watch for what is coming to birth, for possibilities, for the life which beats in things. The Marian church rejoices and sings. Instead of bemoaning its fate and the world's woes, she is in wonder at the beauty there is on the earth and in the human heart, as she sees what God is doing there.

The Marian church knows she is the object of a gratuitous love and that God has the heart of a mother. She has seen God on the door-step, on the look-out for the improbable return of a son; she has seen him throw his arms around his neck, place the festal ring on his finger, and himself organised the homecoming feast. When she pages through the family album, she sees Zaccheus in his sycamore, the woman taken in adultery, the Samaritan woman, foreigners, the lepers, beggars and a common prisoner in the place of execution. So you see, the Marian church despairs of no one, and *"does not quench the smouldering flax."* When she finds someone on the side of the road, wounded by life, she is moved by compassion, and with infinite tenderness tends their wounds. She is the safe harbour, who is always open, the refuge of sinners, mother of mercy.

The Marian church does not know the answers before the questions are posed. Her path is not traced out in advance. She knows doubt and unease, night and loneliness. That is the price of trust. She takes her part in the conversation, but makes no claim to know everything. She accepts that she must search. The Marian church lives in Nazareth in silence and simplicity. She does not live in a castle. Her home is like all the other homes. She goes out to chat with the other villagers. She weeps with them, she rejoices with them, but she never preaches at them. Above all she listens.

She does her shopping, she goes to look for water at the well, she is invited when there is a marriage. It is in these places that she encounters people. Many people are pleased to have her rest a while in their home; they consider it a blessing. The Marian church stands at the foot of the Cross. She does not take refuge in a fortress or in a chapel or in prudent silence when people are being crushed. She is vulnerable in her deeds as in her words. With a humble courage she stands alongside the most insignificant.

The Marian church lets in the wind of Pentecost, the wind which impels one to go out, which unties tongues. In the public square, not for the sake of hammering doctrine, nor to swell her ranks, she proclaims her message: the promise has been kept. And this is the great secret which only she can murmur: to win the victory God has laid down his arms. True, we are in an intermediate time, the time of human history. And that history is a painful one.

Yet every evening at the end of Vespers, the Church sings the Magnificat. For the Church knows where her joy is to be found. And look: God has not found our world or its afflictions, its violence or its wickedness uninhabitable. It is there that he has met us. And there on the Cross, we have seen the "mercy", the open heart of God.

*What's on?*

**HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR PARISH?**

See if anyone in your pew knows the name of this parishioner. Her name next week. Last Week's photo: Patsy Mac-Clean



**FEAST DAY MASS 8 SEPT**

Our Feast Day Mass is on this Sunday 8 September at 10.00 am in the grounds of Villa Maria Monastery.

**All other Sunday Masses are cancelled that day.** Saturday 6.00pm Mass will be celebrated as normal.

*Sausages, Gelato and Coffee to follow the Mass!*

**Save the date: PARISH DINNER Saturday 26 October Parish Hall 7.00pm**

**FREE OFFER TO PARISHES**

Book case/display units free to parishes, bookcase island/display units are available to collect from the CCD Mustard Seed Bookshop (surplus to requirements.) To acquire one or more of these units email CCD office:office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au

**CHILD SAFETY—OUR SPECIAL PRIORITY**



**WELCOME CATHERINE BYRNE**

We are delighted to welcome Catherine Byrne as our new Parish Secretary. Catherine has started on a part-time basis and will be taking over from Sylvia at the end of the year.

Catherine is from Ireland originally and has extensive administrative skills.

We know you will all make her very welcome.



**CATALYST FOR RENEWAL MORNING**

Our next reflection morning will be held on Saturday 7th Septem-

ber in the parish hall at Hunters Hill. Sr Elizabeth Brennan sgs will lead our reflection. Her topic/theme "St Hildegard of Bingen". The morning will commence at 9.30am and conclude at 12.30pm. Tea and coffee provided. No need to book. We do appreciate a donation. All are most welcome. A time to be still. A time for silent reflection. Enquiries Carole Wilson 9869 1036. "Come and See".

**JESUIT MISSION INDIAN BAZAAR**

Come and join in the fun and festivities at Jesuit Mission's Indian Bazaar on Saturday 14th September 9-5pm at St. Ignatius' College s Riverview. There will be rides, stalls, auctions and more. The annual fundraiser supports Jesuit Mission work over 13 countries empowering the most vulnerable people to transform their lives and build brighter futures. More details <https://jesuitmission.org.au/indian-bazaar>

**IGNITE CONFERENCE**

The Ignite Conference is one of Australia's most powerful Catholic youth and family conference. For the first time this October 3-6 Ignite Conference will be held in

Sydney. The conference draws together a network of high schoolers, young adults, ministry leaders, families, teachers, priests and religious from around the country. Students from all Sydney Catholic Schools are offered a 50% discount and special packages. For more information visit [www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/ignite19](http://www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/ignite19) or [info@sydneycatholicyouth.org](mailto:info@sydneycatholicyouth.org)

**SILENT GUIDED RETREAT—"REMAIN IN ME"**

Would you like to spend a weekend away with God? Join us, for this weekend retreat run by Verbun Dei Missionaries, at Hartzler Park, Bowral on 20-22 Sept. For more information email [verbundeisydney@gmail.com](mailto:verbundeisydney@gmail.com) or Maria 0402 452 342

**FATHER KEVIN'S HEALTH**

Thanks to so many of you who have been enquiring about my health, offering me the support of your prayers and providing practical help in numerous ways. I am very touched and grateful.

It's as though I am fighting bushfires on several fronts. Asthma-related issues, balance and visits from vertigo are the main players! I'm in excellent medical hands and working hard to turn what corners I can.

God bless you for your many kindnesses and thanks again.

Father Kevin

**"OASIS" YEAR 5-6 PARISH YOUTH GROUP**

Oasis is the primary school Youth Group at Holy Name of Mary Parish. It caters for children in Yr5 and Yr6 across all schools from around the area, and members of our parish. Oasis focuses on building connections between kids, through fun activities and themed nights, with our faith centred at the core of what we do. Engage with us by making new friends, participating in a range of exciting activities, partaking in a faith-based reflection, and mostly importantly, DINNER!

The Oasis Youth Group occurs once a month on a Friday night from 6-8pm.

We hope to see you there!

**For more information, contact Luana: 0426845053 or Danielle: 0400 871 423**

**Some images from last week's Mexican Fiesta Night**



## Well Done...CONGRATS AND THANKS ZONE

Congratulations and a very warm welcome to **Ava Habkook** who will be baptized into our Christian community this weekend.

*We welcome the new bursts of spring flowers that appeared right on time this week!*

## POINT TO PONDER

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

His gospel is itself a living creature,  
A ground and glory round the throne of  
God, Where earth and heaven breathe  
through human nature  
and One upon the throne sees it is good.  
Luke is the living pillar of our healing,  
a lowly ox, the servant of the four,  
We turn his page to find his face revealing  
The wonder and the welcome of the poor.  
He breathes good news to all who bear a  
burden,  
Good News to all who turn and try again,  
The meek rejoice, and prodigals find  
pardon,  
A lost thief reaches paradise through pain,  
The voiceless find their voice in every word  
And, with our Lady, magnify our Lord.

Malcolm Guitte

Sounding the Seasons

## Pray for... PRAYER ZONE

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

**Marie Ferris and her daughter Maria Silvestrini, Janet Muscat, Judy Craig, Andrew & Lina Gullotta, Suzanne Traill, Frank Lloyd, Winifred Wall John Burton & Madge Mullen, Jill Caldwell, Brian and Annette Sidgreaves.**

### TAMIL FAMILY FACING DEPORTATION

We pray for the Murugappan family as they face deportation from Australia.

We pray for all those who have been involved in their support. We pray for our nation that we one day mature to the point where law and the common humanity of the people can listen to each other and find solutions that are sensible, just and compassionate.



## Coming Soon

**PARISH FEAST DAY MASS** This Sunday 8 September  
10.00 am Grounds of Villa Maria Monastery

**PARISH DINNER** Saturday 26 October

## This Week... Scripture Zone

### First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18

In this reading, part of King Solomon's prayer for wisdom, Solomon reflects on the limitations of human wisdom and our need for the gift of divine wisdom. With such a gift, we are saved.

### Response

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Alleluia !

### Second Reading Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Paul's appeal to Philemon on behalf of the slave Onesimus.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws.

Alleluia !

### Gospel Reading Luke 14:25-33

Jesus teaches us the fundamental demand of discipleship: taking up our own cross and following him on the path he walks. To underscore the point, Jesus then tells the crowds accompanying him two parables about not starting what you cannot finish.

*First Reading : Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14*  
*Second Reading : 1 Timothy 1:12-17*  
*Gospel Reading : Luke 15:1-32*

### 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.joey.org](http://www.joey.org)

### Marist Sisters' College

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

### Excited Prospects!

Last week MSCW hosted 138 excited young ladies from 12 of our Catholic Primary Feeder Schools (Years 4 and 5) in our Hypatia's Challenge Academic Day. The girls represented their schools wonderfully and should be extremely proud of their achievements. Congratulations to the Year 4 Winners - Villa Maria Primary School, and Year 5 Winners - St Michael's Primary School, Lane Cove





# A PARISH OF THE MARIST FATHERS

## PARISH OFFICE:

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Web: [www.hnom.com.au](http://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, OAM

Ph: 0425 333 129

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

### Priests Assisting:

Fathers Alike Langi SM, Ph: 0408 896 839

John Worthington SM, Paul Pidcock SM,  
OAM

Parish Secretary: Sylvia Gutierrez & Catherine Byrne

## 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](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:

Tuesdays: 17 September, 15 October, 12 November, 10 December, 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

[bmwinters6@gmail.com](mailto:bmwinters6@gmail.com)

### Parish Pastoral Council Secretary:

Carmen Pelling

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

### Parish Finance Committee:

Michael Lindsay 0423 020 002

### 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: Paul Ladd 0468 355 753

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: Kia Mackun 0416 055 916

### Eucharistic Ministry Coordinators:

HNM: Maggie Mullane: 0411 475 469

SPC: Maria Goode: 0423 706 830

### Altar Servers Coordinator:

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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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SPC: Tee Davies: 0407 827 957

### Altar Society: Julia Cumming:

0412 031 561

Annette Hills: 0401 252 064

### Cleaners:

HNM: Mike Burfitt: 9879 4197

SPC: Annette Hills: 0401 252 064

### Men's Group:

Clinton McDonald: 0419 646 311

Gerardo D'Angelo 0418 294 063

### Inter-Church Council:

Richard Korkor 0410 431 022

Prayer Group: Maryanne Knoblanche 9816

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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.