

HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH HUNTERS HILL ST PETER CHANEL WOOLWICH



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

10 September 2017

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A
PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

EQUAL AND NOT THE SAME

Calendar

September

- 10 Parish Feast Day Mass**
10.00 am
 - 13 Social Justice Group— Human Trafficking with Sr Noelene**
Chapter Hall
7.30pm (see p. 2 for details)
 - 14 Parish Finance Committee Meeting**
Parish House
7.30pm
 - 16-17 Catholic Mission Appeal**
 - 19 Baptism Prep**
Chapter Hall
7.30pm
 - 20 Pastoral Council Exec Meeting**
Parish House
7.30pm
 - 21 Anointing Mass** Chapter Hall 11.30am
 - 21 Men's Group Dinner** Parish Hall 7.00pm
- ### October
- 6 La Paroisse Restaurant**
Parish House

With the likely up-coming vote on the issue of same-sex unions, people have been asking for some reflection on the matter. You would know that media coverage is increasingly strong and sometimes stridently in favour of a "yes" vote, and frequently lampoons any other point of view as being "bigoted", "out of touch", "irrelevant." The Fairfax media were caught out last week mis-quoting Melbourne's Archbishop Hart, causing something of a storm in some quarters. Since the misquote was de-bunked by the Archbishop, no retraction has seemed to appear so far. Watch this space for more of the same from various media such as GetUp and their ilk! The stridency and self-righteousness involved in much of the publicity around this issue makes it difficult for people to engage in a more thoughtful manner. Points of view are ridiculed rather than engaged with and conversation is killed off.

It is clear that there are good sincere people, people of faith who hold diverse opinions on this matter. I offer the following in the hope that it may promote respectful conversation and lead to careful voting if you decide to participate.

Last week, we printed for you, Archbishop Fisher's letter in which he outlines Pope Francis' view on same-sex unions. It is clear that the Church's position on the sacramental nature of marriage remains firm and our current practice will continue. At the same time we are learning to understand more deeply that we each have a fundamental need to love and to be loved, regardless of our sexual orientation. The fundamental longing to give oneself in committed love to another person is very deep in us and is not determined by our sexual orientation. Some believe that legalising same-sex unions will provide gay couples with the same rights as heterosexual people before the law. Others claim that they have access to these rights already. Any change to the law will indeed be a civil and not a religious matter, though it has moral implications that concern the spiritual well-being of people regardless of religion. With any change in civil law care must be taken to protect religious freedoms. Many are concerned that these freedoms will be eroded by such changes.

Some people are comfortable enough with the thought of legalising same-sex unions but are hesitant as to whether they should be referred to as marriages, preferring the definition of marriage to stay the same as it is both in civil and in church law. Again others are clearly in support of or clearly in opposition to any change in the law with firm opinions well established.

It is not at all helpful if we take a position, simply being carried along by the weight of perceived public opinion or the weight of our particular cultural group's dictates. Nor is it helpful if we adopt a position that is based in fear, anger or hurt rather than love. The strong voices of one or other side of the argument could well lead others to hide their views for fear of any ridicule they might encounter. Once again nothing will be gained by such bullying or such silence.

A couple of directions are clear however:

We will continue to uphold the sanctity of marriage as the cornerstone of our society and offer all the support we can to married women and men as they work out their lives as married couples. We will also uphold the dignity of each person in whatever circumstance and acknowledge each one's need for loving committed relationship, as we learn to understand, encourage and accompany each other.

In a certain sense this conversation is just beginning. It's one we've not had before. We can't kill it off by remaining in the past. Nor can we dismiss it by tearing headlong into the future without taking heed of the lessons of our tradition. Let's pray for one another as we engage honestly, bravely and carefully and seek to discern God's loving purposes for us all.

Father Kevin

What's on?

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR PARISH?

See if anyone in your pew knows the names of this lovely mother and daughter. Their names next week. Last week's photo:



Gordon Inglis, Ron Hill, Mike Burfitt, Frank Lloyd, Father Richard, George Brewer & John Burton



PARISH FEAST DAY MASS

This Sunday 10 September 10.00 am in the grounds of Villa Maria Monastery.

All other Masses except for the Saturday Vigil Mass will be cancelled.

This year we are celebrating the 150th anniversary of the laying of the Foundation Stone of Holy Name of Mary Church with a special blessing.

ARCHBISHOP FISHER ON SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

Archbishop Anthony has released a CD on which he addresses several of the issues facing us at this time. We'll publish these links in up-coming bulletins. For now, the link to his reflection on the same-sex marriage issue is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1KA6vqdJWTA>

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.

PARISH DINNER Save the Date! Friday 24 November

COMMUNION SERVICE

Monday, HNM 9.00 am

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

HUMAN TRAFFICKING REFLECTION EVENING

The next meeting of our Parish Social Justice Group is coming up on Wednesday 13 September at 7.30pm in the Chapter Hall.

We have invited

Sr Noelene Simmons sm to speak with us. Sr Noelene is the Chair of ACRATH, (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking of Humans).

All welcome. No bookings.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL REGISTRATION

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

OPTIONS FOR MAKING PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

- Emailed Bulletin: Click on <https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/huntershillparish>
- Credit cards: details can be given to the parish office.
- Direct Deposit:
BSB 062 784 A/C No. 635 5001
- Envelopes

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

For those who requested to have the planned giving envelopes they are now ready to be picked up at the back of the church. These donations are 25% tax deductible.

Anyone else who requires envelopes please give the parish office a ring on 9817 5325.

RCIA

The RCIA program has been running in our Parish for over 20 years. We think it is time for a reunion and celebration! Anyone who has had any involvement: participants, home hosts, presenters and all family members are welcome. 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

Your chance to visit three gorgeous gardens in Hunters Hill with two of them open to the public for the very first time. All funds received go to L'Arche Sydney, a ground-breaking charity helping the disabled to live in households in community. All three gardens are within walking distance of each other. Payment details to follow.

SYDNEY MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY SERVICES

Specialises in the provision of support services to members of our multicultural communities. We currently have a number of casual positions available for **Care Workers** who speak a second language to provide support services to older people in their own homes who come from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse grounds. For more information please phone (02) 9663 3922 or email info@sydneymcs.org.au.

THE BENEDICT XVI RETREAT CENTRE

Now offers a series of fun, innovative facilitated activity programs to complement and enrich any group retreat. Whether you are looking for adventure, team building, opportunities for reflection or simply to have fun with your group, our specially trained facilitators can tailor a program to meet your needs and budget. Activities include flying fox, archery, bushwalking, leadership challenge, communications challenge, camp craft, environmental programs and more. Contact Reception on (02) 4572 2899 or visit www.benedictxvicentre.org.au

Well Done...CONGRATS AND THANKS ZONE

Congratulations and a very warm welcome to **Albert Clark, Imogen Koprivnjak, James Kennedy, Baylee Carswell, Dylan Carswell & Havana Davidson** all of whom will be baptized into our Christian community this weekend.



COMMEMORATING 150 YEARS!

At our Feast Day Mass this weekend we will bless the new stone, commemorating the 150th anniversary of the laying of the original Foundation stone of Holy Name of Mary Church.

We thank Gordon Inglis and Brian Doyle Stonemasons for making this happen. Brian Doyle has donated the stone itself to the parish and for this we are very grateful.

POINT TO PONDER

*A church that doesn't provoke any crisis,
a gospel that doesn't unsettle,
a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin,*

*a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society around it,
what gospel is that?*

Very nice, pious considerations that don't bother anyone;

*that's the way many would like preaching to be.
Yet does such a gospel light the world we live in?
The gospel of Christ is courageous;
it is the 'good news' of him who came to transform and take away the world's sins.*

Archbishop Oscar Romero

Villa Maria Primary School

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Enrolments Closing

Important note for Parents:

Enrolments for **Year 7 2019** at the College will be closing on **20 September**.

Enrolments for **Year 7 2020** will be closing on **11 April 2018**.

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, Terri Braiting, Annette Cousins & Monica Carroll.

VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN MYANMAR

Reports of incredible violence continue to emerge from Myanmar. We pray for the Rohingya Muslim community and for all those suffering there.

MARIST VOCATIONS

As we mark this 150th anniversary of the laying of our Church's foundation stone, and celebrate our Parish Feast Day, we renew our prayers for vocations to our Marist Family. We pray that people may once again hear the call to Marist life as a Priest, Brother, Sister or Lay Member in order to minister to God's people and share the gentle spirit of Mary through the gift of their lives.

Coming Soon

Catholic Mission Appeal 16-17 September

Parish Dinner Friday 24 November

This Week... Scripture Zone

First Reading:

Ezekiel 33:7-9

The priestly prophet, Ezekiel, reflects on his role as the watchman for the House of Israel. This role of sentry is to proclaim God's word in season and out of season, for the good of his fellow men and women.

Response :

O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading:

Romans 13:8-10

Continuing his exhortation to the Romans to live lives characterized by the Gospel, Paul reminds the Romans that love is the one thing which cannot hurt their neighbor.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia Alleluia,

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia !

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 18:15-20

Presented as the teaching of Jesus, in this reading, we catch a glimpse of the way in which Matthew's community practiced reconciliation. Fraternal correction and community prayer are key elements within this framework.

Next week: First Reading : Sirach 27:30-28:7

Second Reading : Romans 14:7-9

Gospel Reading : Matthew 18:21-25



A PARISH OF THE MARIST FATHERS

PARISH OFFICE:

3A Mary Street.
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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
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 19 Sept, 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

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0411 641 895

Men's Group: Clinton McDonald
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Marist Laity Group: Cathy Gallo 9817 2959,
Josiane Espinosa 9807 9199

Welcomers' Coordinator:

Rob Turnbull, 0431 290 714

Family Faith Educator: Marea De Angelis
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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.