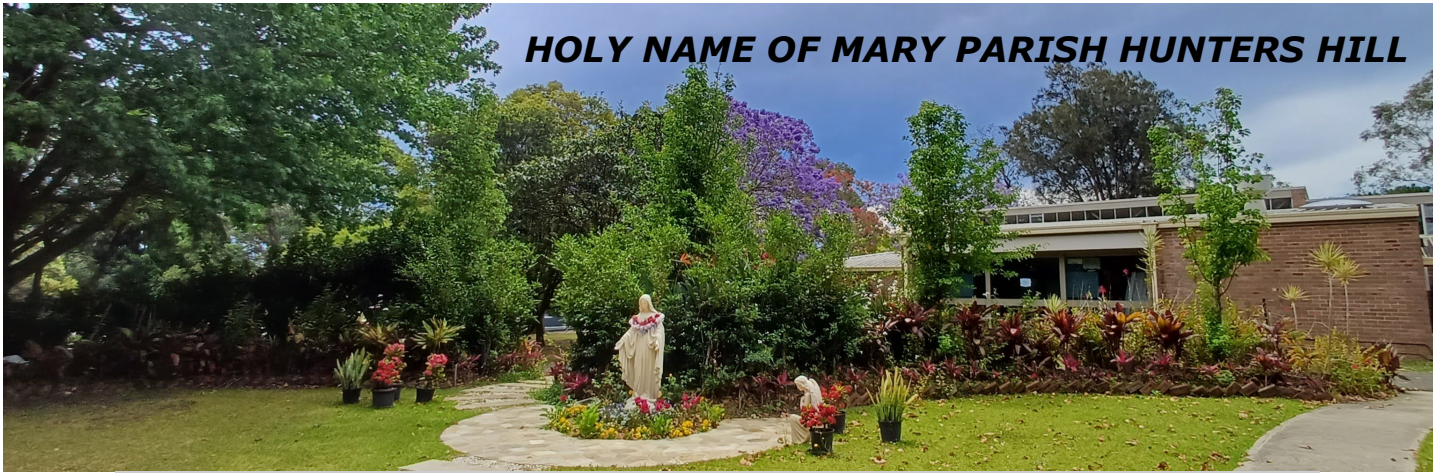


HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH HUNTERS HILL



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

MARCH 31, 2024

EASTER SUNDAY Year B



THE EASTER EXPERIENCE: Resurrection a Slow Realisation

The ultimate physical, mental and emotional challenge for the disciples was Jesus' death soon followed by his appearances among them! How challenging for people who had little concept of life after death! The death and resurrection of Jesus was a roller coaster ride of emotions from elation, to confusion to ultimate jubilation.

First came the fanfare of welcome Jesus received on his entry into Jerusalem and the crowds rejoicing- 'Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming'. The atmosphere was joyful expectation. Hopes were high for a bright, new, political future for the Jewish nation. But despite the joy of this time, Jesus warned his disciples 'my hour has come' and compared himself to the grain of wheat that must fall to the ground and die. Behind the scenes the chief priest and scribes were planning to arrest Jesus and have him put to death as he was a threat to the status quo.

[What panic at the arrest of Jesus. The disciples' reactions were to run away or follow from afar. Peter's confidence 'if I have to die for you, I will never disown you', deserted him completely. It was beyond the disciples' wildest imaginations that Jesus should have endured such a brutal and agonizing death.](#)

Just as they were in the process of coming to terms with the cataclysmic events of the arrest and crucifixion of Jesus, they were challenged again. 'He is alive'. It was an experience of their worlds colliding. Everything was happening that ought not to happen.

The reactions to the news of the empty tomb showed how incomprehensible the news was that 'he is risen'. Peter on hearing the news from Mary of Magdala that the tomb was empty, ran to see for himself. Based solely on an empty tomb, Peter saw and he believed (Jn 20:9). Others had different reactions.

Mary of Magdala stayed near the tomb weeping and had her very moving encounter with Jesus which she reported to the disciples. Whereas the three women in Mark's gospel were terrified they 'came out [of the tomb] and ran away because they were frightened out of their wits; they said nothing to a soul for they were afraid' (Mk 16: 8). Matthew (28:5-8) reports that when the angel of the Lord appeared at the tomb 'The guards were so shaken, so frightened...that they were like dead men'. Whereas the women also at the tomb were 'filled with awe and great joy... and ran to tell the disciples.'

When the three women in Luke's gospel find an empty tomb 'they did not know what to think' until two men in bright clothes reassured them that he is risen. When these women reported their experience to the disciples they were not believed because 'their story... seemed pure nonsense' (Lk 24: 10-11).

The two disciples from Emmaus rejoined the gathered disciples and recounted their experience. The first reaction was to dismiss their news as well. At this point Jesus stood among them all. 'In a state of alarm and fright, they [first] thought they were seeing a ghost', once Jesus reassured them it was really him, 'their joy was so great [but] they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; until he ate with them' (Lk24: 36- 43). Over the next weeks the consoling appearances of the risen Christ replaced their panic and disbelief with wonder and joyful peace.

May the Risen Christ enliven our wonder and joy in the resurrection of Jesus and grant us the Peace of the Easter Season.

Helen Farrell

APRIL

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**Parish Dinner
Parish Hall**

WEEKLY

Monday

Tuesday

Meditation

Tues 10-10:45am
Chapter Hall

Thursday

Scripture Group
2pm Meeting Room

Friday

Adoration

7:30-9am HNOM

Friday

Legion of Mary
9:30am Chapter Hall

MONTHLY

1st

Friday

Twiddle Muffs

9:30am Chapter Hall

1st

Saturday

Anointing Mass

8am HNOM

2nd

Saturday

Marist Laity

9-10:30am
Chapter Hall

PARISH DINNER**Time to Book Your Tickets**

Bookings are now available for the parish dinner.

This is a great opportunity for our parish family to come together.

Day/Date: **Saturday April 6th**

Location: **Parish Hall.**

Cost: **\$60.**

Book using the following link:

<https://events.humanitix.com/holy-name-of-mary-church-hunters-hill-parish-dinner-2024>

Donations for a raffle/silent auction are welcome. Please drop them to the parish office or contact the Parish Council on ppc@hnom.com.au

GOOD FRIDAY WALK***GOOD FRIDAY WALK***

Please join us at **10:15am, Friday 29th March 2024**, for the annual Good Friday Walk. This year the walk will start at **3A Mary St** and go through the grounds of the Marist Fathers. Morning tea will be served afterwards.

Please contact Richard Korkor E: richardkorkor@gmail.com P: 0410431022.

ANZAC POPPIES

The Twiddle Muff team are knitting ANZAC Day poppies to raise money for the Keith's Closet charity.

This is a not-for-profit charity that provides support to members of the community who are accessing the mental health service by providing walk-in wardrobe facilities, to provide clothing, toiletries, etc on admission or discharge from a mental health facility so patients can embrace their reintegration and thrive in society.

Poppies will be on sale **April 20 & 21** after various masses;

- **SPC Sun 9am**

- **HNOM Sat 6pm & Sun 10am.**

We would appreciate your generous support of this worthy cause.

If you would like to knit poppies to help with our initiative pls contact **Patricia on 0417 744 918**

GERRY ARBUCKLE SM—NEW BOOK

Marist award-winning author, Fr Gerald Arbuckle, has just published a highly relevant book: **Conspiracy Theorizing: Analysis and Scriptural Critique**. It answers questions like:

What are conspiracy theories? Why are they so popular today? Are conspiracy theories magical thinking? Why can they be dangerous? What can we do about them? What do the Scriptures say about them?

The book is available from Amazon Books and Booktopia.

PROJECT COMPASSION**Thank You For Your Support**

Wishing you a Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations.

Thank you again for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2024 Lenten appeal.

Please return your envelopes/boxes in the collection bags or to the Parish Office.

You can still donate by scanning the QR code, visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



Happy Easter

HOLY WEEK SERVICES 26—31 MARCH

Thu 28 **Mass HNOM 7:30pm**

Fri 29 **Ecumenical Walk and Stations of the Cross HNOM Grounds 10.30am**

Passion of Our Lord HNOM 3pm

Sat 30 **Easter Vigil HNOM 7:00pm** (followed by supper in Chapter Hall—(bring a plate)

Sun 31 **Easter Day Mass**

HNOM 8:00am

SPC 9:00am

HNOM 10:00am

******NO 6pm******

SUNDAY 6PM CHOIR

Thank you to everyone who has supported the 6 pm Sunday night choir. We are, however short on numbers & need a boost. We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help us sing for the Lord on Sunday nights. Call Cathy Gallo 0400 900 120

CANA COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Some 225 people in Sydney sleep rough every night, and [Canacommunities](http://Canacommunities.org.au) operates homeless shelters in Sydney, with St Francis Shelter the latest to open its doors in Redfern. Run entirely by volunteers, Cana needs volunteers for Tuesday (women's only night) and Friday shifts (6pm-9:30pm or 9:30pm-7:30am) to welcome and assist guests and prepare meals. All volunteers will receive training. The impact on guests at these shelters cannot be overestimated, considering the alternatives. Be part of a caring community passionate about helping others and making a change. Find out more about becoming a volunteer by emailing info@cana.org.au.



THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE PEOPLE—IS OUR SPECIAL PRIORITY

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**CLEANERS NEEDED FOR HOLY NAME OF MARY CHURCH**

Are you available to join the church cleaning team? We have a wonderful team of volunteers who keep our church spick and span. Each volunteer is rostered on about once a month, together with three others. We usually meet after 8:30am Mass on Saturday morning but are flexible to accommodate parents taking kids to Saturday morning sport. Please contact:

Andrew Hogan 0473 033 435 or

E: hoganahogan@googlemail.com

HNOM MORNING TEAS

The HNOM Morning Tea Team are looking for extra people to join the roster. These wonderful people put together morning tea for our Parish, after the 10am Mass each month during school term. If you would like to help please SMS/text **Angela 0412 646 208**

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

The need for taking Communion to the nursing homes on **Wed &/ or Fri** has increased and a couple more volunteers to join the Eucharistic team would be appreciated. If you would like more details call **Jennifer 0408291942**

VINNIES NEED VOLUNTEERS

With the cost of living crisis currently being experienced, there has been a growing need for food support in our local area. If you can assist with this valuable service contact **Tony Aduckiewicz 0411641895**

JRS DONATIONS

Jesuit Refugee Service are collecting non-perishable food items.

SR FIDELIS

The following items are needed.

Men's Toiletries, men's warm casual clothes, men's shoes and backpacks/roller luggage.

Please bring all items to the Parish Office



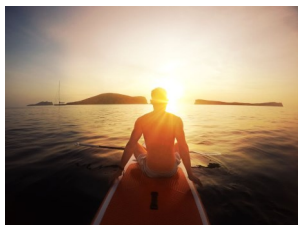
ANNIVERSARIES & PRAYERS

We remember this week:

Yvonne Inglis whose 1st anniversary was on Thursday 28th March.

Armando Jago whose 9th anniversary was 25th March and **Geraldine O'Laughlin** who passed away in Chicago last week aged 103.

May they rest in the loving arms of our Father.



Pray for... PRAYER ZONE

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

Christine Ward, Sr Mary, Marvic Blowers, Maria Maestro, Adrienne & Tony Ryan, Lilian Hakim, Bishop Peter Ingham, Joe Bannon, Janet Muscat, Andrew Gullotta, Suzanne Traill, Valerie Grant, Catherine Keating, Michelle Makin, Colleen Hussin.

Joan Conlan's Funeral

Joan Conlan's funeral will be held at St Peter Chanel on Tuesday 2nd April at 10:30am.



This Week... SCRIPTURE & PRAYER ZONE

First Reading**Acts 10:34, 37-43**

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge eve-

ryone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23**

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' **R.**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

Second Reading**Colossians 3:1-4**

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;

Let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel**John 20:1-9**

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and

the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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Next Week:

First Reading : Acts 4:32-35

Second Reading : John 5:1-6

Gospel Reading : John 20:19-31



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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 Brian Wilson SM Ph 0430 270 640

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Fathers Aliko Langi SM, Ph: 0408 896 839

Paul Pidcock SM, OAM, Paul Pearce SM, JP

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Maggie Mullane

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Linda Power:

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BAPTISMS & PREP EVENINGS:

Please book online on the Sacraments tab, via our website www.hnom.com.au. Private baptisms by arrangement with the Parish Office 9817 5325

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENINGS:

Apr 9th, May 14th, Jun 11th, July 9th, Aug 13th, Sept 10th, Oct 8th, Nov 12th, Dec 10th in Parish 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 COUNCIL

PPC Chair: Tom Roche, contact Parish Office 9817-5325

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Parish Finance Committee:

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Villa Play Group: Tues 9:30-11:30am

Parish Hall. Becky Klimeck 0475 568 060

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Inter-Church Council:

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Prayer Group: Maryanne Knoblanche

9816 2273/ 0403 170 061

New or Returning Parishioners...

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

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.