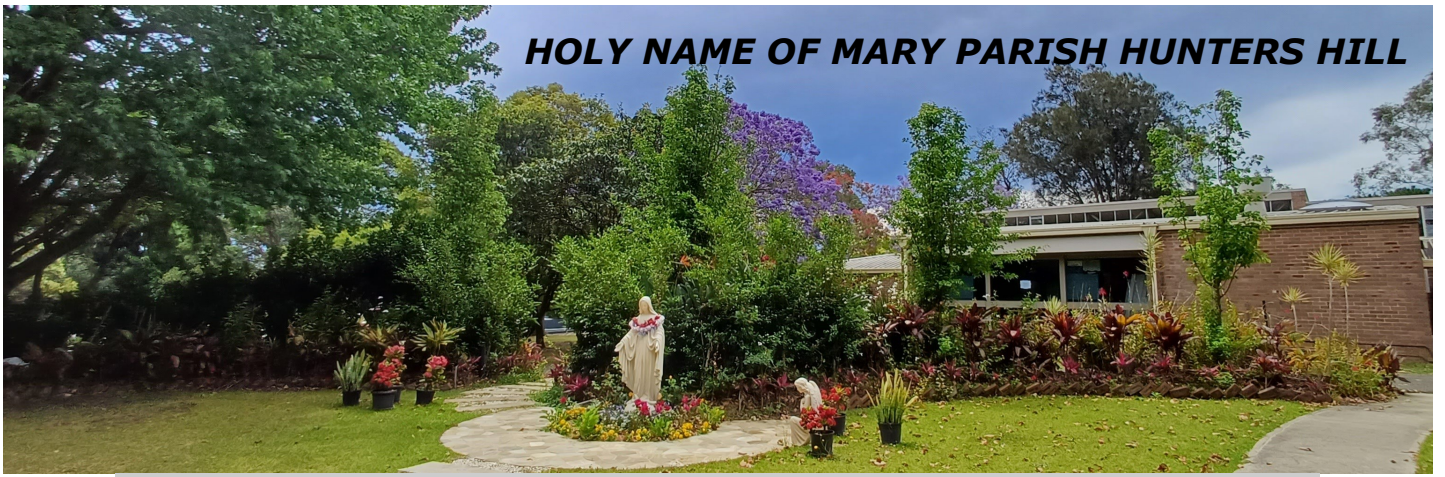


HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH HUNTERS HILL



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

APRIL 28, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Year B



SEPARATE AND TOGETHER

You are God's work of art, written not with ink but with the love of the Holy Spirit, not on tablets of stone but across the pages of your human hearts (2 Cor 3:2-3).

Recently, we had a death in the family - the precious matriarch of the family. As we sat with her for a few hours after her death, we recalled our favourite moments we had shared with her. What we came to realise was how 'extraordinarily ordinary' her life was. Ordinary because she had no profile outside of the communities she had lived in over the years. Extraordinary because she treated everyone with equal kindness. She was open-hearted and welcomed each person as they were. She had the ability to listen with empathy and without judgement. As St Paul says she was 'God's work of art'. We can all probably think of someone we know who similarly inspires us. We, too, can think of ourselves as 'God's work of art'.

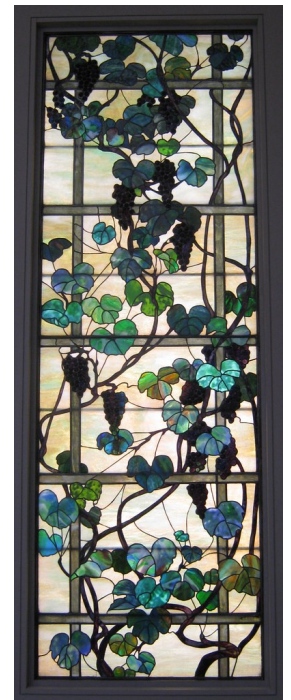
We take ourselves as works of art into our communal settings. Our Parish is made up of unique individuals and the collective spirit of the group is apparent whenever our congregation gathers together to celebrate. Our parish dinner was an occasion of hard work, celebration, friendship and generosity on many levels. The personal gifts shared by many people made the evening very enjoyable. We can think back too, on our Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday ceremonies when consciousness of God's presence was particularly strong. Each ceremony had its own spirit of prayerfulness. It was a profound experience of 'communal oneness' and an expression of our collective faith: the congregation at each ceremony was a different mix of participants who, by coming together, brought the Spirit alive. We all appreciate that God is everywhere, but our parish church is the place where we intentionally recall the presence of God and the gift we are to each other: each of us has something unique to contribute - each of us matters.

A few years back a small group of us went to Sunday Mass in the cathedral in Colombo. The cathedral was full and the devotion of the congregation was palpable. At the conclusion of Mass there was a hurried exit of people presumably having to get to work. Minutes after receiving the Eucharist, they were 'out the door': they were taking Christ with them into their world. As an observer, it was a very powerful experience and a reminder that each of us as God's work of art, is 'a carrier of divinity' wherever we go.

But being God's work of art is not an end in itself but is a twofold responsibility to use our gifts to sustain and enrich our catholic community; secondly to open our eyes to the needs of people in the wider community. There are 30+ active groups within our parish. Some groups support the internal functioning of our parish; other groups have an outward focus on the needs within our local or the wider community; while other groups have both an internal and external focus. We can be proud of the work undertaken by our parish teams. Whatever our personal level of involvement, we are all the church 'in action'.

This week, let's try to notice, and thank God for the opportunity to be his work of art and to notice the beautiful gifts alive in those we meet.

"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."



APRIL

28 Morning Tea
After 10am Mass
HNOM

MAY

4&5 CWF Appeal
Both churches

11 Marist Laity—Rosary & Morning Tea
After 8am Mass
Chapter Hall

19 Unity Lunch
1pm
Parish Hall.

JUNE

22/23 Vinnies Winter Appeal
Envelopes at both churches

WEEKLY

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 Meeting Room

MONTHLY

1st Friday Twiddle Muffs
9:30am Chapter Hall

1st Saturday Anointing Mass
8am HNOM

2nd Saturday Marist Laity
9-10:30am
Chapter Hall

Helen Farrell

A HUGE THANK YOU FROM KEITH'S CLOSET

Thank you for opening your hearts and your wallets to purchase poppies to support the Keith's Closet Charity. Your generosity raised an amazing \$2500.

MORNING TEA THIS SUNDAY

Our wonderful team will be organising and serving morning tea **after 10am Mass this Sunday at HNOM.** Please come along, enjoy the company and of course the treats; and see the great work they do to help build connections within our Parish. Volunteers are needed, see below.

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**

CWF APPEAL

The Charitable Works Fund Appeal will be held next weekend **4th & 5th May.** We need your help to assist the funding of services for thousands of people every year.

CWF offer comfort to people in crisis, provide advocacy, training and better access for the disadvantaged, support people in their faith development and train our future priests.

This work can only be done with your generous support.

Your tax-deductible donation changes lives. You can donate via the envelopes available in the churches, calling 1800 753 959 or scanning the QR code



MARIST LAITY ROSARY

Please join the Marist Laity for the **Rosary** and morning tea. **After 8am Mass Saturday 11th May.**



UNITY LUNCH

This year our parish is hosting the annual **Unity Lunch**, where our local churches come together at the time of Pentecost and share a meal together. We are providing main course and our other brother and sister churches will be providing entrees and desserts.

When: 19th May, 1pm

Where: Parish Hall.

Volunteers needed to help set up and if you are able to provide a dish that would be most welcome. This is a simple yet beautiful gathering reminding us that we are all one body. Richard Korkor: richard-korkor@gmail.com. 0410431022.

MARIST LAITY AUSTRALIA

MLA is holding a **Spirituality Day** this **Saturday May 4** entitled *Living with Today's Paradoxes*. Exploring questions like 'How do we maintain hope and joy in the face of global challenges and personal trials?' and more. Key speaker will be Br. Tony Leon fms who has worked many years in Marist spiritual formation in Australia and internationally. For information go to

www.maristlaityaustralia.com/paradox

-You are invited to join an exciting new study on Family Prayer Mindful Colouring, and Faith Development in Children and Teenagers. Go to www.maristlaityaustralia.com/1/beyond-the-pew to find out more - Marist Fourviere occurred in 1816 (security question)

REGISTRATION FOR CONFIRMATION IS OPEN

If you would like to book your child into the Confirmation Program for this year, bookings are now open. Please go to our website

www.hnom.com.au and select the "Sacraments" tab at the top of the homepage and select "Confirmation"

Information for all other Sacraments is also available on our website and registrations will open for these later in the year.

VINNIE'S WINTER APPEAL

St Vincent de Paul will be holding its Winter Appeal on the weekend of **June 22/23.**

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA

You are invited to join the May celebration by the **World Apostolate of Fatima (Sydney Archdiocesan Committee)** in honour of Our Lady, to intercede for Peace in the World & the Welfare of Australia.

Where: ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL (Main Altar)

When: Saturday May 4th - 11.30am

Our Spiritual Director—Fr. Peter Joseph will be Principal Celebrant and preach the homily.

Sydney Archdiocesan Committee of the World Apostolate of Fatima Aust Inc. (Public Association of the Faithful)

Phone: 0403 578 994

CATALYST FOR RENEWAL

Call to Be- Lecture Series 2024

presents: *The Artist's Story:*

Lecturer: Daniel Dominguez

Where: Crypt of St Patrick's Church 20 Grosvenor St, The Rocks

When: 1st, 8th, 15th May, 10am-12

Cost: \$90. **Register:** <https://www.trybooking.com/CPXSG>

Information: <https://catalystforrenewal.org.au/events>

or email thecalltobe@gmail.com

"Things fall apart, the centre cannot hold; Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world".

Explore how the "call to be" is a call to discover our transcendent self and a creative centre that can hold. How did we move from a society of collective religious practice to one of an individual experience of creativity and spirituality?

What role does education play in breaking apart and sharing our understanding of the transcendent? How does Catholicism provide a bridge to re-establish a shared foundation of faith and creativity. Journey with an artist, educator and Catholic as he considers answers to these critical questions through discussion and the contemplative form of drawing.

NEW TAP & GO DEVICES

Due to the up coming shut down of the 3G network, we have had to instal new Tap&Go devices. These have been placed in the same positions as the old ones, however, they

are on a pedestals. There is now the option to choose a pre-set amount of \$5, \$10, or \$20 or to choose your own amount. We thank you for your continued support of the parish through donations and planned giving in whichever form you choose.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **John and Jane McElhone** who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary (2 May) at St Peter Chanel with a private blessing with their family.

RETREAT DAY IN ITALIAN

Fr Daniele Sollazzo, FMVD, Ryde-Gladesville Parish, will be holding a retreat day in Italian at **Our Lady Queen of Peace this Saturday 27th April 9:30am – 4pm.**

Information and registration email: frdaniele@rqcp.org.au

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

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.



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

USED STAMPS- Please place used stamps in boxes provided in both churches. (SPC foyer, HNM side entrance). Monies raised go to Marist Missions.

BAPTISMS:

Congratulations and a very warm welcome to
Milana Caccamo
 who will be baptised into our Christian community this
 weekend.



Pray for... PRAYER ZONE

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

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



This Week... SCRIPTURE & PRAYER ZONE

First Reading

Acts 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:26-28, 30-32

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.

They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.

May their hearts live for ever and ever! **R.**

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him.

They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **R.**

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.

They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:

'These things the Lord has done.' **R.**

Second Reading

John 3:18-24

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him.

We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;

My branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.

Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you.

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away - he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it.

It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples."

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Next Week:

First Reading : Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

Second Reading : 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel Reading : John 15:9-17



A PARISH OF THE MARIST FATHERS

CATHOLIC WEEKLY LINK

<https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/catholic-weekly-newspaper-online/>

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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 Brian Wilson SM Ph 0430 270 640

Priests Assisting:

Fathers Alike Langi SM, Ph: 0408 896 839

Paul Pidcock SM, OAM, Paul Pearce SM, JP

Parish Secretaries: Madeleine Carter &

Maggie Mullane

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Sacramental Coordinator: Rosalia Foley

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New or Returning Parishioners...

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

Parish Safeguarding Support Officer:

Linda Power:

E: safeguarding@holynameofmaryhh.org.au

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:

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

PPC Secretary: Jayden Zullo 0403 981 114

Parish Finance Committee:

Richard Quinn 0417 462 893

Family Faith Educator: Marea De Angelis

Ph: 0419 448 201

RCIA: Janet Greene 9879 6515, Helen Farrell 0421 450 650

Counselling: contact Parish Office 9817-5325

Villa Play Group: Tues 9:30-11:30am Parish Hall. Becky Klimeck 0475 568 060

www.hnom.com.au/children

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Michael Cooley 0410 542 781

Marist Laity Group:

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Kia Mackun 0435 899 917

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Annette Hills: 0401 252 064

Ukulele Group: Fr Alike: 0408 896 839

Cleaners:

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SPC: Sharon Breen: 0403 189 018

Men's Group:

Gerardo D'Angelo 0418 294 063

Inter-Church Council:

Richard Korkor 0410 431 022

Prayer Group: Maryanne Knoblanche 9816 2273/ 0403 170 061

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.