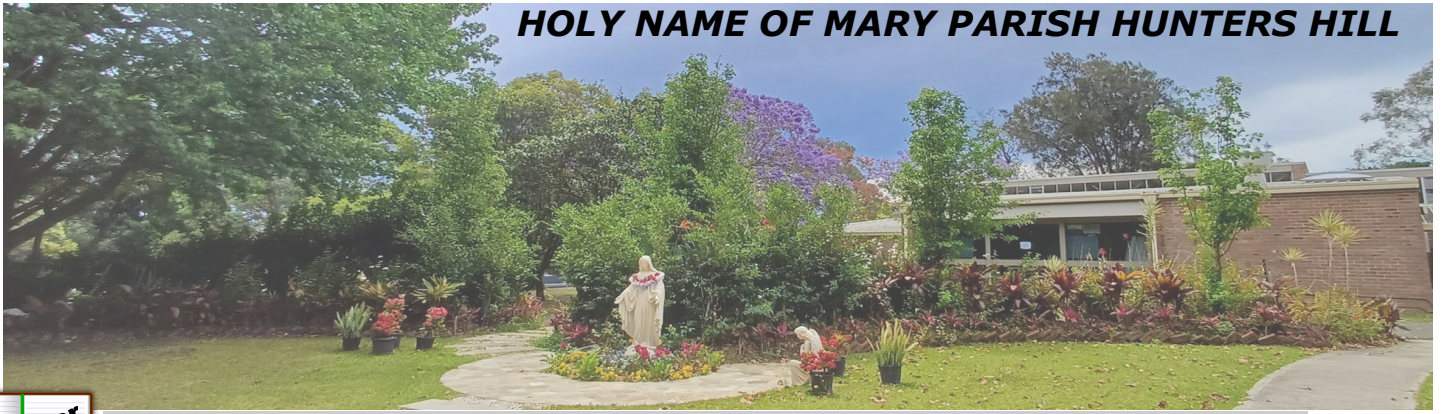


# HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH HUNTERS HILL



*We acknowledge the Wallumedegal people — the first custodians of this place*



**April 12 2026**

**A NEW AWAKENING**

**2nd Sunday of Easter Year A**

<b>APRIL</b>	
<b>16</b>	<b>NO POWER</b> Due to Ausgrid scheduled Power Outage Mary St, 7am-5pm <b>9am Mass will proceed</b> Parish Office will be open
<b>2</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b> HNOM 5pm
<b>8</b>	<b>Parish Dinner—Save the Date</b> Hunters Hill Club 6:30pm
<b>29</b>	<b>Mass—</b> Confirmation Children & Parishioners HNOM, 9am
<b>WEEKLY</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Meditation</b> Tues 10-10:45am Chapter hall
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Scripture Group</b> 1:30pm Meeting Room <b>Ukulele</b> 5pm Meeting Room
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Exposition of Blessed Sacrament</b> 9am-5pm HNOM
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Legion of Mary</b> 9:30am Chapter Hall <b>Adoration</b> 7:30am-9am HNOM
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Rosary</b> 8:30am Chapter Hall <b>Reconciliation</b> 8:30-9:30am HNOM
<b>MONTHLY</b>	
<b>1st Friday</b>	<b>Twiddle Muffs</b> 9:30am Meeting Room
<b>1st Sat</b>	<b>Anointing Mass</b> 8am HNOM
<b>2nd Sat</b>	<b>Marist Laity</b> 9-10:30am Chapter Hall

**CLASSES @ SUNDAY 10am MASS**

**CLASSES @ WEEKDAY 9am MASSES**

<b>8 May Fri</b>	<b>Yr 6</b>
<b>12 May Tue</b>	<b>Yr 4</b>
<b>15 May Fri</b>	<b>Yr 5</b>
<b>22 May Fri</b>	<b>Yr 3</b>
<b>29 May Fri</b>	<b>Confirmation Children</b>
<b>12 June Fri</b>	<b>Yr 1</b>
<b>18 June Thur</b>	<b>Kindy</b>
<b>19 June Fri</b>	<b>Yr 2</b>

We hear the expression 'have a good day' so often it has become somewhat of a platitude. The significance of 'have a good day' depends on the speaker's tone of voice whether we take it as a mere formality to conclude an interaction or whether we interpret the comment as sincerity.

However, sometimes expressions heard or read many times can 'hit home', and have a profound impact, causing the listener or reader to be gifted with a new insight. At a Chapel service singing, 'We are companions on the journey', the line 'We have been gifted to each other' caught my attention. What a profound reality there is in this line! 'We have been gifted to each other'. It was the word 'gifted' that really caught my attention. We are a gift to one another!!

The people in our lives we see as gifts fill us with joy, love and gratitude and we feel blessed that they are part of our lives. How easy it is to go the extra mile for them. But others in our various social, work or family circles can feel more like a burdensome challenge than a gift. Daniel O'Leary, in his book, 'Horizons of Hope' writes 'Everyone becomes part of our lives for a reason. And perhaps that reason is to give us a lesson in love'. This thought of being a gift can change our interactions with the difficult people with whom we come into regular contact. Regardless of who the other is, do we seek their good because they are worthy of love and of being valued? To be a gift, we need to be conscious of the love that has been gifted to us and then 'pay it forward'. Our daily interactions with family, friends and the wider community are often gifts. Every day is an opportunity for the Holy Spirit to 'flick a switch' in our hearts and minds. C.S. Lewis reminded his readers that 'The Life of God is a dance of giving and receiving Love'.

How do we get the fortitude to be living examples of gift? Some thoughts come to mind. During the Easter ceremony on Holy Saturday night, we are reminded of the responsibility to care for each other when the congregation renews their Baptismal vows with the newly baptized candidate. We are all strengthened as members of the Body of Christ to be the gift of Christ to each other through our Baptism and the gifts of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. Spiritual writers suggest we often forget to call on the graces of these sacraments which have often been received many years previously. The Eucharist too is a daily reminder of the gift of Christ to our lives and our lived response is to give flesh to the Eucharist in our daily activities (Astrid Lobo, 2016).

Much of Scripture too inspires us to be a gift to another. Some favourite New Testament stories are the post Resurrection stories. This week, we read of the disciples gathered together in mutual support after the death of Jesus. What a time of high emotions: grief, confusion, fear. When Jesus appeared 'in the evening of that same day' [of his Resurrection], excitement and deep joy replaces the anguish of the previous days. What a loving and forgiving Jesus, no mention of Peter's denial, nor of the others deserting him! He calmed their guilt and fears with 'Peace be with you'. This encounter released them from the fear which had confined them behind locked doors and gifted them with the Holy Spirit freeing them to go out on his mission. How is this gospel event relevant to our lives in the 21st century?

'We have been gifted to each other, and we are called by the Word of the Lord: to act with justice, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with our God' (Landry).

May the gift of the risen Christ fill you with Joy and Love especially during this Easter Season.

*Helen Farrell*

**THANK YOU**

A Marist Conferee complimented me on the Easter liturgy. I responded by saying, "It was a team effort". On behalf of Fr Aliko and myself may I thank you all for your contribution to our Parish celebration of Easter. The question can be asked why we place so much emphasis on celebrating Easter. Jesus death and resurrection is the central event of Christianity: through his death and resurrection he has renewed our relationship with his father. May we now use Eastertide as an occasion to delve into what the Resurrection and its meaning is to our daily life. May I remind you that as of **2/5/26 the Saturday Vigil Mass commences at 5pm.**

Fr Michael



The Altar of Repose, Holy Thursday Evening



Monika's Reception into the Catholic Church

**VIGIL MASS TIME CHANGE**  
**Sat 2 May 2026—29 August 2026**  
 Please note that from **Sat 2nd May—Sat 29th August** the **Saturday Vigil Mass** time will change from 6pm to **5pm**

**NO POWER THURS 16 APRIL**

There will be a scheduled Ausgrid Power Outage in Mary St, on **Thursday 16th April, 7am-5pm.** 9am Mass will proceed but without a microphone or lights. The Parish Office will be open, however emails and phones will be affected.

**FREE SEMINAR ON WILLS FOR THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

Writing or updating a Will can be a complicated task. So, looking after your loved ones during this process is often challenging. This is why the Sydney Archdiocese is delighted to announce a **FREE SEMINAR** designed to make the world of Wills and Elder Law easier to comprehend and navigate.

**When: Tuesday, 28th April, 10-12pm**

**Where: St Michael's Parish Hall, 204 Longueville Road, Lane Cove (entry behind the Church, via Dorritt Street)**

*Note: light refreshments will be available on the day.*

All are welcome.

**Please scan the QR code to register or visit**

[www.trybooking.com/DJUQL](http://www.trybooking.com/DJUQL).

**Alternatively, call Tony Maricic on 0422 099 576.**

Please join us as we help you gain a better understanding of important topics such as Estate planning, Enduring Guardianship and Powers of Attorney. A leading industry specialist with over 30 years' experience will present on the day, offer their expertise and answer your questions. Representatives from the Sydney Archdiocese will also explain how your parish community and Archdiocese can directly benefit from the offering of legacy gifts in wills.

For further information, contact Tony Maricic on 0422 099 576, or [tony.maricic@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:tony.maricic@sydneycatholic.org).

**CARLO ACUTIS EXHIBITION**

**Eucharistic Miracles of the World**  
**Mon 20—27 April 2026**

**St Charles Borromeo Parish Hall**  
 2A Charles St. Ryde NSW 2112 Open 10am-4pm

Free Admission  
*Noah's Ark Cafe open Tue-Fri 9-11:30am.*

*Proudly presented by the Legion of Mary, Sydney Senatus*



**PROJECT COMPASSION AND GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LANDS APPEAL**

If you still have donations for these two appeals, could you please return them in the Sunday collections or drop them into the office?

**ALL FORMER CHORISTERS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR**

Are you a former chorister of St Mary's Cathedral Choir? Join our recently formed Choir Alumni Network, and enjoy the benefits.

Stay connected with us, each other Learn about exciting developments, such as the St Mary's Cathedral Choir Tour to Europe later in the year

**Special luncheon: Sun 17 May 2026.**

**Register now:**

Scan the QR code or Visit:

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

Call: Tony MARICIC 0422

099 576 RSVP: by Friday

8 May \*Invitees are welcome to bring a guest.

**We want to hear from you. Don't miss this incredible opportunity.**

HOST: Daniel JUSTIN Director of Music St Mary's Cathedral Choir

GUEST SPEAKER: Fr Don RICHARDSON Dean of St Mary's Cathedral.



**CARITAS AUSTRALIA LEBANON EMERGENCY APPEAL**

Lebanon is facing one of its most severe humanitarian crises in years, as a sudden surge in violence and mass evacuation orders force families to flee with nothing. Within 24 hours, Caritas Lebanon reported 667,831 newly displaced people seeking safety. Despite the volatile environment, Caritas Lebanon teams are operating across seven governorates, delivering food, essential items, healthcare, psychosocial support, water and hygiene assistance, and protection services. Let us stand in solidarity with our partners in Lebanon.

Learn more or make a donation today at [www.caritas.org.au/lebanon](http://www.caritas.org.au/lebanon)



**CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2026**

Registration for 2026 **Confirmation** program will open **Monday 9th March.** Please go to the "Sacraments" tab on the homepage of our website, [www.hnom.com.au](http://www.hnom.com.au)

**PARISH DINNER**

**Hunters Hill Club, Madeline St., Hunters Hill, Friday 8 May 2026, 6.30pm-10.30pm**

**(RSVP Friday 1 May)**

Please scan QR code or follow link to book:



<https://events.humanitix.com/holy-name-of-mary-church-hunters-hill-parish-dinner-2026-friday-8th-may>

Enquiries: [ppc@hnom.com.au](mailto:ppc@hnom.com.au)

**Prize Donations**

We are calling for donations for raffles. Items such as wine, gift vouchers would be wonderful. Please deliver to the Parish Office Mon-Fri 9am - 4pm. Or email [office@holynameofmaryhh.org.au](mailto:office@holynameofmaryhh.org.au) and we can organise an alternative time.

**PARISH DINNER**



**ARE YOU SINGLE?**

Are you over 25 and enjoy socialising? Would you like to meet like-minded people for a social evening after Easter? For more information or to join our friendly gathering please call **Donna: 0417 411 173.**

**SISTINE CHAPEL REVELATIONS**

An exhibition bringing the Sistine Chapel to Sydney utilising cutting-edge projection technology and high resolution imagery sourced directly from the Vatican archives. **16 May-19 July @ St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt.**



**Tickets \$15-\$50**

<https://sistinechapelsydney.com.au/#info>

**PLANNED GIVING ONLINE & BUILDING FUND**

<https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/huntershillparish>

For the **Building Fund**, select

**Bill Code: 1001991 Building**

**Fund Appeal Our Spiritual Home**

*See also back page of Bulletin*



**JRS DONATIONS**

**Jesuit Refugee Service** are collecting non-perishable food items.

**SR FIDELIS**

We are still collecting these men's items - toiletries, warm casual clothes, shoes & backpacks/roller luggage. Please bring all items to the Parish Office.

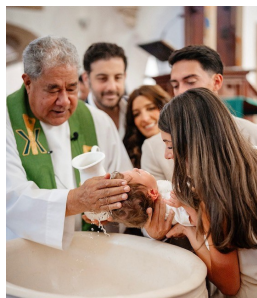
Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5813 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). 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— NO LONGER COLLECTING**

Thank you for supporting this initiative over the years but we are no longer collecting stamps.

**BAPTISMS**

Congratulations and a very warm welcome to  
**Luca Puliafico, Mila Ryan, Olivia Coombs, Izak Lazarus, Ada Lazarus, Sophia Kadry and Delilah Clark**  
 who will be baptised into our Christian community this weekend.

**For those who are sick or in need in our Community**

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

**Mary Ann Gamatan, Marcia Hale, Mary Nathing, Fr Paul Pearce, Tony Aduckiewicz, Moira Sullivan, Tim Kelly, Christine Ward, Sister Mary Comer, Maria Maestro, Adrienne Ryan, Joe Bannon, Janet Muscat, Suzanne Traill, Valerie Grant, Catherine Keating, Michelle Makin, Colleen Hussin, Bill & Dorothy Campbell and Veronica Rinaldo.**

**This Week... SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**First Reading**  
**Acts 2:42-47**

**Ps 117:2-4, 22-27**

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

**Second Reading**  
**Peter 1:3-9**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;  
 Happy those who have not seen me, but still believe.  
 Alleluia

**Gospel**  
**John 20:19-31**

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Next Week:

*First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33*  
*Second Reading: Peter 1:17-21*  
*Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35*



# A PARISH OF THE MARIST FATHERS

## PLANNED GIVING & PARISH BUILDING FUND

Payments for regular Planned Giving (1st and 2nd collections) or the Parish Building Fund can be made by scanning the QR code or follow link. <https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/huntershillparish>



**CATHOLIC WEEKLY LINK** <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/catholic-weekly-newspaper-online/>

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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 Sept–April (5.00pm May–August)

Sun. 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm.

#### St. Peter Chanel:

Sun 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:

Sat - 8:30am-9:30am or by request.

### PARISH TEAM:

#### Parish Priest:

Fr Michael Carroll SM,

[parishpriest@holynameofmaryhh.org.au](mailto:parishpriest@holynameofmaryhh.org.au)

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Fr Paul Pearce SM, JP

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Maggie Mullane

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### Parish Safeguarding Support Officer:

Linda Power:

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### BAPTISMS & PREP EVENINGS:

Please book online via our website

[www.hnom.com.au](http://www.hnom.com.au), select the 'Sacraments' tab on

our homepage. Baptisms are a shared Sacrament.

There are no Private Baptisms.

### BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENINGS:

Tuesdays 2026, Feb 10th, March 10th, April 14th,

May 12th, June 9th, July 14th, Aug 11th, Sept 8th,

Oct 13th, Nov 10th, Dec 8th in Chapter Hall @

7.30pm

### MARRIAGE:

At least six months notice must be given and bookings are made up to **16months** ahead of a wedding. The parish clergy will officiate primarily for parishioners. Others will generally need to arrange their own Catholic Priest or Deacon.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

PPC Chair(s): Felicity McCaffrey,  
Michael Bramble

PPC Secretary: Charlie Collins

Contact via Parish Office 9817 5325 or

[ppc@hnom.com.au](mailto:ppc@hnom.com.au)

### Parish Finance Committee:

Richard Quinn 0417 462 893

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0421 450 650, Monica Vaughan 0416 071 597

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

Parish Hall. [www.hnom.com.au/children](http://www.hnom.com.au/children)

### St Vincent De Paul:

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### Meditation Group:

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### Legion of Mary:

Collette Assaf 0405 535 584.

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Ukulele Group: Fr Aliko 0408 896 839

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SPC: Sharon Breen: 0403 189 018

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### Inter-Church Council:

Richard Korkor 0410 431 022

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.