

HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH HUNTERS HILL



We acknowledge the Wallumedegal people – the first custodians of this place

APRIL 27 2025

POPE FRANCIS

2nd SUNDAY EASTER Year C



Last Monday we experienced death of Pope Francis. When he became Pope on the 13th March 2013 he achieved a number of firsts – he was the first from the southern hemisphere, the first from South America, the first Jesuit Pope and the first Pope to take the name Francis, surprising given St Francis of Assisi's popularity in the Church.

Born Jorge Bergoglio in Buenos Aires on the 17th December 1936 to parents of Italian descent he suffered from pneumonia as a child which caused the removal of a part of his right lung. After school he first worked in the food processing industry but quickly discarded that option and joined the Jesuits. He was ordained a priest in 1969.

In 1973 he was appointed the Argentinian Provincial of the Jesuits (1973-79). His term of leadership coincided with the military coup and two of his fellow Jesuits who had taken a strong stand against the military coup and its suppression of democracy disappeared for five months. He was criticised for his handling of the matter although he claimed that he had secretly negotiated with the regime for their release. Bergoglio later claimed that he hid a number of people from the regime and organised their fleeing from Argentina.

He was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Buenos Aires in 1992 and Archbishop of that city in 1998 a position he held until his election as Pope in 2013. On the night of his election, he showed that he had a different approach to leadership to many of his predecessors when he asked the crowd to bless him as leader of the Church. He also decided not to live in the Apostolic Palace but in more humble accommodation. Soon after his election he was interviewed in the Jesuit magazine **America** and he made this comment,

I see clearly that the thing that the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and warm the hearts of the faithful: it needs nearness, proximity. I see the church as a field hospital after battle.

He was also asked in that interview how he saw himself?

He answered, *I am a sinner*

During his Pontificate he wrote six Encyclicals. I would like to focus on two of them *Laudato Si* (On Care for Our Common Home) and *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel). The title of the encyclical *Laudato Si* comes from the opening words of the encyclical Praise Be To You. They are part of a quotation from St Francis of Assisi *Canticle of the Creatures* that opens the encyclical. Francis obviously wanted the choice of this passage to begin the *Laudato Si* to remind people of faith how they should respect the earth and also praise and honour God through their engagement with creation. *Laudato Si* affirms the very solid scientific consensus that human activity is the primary driver of global warming. Throughout the Church *Laudato Si* groups have formed with a goal of bringing the vision of the Encyclical to reality. Ross Garnaut, the well known Australian economist stated that *Laudato Si* provided a spirituality for those trying to protect the earth from increasing temperatures.

Pope Francis also wrote the encyclical *Joy of the Gospel*. In that letter he referred to the many occasions in the New Testament where the word joy is mentioned or referred to eg when Mary is told by the angel Gabriel *Rejoice so highly favoured! Listen you are to bear a Son* (Luke 1:31), where Mary says in the Magnificat, *My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord* (Luke 1:36) and finally when Peter went to the empty tomb on Easter Sunday he was **amazed** at what had happened (Luke 24:12). Pope Francis wants us to recapture that joy. And he reminded us that joy is infectious. I also believe that in that encyclical *Joy of the Gospel* he focused on the essence of Christianity – it is Good News.

He also showed a much more compassionate approach to those Catholics who experienced same sex attraction. In my years as a priest I have met many Catholics who experience same sex attraction. None of them wanted to but they discovered that was their orientation. I don't think it cuts the mustard to say they have a psychological disorder. Francis gave priests permission to give a blessing to same sex couples. This led to me having one of the most beautiful experiences of my priestly ministry. I remember one Friday evening being approached at St Patricks, The Rocks, by a man who said Father, are you a Marist? When I said yes he said to me if your conscious allows could you give my partner and I a blessing. I did.

On his first Holy Thursday following his election Francis washed the feet of ten male and two female juvenile offenders in Rome's Casal Dei Marmo detention centre. This was the first time a Pope had included women in the ritual. Two of those who had their feet washed were Muslims.

In the latter years of His Pontificate, he focused on the importance of synodality. In 2023-24 he called two-month long synods on the topic of *Synodality*. He wanted our church to be a listening faith community, which recognised that the Holy Spirit worked through all of the baptised. This synod was the first Catholic Church synod that included women delegates.

He also visited many of the marginalised faith communities of the church eg Mongolia, Papua New Guinea, East Timor, Indonesia, Singapore and South Sudan. He also visited those native Indian communities in Canada who in the past experienced sexual, physical and cultural abuse from people in positions of authority in the Church. He apologised to them.

What I liked about Francis is that he showed a certain humanity while at the same time a respect for our Catholic tradition. Fr Michael

- MAY**
- 3/4 CWF Appeal**
Envelopes in both churches
- 4 WAGEC Walk**
Against Violence against Women and Children
Centennial Park from 7am
- 4 Cake Raffle**
Marist Missions in the Philippines
- 16 Parish Dinner**
Hunters Hill Club 6:30pm
- 24 Probus Club Welsh Choir**
Parish Hall 2-4pm

WEEKLY

Tuesday Meditation
Tues 10-10:45am
Chapter Hall

Wednesday Scripture Group
1:30pm Meeting Room

Ukulele
5pm Meeting Room

Friday Adoration
7:30-9am HNOM

Friday Legion of Mary
9:30am Chapter Hall

MONTHLY

1st Friday Twiddle Muffs
9:30am Meeting Room

1st Saturday Anointing Mass
8am HNOM

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



POPE FRANCIS

Jorge Mario Bergoglio

17 December 1936

21 April 2025

*May he
Rest in Peace*

PROJECT COMPASSION

Caritas Australia would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support of Project Compassion this Lent.

ALPHA PROGRAM

Holy Name of Mary parish is hoping to start up the **Alpha Program**. The program is a series of interactive sessions that explore life, faith, and meaning. If you are interested in joining the Leadership Team to help implement the program, please contact Fr Michael, Fr Alikei or the Parish office. For further information on the program, please go to <https://www.alpha.org.au/>

MARIST LAITY FUNDRAISERS

The Marist Laity are raising funds for the needs of Fr Alikei's former Marist laity group in the Philippines and for Fr Jim Carty's Appeal for WAGEC (Women and Girls Emergency Centre). Marist Laity will raffle the pictured beautiful Mothers Day cake. Tickets available \$5 each or x3 for \$10. Available at all Masses over



the weekend of **3rd/4th May**. Drawn Monday 5th May. Thank you for your support.

WELSH CHOIR

Gladesville Probus Club invites you to a concert by the **Sydney Welsh Choir**. **Sat May 24, 2-4pm, Parish Hall, Tickets \$25**. Pay in cash at the door. Refreshments during interval.



WALK FOR WAGEC—4th MAY

Women's And Girls' Emergency Centre

Walk to call for an end to violence against women and children. Raise awareness and support **WAGEC**. A fundraiser walk will be held on **May 4 at Centennial Park**. For more details and to donate go to <https://www.wagec.org.au/>

YOUTH GROUP IS BACK IN

TERM II - Friday 16th May

The next evening will be held on **Friday 16th May** in the **Parish Hall, 6-8pm**.



Join in the fun., activities and games. Cost \$5. To book, scan QR code or follow the link

<https://events.humanitix.com/holy-name-of-mary-hunters-hill-parish-youth-group>

DETENTION CENTRE MINISTRY

Would you like to learn about, and participate in, *the Ministry of visiting the detainees at Villawood?* It is a wonderful comfort to the detainees to have visitors and to participate in prayerful reflection. Please contact **Fr Alikei 0408 896 839**.

BISHOP PETER INGHAM

We remember Bishop Ingham this week, as his first anniversary occurs this Saturday 26th April.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him O Lord

CWF APPEAL

The CWF appeal will be held the weekend **3rd/4th May**. Envelopes will be available in both churches.

PARISH DINNER

Great Food & Sensational Company ALL ARE WELCOME

On: **Friday 16th May** (RSVP Friday 9 May) **6.30pm-10.30pm**

At: **HUNTERS HILL CLUB**

Madeline Street Hunters Hill

Buy Tickets Online

<https://events.humanitix.com/holy-name-of-mary-church-hunters-hill-parish-dinner-2025-friday-16th-may>

\$70 per person

If you would like to donate a raffle prize, please drop off at Parish Office. Enquiries: pcc@hnom.com.au



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

We are now commencing the process for the election of a new Parish Pastoral Council. This is a significant event in the life of the parish and I encourage all of you to discuss with each other possible suitable candidates. We approach the election prayerfully and with the good of the parish community in mind. The timeline for the election process appears on this page. *Fr Michael*

PPC Timeline

26/27 April: Election announced
3 /4 May: Nominations open
25 May: Close of nominations
27 May: 'Come and See' evening for nominees, Parish Hall 7.30pm
31 May/ 1 June: Voting forms distributed.

11 June: Voting closes.

14/ 15 June: New Council announced

28 June: Orientation session for new Council (9-12 noon)

1 July: First meeting of new Council.

6 July: Commissioning Mass for new Council HNM 10.00am

2025 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Details and dates for the 2025 Sacramental Programme can be found on our website www.hnom.com.au. Click on the "Sacraments" tab on the top of the homepage.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

If you are Year 3 or above and interested in joining the Altar Serving Team, please email altarhnom@gmail.com This is a wonderful way for your children to give back to the community.

PLANNED GIVING ONLINE & BUILDING FUND

First and Second Collections & Building Fund

You can now make regular contributions to the weekly first and second collections & the Building Fund at Mass online, using the QR code below. The first collection supports our priests, the second collection supports Parish operations and the Building Fund assists with the upkeep of our churches and maintenance.

Simply select the relevant collection from the drop-down list and enter the requested information.

Thank you for your generous support!

Our Parish
Our Spiritual Home

See also back page of Bulletin

APPEAL UPDATE



Pledge forms are available at the church doors

ANZAC DAY

They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.
Lest we forget



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. 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.

Pray for... PRAYER ZONE

Thank You

We would like to Thank the very many people who worked so hard to prepare our Easter Liturgies, Easter Masses, churches, morning teas & supper and all our prayer spaces.

Also a big thank you to all our priests who made this special time in the church calendar so meaningful.



Holy Thursday Altar of Repose

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:

Moiria Sullivan, Tim Kelly, Christine Ward, Sister Mary Comer, Maria Maestro, Adrienne & Tony Ryan, Joe Bannon, Janet Muscat, Suzanne Trill, Valerie Grant, Catherine Keating, Michelle Makin, Colleen Hussin, Bill & Dorothy Campbell and Veronia Rinaldo.

Baptisms

Congratulations and a very warm welcome to

Micah Lhotka-Dean, Harper Smith,

Louis Moses & Blair Moses

who will be baptised into our Christian community this weekend.

This Week... SCRIPTURE READINGS**First Reading****Acts 5:12-16**

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

Ps 117:2-4, 22-27

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

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.' **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

O Lord, grant us salvation;

O Lord, grant success.

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord God is our light. **R.**

Second Reading**Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19**

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.'

I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One.

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

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**

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,

they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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Next Week:

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32,40-41
Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14
Gospel Reading: John 21:1-19



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.



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

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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:

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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:

Feb 13th, March 12th, April 9th, May 14th, June 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:

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Villa Play Group: Tues 9:30-11:30am Parish Hall. Becky Klimeck 0475 568 060 www.hnom.com.au/children

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Prayer Group: Maryanne Knoblanche

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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.