

HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH HUNTERS HILL



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



April 5 2026

ALLELUIA ! CHRIST IS RISEN

Easter Sunday Year A

MAY

- 8 Date** **Parish Dinner—Save the**
Hunters Hill Club 6:30pm
- 29** **Mass—**
Confirmation Children & Parishioners
HNOM, 9am

WEEKLY

- Tuesday** **Meditation**
Tues 10-10:45am
Chapter hall
- Wednesday** **Scripture Group**
1:30pm Meeting Room
- Ukulele**
5pm Meeting Room
- Thursday** **Exposition of Blessed Sacrament**
9am-5pm HNOM
- Friday** **Legion of Mary**
9:30am Chapter Hall
- Adoration**
7:30am-9am HNOM
- Saturday** **Rosary**
8:30am Chapter Hall
- Reconciliation**
8:30-9:30am HNOM

MONTHLY

- 1st Friday** **Twiddle Muffs**
9:30am Meeting Room
- 1st Sat** **Anointing Mass**
8am HNOM
- 2nd Sat** **Marist Laity**
9-10:30am
Chapter Hall

CLASSES @ SUNDAY 10am MASS

CLASSES @ WEEKDAY 9am MASSES

- 5 May Fri** **Yr 6**
- 15 May Fri** **Yr 5**
- 29 May Fri** **Confirmation Children**

Throughout Christendom tonight and today the words “Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!” are being proclaimed.

Recently I was at a forum sponsored by the NSW Police Force for religious groups who conduct public liturgies. At my table there were people of Buddhist, Moslem, and Jewish tradition. In no way do their religious traditions believe that their God became human. They would probably believe that our belief that Jesus became human blasphemy. Yet we proclaim that belief every Sunday in the creed and in particular on Easter Sunday that Jesus, the second person of the Trinity, died and rose. Those of us who are cradle Christians take our belief that the second person of the Trinity shares in our humanity as nothing out of the ordinary. But as our Australian society increasingly includes people who don't hold that belief its uniqueness will increasingly stand out.

But our beliefs go further. Through our baptism we are linked to that death and resurrection. As St Paul wrote to the Christian people of Rome about baptism

If in union with Christ (through our baptism) we have imitated his death, we shall also imitate him in his resurrection. We believe that having died with Christ we shall also return to life with him. (Romans 6:7)

This is a difficult concept to explain. The early church met the challenge by designing baptismal pools that reflected that theology. The pool was designed in the shape of a cross. There were three steps into the pool, reflecting our belief in the Trinity, three persons one God. After the catechumen was baptised by the priest or deacon he or she walked three steps out symbolising the rising with Christ.

When we hear that explanation does our faith experience resonate with that description of being a Christian?

Going into the pool does resonate with my experience of Christianity. An intrinsic aspect of Christianity is dying to oneself, giving up some pleasure for the sake of others. We do that because Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice on the cross. Giving up something we like makes it clear to others that we are committed to our Christian vocation. When we die with Christ what dies with us is those aspects of our being that are contrary to the gospel.

What rises is that part of our being that has gone through the experience of death and is alive with the risen Christ. What do we reckon in our being is alive with the risen Christ?

In the Easter Sunday liturgies (including the Vigil) we renew our baptismal promises. We renounce sin and profess our faith in Jesus Christ as Our Lord and Saviour. May this Easter Sunday we spiritually enter the baptismal pool: dying with Christ, inconveniencing ourselves to recognise and help those worse off than ourselves. And in faith rising from the pool one with the risen Christ giving those worse off than ourselves some joy and happiness in their life, an experience of the resurrection.

I experience the resurrection when I hear you renew your baptismal promises. Despite all the distractions to Christianity you still believe in Jesus as your Lord and Saviour. When I was in France some years ago undergoing a Marist Renewal we were told that over 5000 thousand people had joined the Church in France that Easter. That was an experience of the Resurrection. When I pass the old presbytery in Harrington St The Rocks where the Marists used to live for over 90 years there is a plaque commemorating the first meeting of the St Vincent de Paul in Australia. A small lay organisation, committed to helping the poor, born in Paris under the leadership of that young university student Frederick Ozanam in 1838, had reached Australia by 1888, from one end of the world to the other. That is the Resurrection!

On behalf of Madeleine, Maggie, Rosalia, Fr Aiki and myself may I wish you a Happy and Holy Easter.

Christ is Risen Alleluia! Alleluia!



LENTEN & HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2nd—5th April 2026 Fri 3 Apr
 Thu 2 Apr **Holy Thursday Mass**
 HNOM 7:30pm followed by **Adoration at the Altar of Repose**
 Chapter Hall
 Fri 3 Apr **Ecumenical Walk & Stations of the Cross.** Sun 5 Apr
 HNOM Ground 10.30am

Passion of Our Lord
 HNOM 3pm
Easter Vigil HNOM
 7:00pm (followed by supper in Chapter Hall—(bring a plate)
Easter Day Mass
 HNOM 8:00am
 SPC 9:00am
 HNOM 10:00am **** NO 6pm ****

SPECIAL DATES & NOTES FOR COMING WEEKS

Sat 28th March—Reconciliation extended time
 HNOM 9am-11am (includes First Reconciliation children)
Thurs 2nd April—Holy Thursday
 No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 4th April—Holy Saturday
 No 8am Mass or 8:30am Reconciliation
 No Anointing Mass—will be **2nd Saturday (12th April)**
Saturday 4th April—Vigil Mass
 Please bring a plate for supper afterwards

CLOCKS GO BACK 1HR

Remember clocks move back 1hr at 3am Easter Sunday morning.



PARISH DINNER—Save the Date

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>



GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LANDS APPEAL

It has been a tradition of the Church from earliest times to support the Church in the Holy Land. This area contains many of the places where Jesus was born, lived, died and rose. It is important that the wider Church support the Custody of the Holy Land which is mainly staffed by Franciscan Friars. This collection also supports the Christian communities that live in the Holy Land. Envelopes will be available at HNOM

JRS LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

Please deliver to the Parish Office
 Each week of Lent JRS will be collecting different items
Week 6 - Long life milk (1L, full cream)
 JRS Australia is also in **urgent** need of **gift vouchers. Please be mindful to ensure that the voucher does not include alcohol retailers.**
 More info E: kristen.lazarus@jrs.org.au | P: 9356 3888 | W: <http://aus.jrs.net>

CONGRATULATIONS

Bishop Danny Meagher
 Bishop Danny Meagher has been appointed the 11th Bishop of Rockhampton. Congratulations to him as he begins his new ministry from the end of May.



THANK YOU SUZI

Each year we are blessed to have Suzi Hajje and her family prepare our beautiful palm crosses for Palm Sunday. Each year she hand makes each cross. Thank you Suzi

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



FREE SEMINAR ON WILLS FOR THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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: **Tues 28 April, 10am-12** Where: **St Michael's Parish Hall, 204 Longueville Road, Lane Cove** (entry via Dorritt Street).
 Rego and info contact Tony Maricic: 0422 099 576. email: to-ny.maricic@sydneycatholic.org, scan the QR code, or visit www.trybooking.com/DJUQI. Please join us. All are welcome.



GOOD FRIDAY WALK 2026

Volunteers Still Needed
 For the **Churches Together Good Friday Walk** for 2026 we are still looking for: **2 people to usher & 2-3 singers.** If you are able to assist, please contact Richard: richardkorkor@gmail.com or 0410 431 022.
 A big *Thank You* to those who have already volunteered.

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.**

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

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

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.

EASTER SUNDAY

4—5 April 2026

Happy Easter from all of us here at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty. There is still time to donate!



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*



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

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— NO LONGER COLLECTING

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

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:

Richard Quinn, Brian Baldwin, 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 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 everyone, 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.'

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..

Alternative Second Reading
Corinthians 5:6–8

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Alternative Second Reading
Romans 6:3–11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

If in union with Christ we have imitated his death, we shall also imitate him in his resurrection. We must realise that our former selves have been crucified with him to destroy this sinful body and to free us from the slavery of sin. When a man dies, of course, he has finished with sin.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

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 2:42-47

Second Reading: Peter 1:3-9

Altern Second Reading: Corinthians 5:6–8

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31



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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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.

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BAPTISMS & PREP EVENINGS:

Please book online via our website

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

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

Parish Hall. www.hnom.com.au/children

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Richard Korkor 0410 431 022

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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.

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.