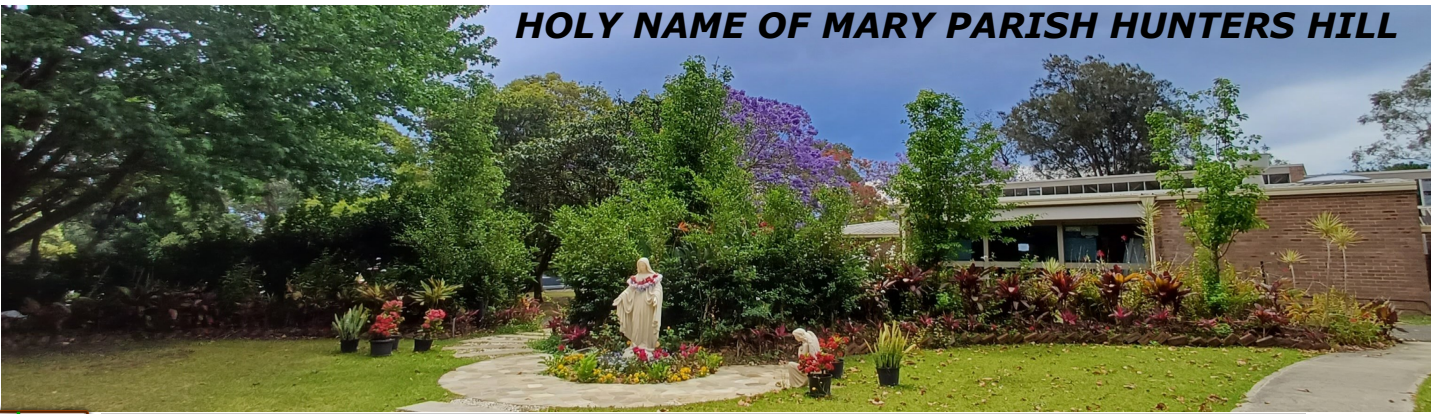


# HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH HUNTERS HILL



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

**March 1 2026**

**Second Sunday of Lent Year A**



## FEBRUARY 2026

- 27 Stations of the Cross**  
HNOM 7pm
  - 28 Hour of Prayer before Blessed Sacrament**  
HNOM 7pm (after Vigil Mass)
- ## MARCH
- 5 International Women's Day**
  - 5,12,19,26 Lenten Prayer Group**  
Chapter Hall 2:30-4pm
  - 11,18 & 25 Lenten Reflections**  
Chapter Hall 7-8pm
  - 24 2nd Rite Reconciliation**  
HNOM, 7:30pm
  - 26 First Reconciliation**  
HNOM 7pm
  - 28 First Reconciliation**  
HNOM 9am—11am

## 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 MASSES

- 1 Mar HNOM Yr 1**
- 8 Mar HNOM Kindy**
- 22 Mar HNOM Yr4**

## CLASSES @ WEEKDAY 9am MASSES

- 10 Mar Tues Yr 4**
- 13 Mar Fri Yr 6**
- 25 Mar Wed Yr 3**

I think I would be on safe ground to suggest that many of the things we do in life can be challenging. From the moment we are born we cry for food, drink or have our nappy changed. We fall numerous times before we can walk. We find ways to try and fit in at school and then encounter the many and varied challenges that each chapter of schooling entails.

At some point we aim to participate in the work force, again looking to find our place in the wider world, making sense of the gifts we have been given, how they can be used to serve, sometimes ourselves sometimes others.

Through our lifetime, some may take the path of forming a committed relationship, the sharing of oneself with the other and all that comes with it. Along this path we encounter times of great joy, laughter, celebration, other times not so for a plethora of reasons, some of which are not in our control.

As we get on a little, we begin to realise that this thing called control is perhaps an illusion which may make us anxious or exhausted trying to hold on too.

Through this journey I wonder then what we draw on to sustain us? What do we turn to as a source that accompanies us on the way?

For some, our Church does not feel like she speaks or understands their language or their circumstances and so she misses out on offering her tenderness to those in need. For others, drawing on the *I*, otherwise known as *the self*, becomes one's true north, which can only take one so far.

In our gospel this Sunday reminds us of Jesus's closeness to all of us, as he accompanies his disciples to the mountain top. It is a journey that is not paved with travelators but one that is tiresome, tricky, rough. One where the air pressure drops and can shorten our breath. Yet, Jesus does not leave us behind. Along each inclination we are invited to hold onto hope, which much like the transfiguration shows bears fruit in unexpected ways.

In his moment of excitement Peter wants to build three tents. I wonder what was going through his mind, 'Yes, I want to create a nice neat little village, away from everyone where I can easily locate Jesus, Moses and Elijah, each in a separate dwelling, all to myself or people like me.' Perhaps some of us see our understanding of Church in such a way.

Layered within Peter's desire is a sense of order, something I am sure we all at some level desire. I know there are days where I crave tidiness in the home as a way to find order given the disorder experienced during the day. But is there anything wrong with that? I wonder whether order is not the concern but rather the fear of disorder that such a voice from the clouds speaks too as a necessary part of growth.

Does this voice recognise in Peter that maybe, just like many of us, our shadow self is tempted to separate, contain or control? In the case for Peter, where Jesus lives? The timing of the words from the cloud speaks volumes. "This is my beloved Son." The tent project is interrupted. Why? Because Jesus is not for a select few. As the gospel reminds us, Jesus takes his disciples back down the mountain where he is to be amongst the people, with the marginalised, the hungry, those in need of forgiveness, mercy and healing to remind us all **'do not be afraid'**. How often we need to hear those words!

A few months ago, I accompanied a patient waiting on further results from a liver biopsy. A faith filled patient who'd given so much to the church over many years from teaching scripture to sacramental preparations and the like. Knew all the catholic rituals and prayers and yet as we entered deeper into dialogue, beneath the fear of the medical results was a deeper fear that prayers were said incorrectly, rituals not performed properly and perhaps God was now exercising his displeasure through her illness.

This pain was deeper than the physical being experienced, reflected through the many tears that flowed. She had been afraid to bring her understanding to the surface, almost a sense of being clouded by shame or embarrassment. And yet after allowing her liquid words to flow she looked up again and realised that healing touch of Jesus within that whispered "it was not your efforts or understanding or works that sustained you, but *grace* flowing out from my Father's love. All that was required of her was to *be not afraid* and accept it.

*Blessings, Rich*

## LENTE & HOLY WEEK SERVICES

24th March—5th April 2026

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|---------------|---|-----------|---|
| Tues 24th Mar | <b>2nd Rite of Reconciliation</b><br>HNOM 7.30pm  | Fri 3 Apr | <b>Passion of Our Lord</b><br>HNOM 3pm  |
| Thu 2 Apr     | <b>Holy Thursday Mass</b><br>HNOM 7:30pm followed by <b>Adoration at the Altar of Repose</b> Chapter Hall | Sat 4 Apr | <b>Easter Vigil HNOM</b><br>7:00pm (followed by supper in Chapter Hall—(bring a plate)  |
| Fri 3 Apr     | <b>Ecumenical Walk &amp; Stations of the Cross</b><br>HNOM Ground 10.30am                                 | Sun 5 Apr | <b>Easter Day Mass</b><br>HNOM 8:00am<br>SPC 9:00am<br>HNOM 10:00am<br>**** NO 6pm **** |

**COMING EVENTS.....**

**-Lenten Reflections:** During Lent the parish will be running some Lenten Reflection Experiences. **Wednesday 11th, 18th & 25th March 7pm—8pm in the Chapter Hall** followed by coffee and tea and a discussion. I encourage you to consider coming: It will be a wonderful way to prepare for Easter.

**-Holy Hour for the International Eucharistic Congress:** The Archdiocese has asked for all Sydney parishes to have an **hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament** on the weekend of the 1<sup>st</sup> March. As we have baptisms after 10 am Mass we will have the adoration **after the Vigil Mass on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February** in which we will pray for the International Eucharistic Congress.  
**Fr Michael**

**GOOD FRIDAY WALK 2026**

We are looking for people who would like to be part of our **Churches Together Good Friday Walk** for 2026. We need disciples, women of Jerusalem, event organisers and someone to play the role of Jesus and Mary. Please contact Richard: [richardkorkor@gmail.com](mailto:richardkorkor@gmail.com) or 0410 431 022.

**JRS LENTEN FOOD DRIVE**

**Please deliver to the Parish Office**

Each week of Lent JRS will be collecting different items

- Week 1** - Cooking oil (750 ml or 1L)
- Week 2** - Dishwashing liquid
- Week 3** - Canned tuna (unflavored in oil)
- Week 4** - Laundry detergent
- Week 5** - Dried red lentils (375g or 1kg)
- 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](mailto:kristen.lazarus@jrs.org.au) | P: 9356 3888

Website: <http://aus.jrs.net>

**LENTE PRAYER GROUP**

Each Thursday through Lent, beginning **Thurs 19th Feb, in Chapter Hall 2:30pm—4pm.**



For further info please call **Cathy 0400 900 120**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS LENT**

**Stations of the Cross** will be held at Holy Name of Mary **every Friday at 7pm during Lent. I—XIV**

**RECONCILIATION PROGRAM 2026**

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

**CARITAS—PROJECT COMPASSION**  
**Second Sunday Lent 28 Feb-1 Mar—Sisilia's Story**

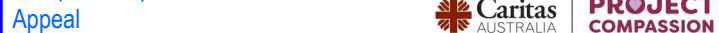


Sisilia is a 13 year-old girl who lives with her mother and siblings in a remote village in northern Tanzania. Sisilia had to walk long distances each day to fetch water from a dirty canal. The water was unsafe, causing frequent illness, and the long

walks left Sisilia exhausted, fearful of wild animals and struggling to focus on her studies.

With support from the A+ Successor Project, Sisilia's school and village now have clean water taps. This means it takes her just two minutes to collect water from her house, reducing the risks she faced and giving her more time for learning.

Sisilia's dream is to one day become a pilot and she hopes the time she saves collecting water can be used to focus on her studies. Read her story at [Project Compassion | Caritas Australia's Lent Appeal](http://Project Compassion | Caritas Australia's Lent Appeal)



**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](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate)

Or Call: 1800 024 413

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



**H HILL-RYDE MEN'S SHED**  
**LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS**

The **HHR Men's Shed** is a friendly group of men, encouraging of all skill levels with skilled members willing to assist those less skilled.

Our primary aims are:

- . To improve our members health and well-being, through social interaction and activity.
- . To provide support and be of assistance to our community.
- . To develop and renew skills, in a safe environment, through personal and community projects like *Fr Kevin's Memorial Benches*.

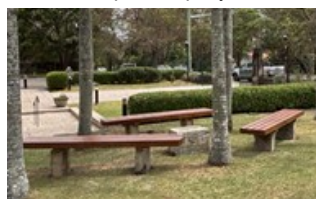
We are predominantly a woodwork focused men's shed however we have welding capabilities, and an excellent range of modern machinery & hand tools.

So come down, share a cuppa, some banter and most importantly, camaraderie.

The Shed meets in the grounds of the Marist Fathers **behind Holy Name of Mary Church, 3 Mary Street, Hunters Hill, Mon, Wed & Thurs, 10 am to 3 pm.**

Our website [www.hhmensshed.com.au](http://www.hhmensshed.com.au)  
Social membership is \$30 per year.  
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*Fr Kevin's Memorial Benches  
Ryde-Hill Men's Shed Community Project*

**RECONCILIATION REMINDER**  
Reconciliation is held every **Saturday** morning at Holy Name of Mary Church at **8:30am—9:30am.**

**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

**MISSING LECTERN HANGING**  
**Still missing**—The Purple Lectern hanging that goes on the lectern at HNOM Church is missing. Please contact the Parish Office.  
[office@holynamemh.org.au](mailto:office@holynamemh.org.au).

**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**  
**@ Mary MacKillop Place**

Join us on **Sun 8 March** to celebrate International Women's Day and honour St Mary MacKillop.

**Mass at 1pm in the Chapel** including blessing and prayer, giving thanks for the dignity and contribution of women in our Church and wider community.

Cake and refreshments will be shared in the courtyard after Mass. All are welcome!  
**Watercolour Workshop: 11am—1pm,** The Schoolhouse, Mary MacKillop Place, 9 Mount St, North Sydney.

Gather your friends for a beginner-friendly watercolour workshop led by Sydney artist Rachel Carroll. Learn the basics and create your own artwork in a relaxed and welcoming setting. **Cost: \$65** (includes all materials and light morning tea)

Tickets: <https://tinyurl.com/WorkshopMMP>

**Exhibition: Equilibrium**  
An exhibition by women artists will be open **5—11 March**, daily from **10am—4pm** in the Schoolhouse.

For any questions about any of these events please contact [ministries@mmp.org.au](mailto:ministries@mmp.org.au)  
Masses also at 8am & 11am

**HELP NEEDED @ MSCW FOR MEDITATION**

Meditation has been running continuously at **Marist Sisters' College, Woolwich** for 20 years. If you are free on **Tuesday mornings between 9-11am** and would like to help the girls to learn more about our Marist heritage and encourage them to meditate please contact **Jennifer Aduckiewicz 0408 291 942**. The program is fully organised & well supported.

**PLANNED GIVING ONLINE & BUILDING FUND**

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

For the **Building Fund**, select **Biller 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-** 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



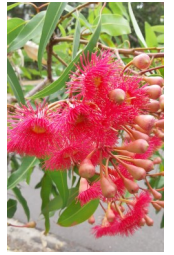
**Giulia Esposito, Ezra Canini,  
Gabriel Omeissah, Julian Shaw,  
Benjamin Moylan & Eva Cipriani**

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:

**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.**

**May They Rest in Peace**

We pray this week for **Angelo Calleja**, and his family. Angelo went home to God last week.

Also, we pray for **Fr David Wilson sm**, his family, friends and the Marist Community. Fr David died Thursday morning.

***Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, Oh Lord***

**This Week... SCRIPTURE READINGS****First Reading****Genesis 12:1-4**

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

**Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22**

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.**

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,

on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

**Second Reading****Timothy 1:8-10**

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

This is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel****Matthew 17:1-9**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son,

the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him'. When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

**Villa Maria Primary School**

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**St Joseph's College**

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[www.joey.org](http://www.joey.org)

*Next Week:*  
*First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7*  
*Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*  
*Gospel Reading: John 4:5-42*



# 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)

#### Priests Assisting:

Fr Aliko Langi SM, Mob.: 0408 896 839

Fr Paul Pearce SM, JP

Parish Secretaries: Madeleine Carter &

Maggie Mullane

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

Sacramental Coordinator: Rosalia Foley

[fft@holynameofmaryhh.org.au](mailto:fft@holynameofmaryhh.org.au) 0409 608 979

## 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](mailto:safeguarding@holynameofmaryhh.org.au)

### 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)

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Family Faith Educator: Marea De Angelis

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RCIA: Janet Greene 9879 6515, Helen Farrell

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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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### Care & Support Group:

Cecilia Brungs 0412 284 028

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### Legion of Mary:

Collette Assaf 0405 535 584.

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Blossom Menzes

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Ukulele Group: Fr Aliko 0408 896 839

### Cleaners:

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SPC: Sharon Breen: 0403 189 018

### Men's Group:

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### 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.