

HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH HUNTERS HILL



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



May 3 2026

5th Sunday of Easter Year A

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2/3	CWF Appeal All Masses HNOM & SPC
2	Vigil Mass HNOM 5pm
7	Villa Mothers Day Mass 9:15 HNOM
8	Parish Dinner—Save the Date Hunters Hill Club 6:30pm
24	Procession of Mary & Rosary HNOM, after 10am Mass
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

This weekend the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney will be hosting its synod to which I have been invited to participate in on behalf of our parish. The three areas that are being reflected on are that :

-Liturgies be more Prayerful

-Our parish and other Church communities be more Christ-centred

-We be mission oriented.

These are the three areas that have risen to the surface over a long period of consultation of the Sydney catholic community.

As I write this reflection my heart is a little troubled if I am being honest. There is a part of me that is a little apprehensive, perhaps even a little cynical. As I reflect on the areas that are the focus for the synod, I wonder whose voice has been heard in bringing forward these three areas. Is this the voice of the Holy Spirit? One can only hope.

Sometimes I wonder whether we have limited the number of dwelling places in our Father's house. Are we designing the Father's house or are we co-designing it? Do we install big gates at the front with security guards that check ones I.D for things such as church attendance, marriage status, religious denomination, moral positions, sexual orientation, education levels, number of social media followers to just name a few?

Or perhaps we have created our Father's house in a way that has many gated communities so that we stay in our part of the mansion that does not require us to interact with the other parts of the house where the décor is different.

I wonder if the way we think of the Father's house is an outward reflection of the interiority of our heart. A house that is clean and tidy, built in the image and likeness of a display home at a Home World. The gardens are manicured; the furniture is pristine and the people in there look very much like me, except they are just a hologram. What might follow to protect this image is we design rules and regulations, layered in complexity, that build walls which make it harder and harder for people to see Our Father's house.

I wonder whether we engage in such 'Lego building' because we struggle to realise that WE are the house in which our Father lives. A house that is always in need of repairs and maintenance, a house that sometimes leaks when the rain falls in a certain direction.

Perhaps there are rooms in our house that we would rather shut off and so we close them up, hoping that no one will want to enter that room. Maybe we never feel like our house is good enough. We may find that we continue to compare ourselves to all these wonderful houses around us that appear so well presented, leading us to keep our blinds down in fear that someone can see through our windows.

Is the message Jesus speaks to Philip today not the same message that he speaks to us? I have been with you for so long and you still don't know me? Yes, I am the one who hears the cry of the poor, who walks with the broken, knows you by name, and washes your feet, feeds you when you are hungry and waits for you on the front veranda hoping you would come back. I am the one who holds you when you feel abandoned and sustains you even when you feel your world is falling apart.

Our gospel this weekend reminds us of the invitation to build a home that is grounded in an inner transformation from which the fruits of our home will follow in the footsteps of one who is the architect of our hearts. And what do these footsteps look like? Love.

A love that transforms the world around us. A love that welcomes the stranger, that sees the other not as an object but a house in which God also lives regardless.

I pray that the synod this weekend will allow the Holy Spirit into its home and not reject the stone that the builders have rejected.

Blessings, Rich.

CLASSES @ WEEKDAY 9am MASSES

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

Thursday 7 May—9:15am MASS
7 May Thur Villa Mothers' Day

VILLA MARIA TERM 2 WEEKEND FAMILY MASSES
Sunday 3 May 10am Yr 3
Saturday 23 May 5pm Yr 6
Sunday 31 May 10am Yr 2

**VIGIL MASS TIME CHANGE
BEGINS THIS SATURDAY****Sat 2 May 2026—29 August 2026****Sat 2nd May—Sat 29th August**
the Saturday Vigil Mass time will
change from 6pm to 5pm. This is
for **Saturday Vigil ONLY**.**THURS 7 MAY—MASS TIME
CHANGE**Thurs 7 May, Villa Maria school will be
attending the morning Mass to celebrate
Mothers' Day. **Mass will begin 9:15am****CWF APPEAL—THIS WEEKEND**Your **local** charityThis weekend, May 2nd & 3rd, we will
hold the CWF Appeal. To donate,
please use the envelopes in the church-
es, scan the QR code or follow the link
below.<https://www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to/cwf/>

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

PARISH CENSUS—This weekendThis weekend we will be holding a
parish census. There will be someone
at the entrance to each church counting
you as you come in. This will include
babies and young children.Thank you for your cooperation with this
Archdiocesan request.**STEPPING ON—Fall Prevention**The Stepping On Program offers an
evidence-based falls prevention program
designed to enhance your strength,
balance and confidence. This program is
designed to reduce the risk of falls.*Note: The program is not suitable for
people who have significant cognitive
impairments or complex neuromuscular
conditions.*<https://www.catholichealthcare.com.au/campaigns/stepping-on>**Holy Name of Mary Parish Hall, 3A
Mary Street, Hunters Hill 2110.****Thursday 21 May - 2 July 2026**

Time: 10 am - 12:00 pm

Contact: **Theresa Chan**Ph: **02 98115201****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**Prize Donations**We are calling for donations for raffles.
Items such as **wine, gift vouchers,
chocolates, pamper packs** would be
wonderful. Please deliver to the Parish
Office Mon–Fri 9am – 4pm. Or email**SOCIAL JUSTICE EVENT****Marist Family Justice, Peace and Integrity
in Creation Committee**, invites you
to a Social Justice event focusing on the
Australian Bishops' Social Justice state-
ment, *The Cost of Our Living*.**Sat 16, Holy Name of Mary Parish
Hall, 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm**RSVP: **May 09** to: Sr Grace Ellul SM:
grace@maristsisters.org Cathy Larkin,
Marist Way: cathylarkin1960@gmail.com
Fr Paul Mahony SM: mahonytp@gmail.com Br Lawrence
McCane FMS: lawrie.mccane@mac.com
Sr Margaret Tisch SMSM: margaretantisch@gmail.com**PROCESSION OF OUR LADY**On **Sunday 24 May 2026** following the
10am Mass at HNOM, there will be a
Procession of Our Lady around the
grassed area outside the Chapter Hall.
This will then be followed by **The Rosary**
and morning tea in the Parish Hall, pro-
vided by Legion of Mary. Please join us.

The 2025 Procession

**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**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 wel-
come to bring a guest.**We want to hear from you. Don't miss
this incredible opportunity.****ALPHA COURSE**Do you have questions about Jesus and
the Christian faith? You are invited to try
Alpha. Starts **Friday 15th May, St
Charles Borromeo Parish Hall 2A
Charles St, Ryde. 7pm** with dinner.Website alpha.rgcp.org.auEmail alpha@rgcp.org.au**SYNOD 30 APRIL—3RD MAY****SYDNEY
SYNOD
2026**

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

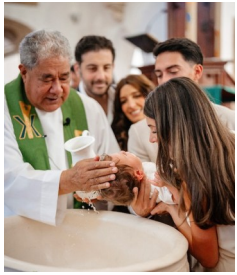
ARE YOU SINGLE/LIVING SOLO?Are you over 25 and enjoy socialising?
Would you like to meet like-minded
people for a social evening? Come and
join our wonderful group.For more information or to join our friend-
ly gathering. Call **Donna: 0417 411 173**.THE 54TH INTERNATIONAL
**EUCCHARISTIC
CONGRESS 2028**
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIAKeep up to date with the preparation for the **2028 Eucharistic Congress**.
Follow the link. [54th International Eucharistic Congress](https://www.54thinternational.org.au)**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 report-
ed 667,831 newly displaced people seek-
ing safety. Despite the volatile environ-
ment, Caritas Lebanon teams
are operating across seven governorates,
delivering food, essential
items, healthcare, psychoso-
cial support, water and hy-
giene assistance, and protec-
tion services. Let us stand in
solidarity with our partners in Lebanon.Learn more or make a donation today at
www.caritas.org.au/lebanon**PLANNED GIVING ONLINE &
BUILDING FUND**<https://www.bpoin.com.au/payments/huntershillparish>For the **Building Fund**, select

Billor 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.**SCHOENSTATT MARIAN
PILGRIMAGE DAY**Please bring your Pilgrim Mother
Shrines along. Drinks & food will be
available for purchase.This is an outdoor event - bring your
own chairs. **Sun 17th May
9:30am –3pm, 230 Fairlight Road
Mulgoa.** Contact: Sr. M. Rita 0493
026 628 www.schoenstatt.org.auChild 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.



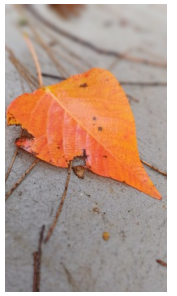
BAPTISMS

Congratulations and a very warm welcome to
Violet Wafforn, Lukas Drewery, Lucy Curtin and James McDougall
 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:

Kevin Ladd, 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.



Trust In Me

This Week... SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading Acts 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parnenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

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

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R.**

For 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.**

Second Reading Peter 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the

fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord;

No one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia

Gospel John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know

my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?'

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. 'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

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Next Week: 10th May 2026

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Second Reading: Peter 3:15-18

Gospel Reading: John 14:15-21



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.

PARISH TEAM:

Parish Priest:

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Fr Paul Pearce SM, JP

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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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PPC Secretary: Charlie Collins

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ppc@hnom.com.au

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, Monica Vaughan 0416 071 597

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

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

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Cathy Gallo 0400 900 120

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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.