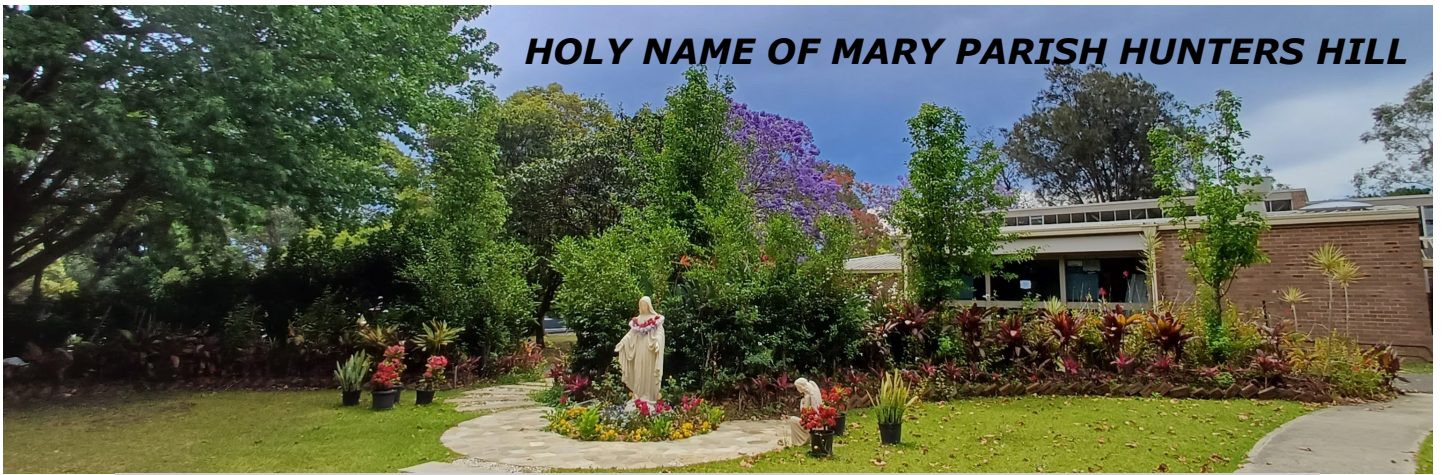


HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH HUNTERS HILL



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

MAY 5, 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Year B

“Love one another as I have loved you”



MAY

- 4&5 CWF Appeal**
Both churches
- 11 Marist Laity—Rosary & Morning Tea**
After 8am Mass
Chapter Hall
- 19 Unity Lunch**
1pm
Parish Hall.

JUNE

- 22/23 Vinnies Winter Appeal**
Envelopes at both churches

WEEKLY

Tuesday

Meditation

Tues 10-10:45am
Chapter Hall

Thursday

Scripture Group

2pm Meeting Room

Friday

Adoration

7:30-9am HNOM

Friday

Legion of Mary

9:30am Meeting Room

MONTHLY

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

In a certain sense both the second reading (1 John) and the Gospel (John) have a very simple message. God is love and all love comes from God. We are called to love one another as Jesus loves us and it is through this love our joy will be complete. We are taught that we are Jesus's friends, not his slaves and called to remain in God's love. One could say the whole Christian message is summed up for us in this week's readings.

When our world and all that surrounds us is in a good place, where people are working well with us, our relationships are stable, our spouses agree with us, our work colleagues think we are brilliant or our children are listening to and following their parents' instructions, one could say it is easy to love.

However, how does this love hold up when things get a little messy? We start disagreeing with our spouses, bringing up past issues, words get a little sharper and patience gets a little thinner or the intimacy fades. How do we respond when work colleagues, friends or school or sports parents start behaving in a way that gravitates towards gossip or exclusion? Or how do we love those whose actions - or threat of - required us to flee our homeland wherever that may be?

What of those who commit the crimes that have occupied the news items for the past few weeks from the man who killed the innocent people at Bondi Junction or the teenage boy who walked into that church or those who then turned up in revenge?

How can I live out this "love one another as I have loved you" in such circumstances whereby the very fabric of how I understand and need my society to operate is threatened? Are we not prone to our hearts being hardened or perhaps more cynical, more cautious, lest trusting and more judgemental?

I wonder whether it is in this messiness, this place of confusion, of fear, revenge, hatred or brokenness where the Gospel really finds its true ground. Is this not the contradiction that finds its place in the Christian message of the Cross? Maybe it is here where we are reminded of the words Jesus spoke, "Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing." Is this not love itself speaking from the Cross, at times helpless and still praying for those who have hurt us?

One may ask, why do I need to be reminded of this? Perhaps because it allows us the very slight possibility to change the way we see each other and ourselves. A metanoia of sorts to soften our gaze to all those around us that we find hard to love, which in turn awakens in us our own areas that fall short of the mark. It is here that we reminded of Peter's words, "I myself am also a human being" in need of God's infinite love and mercy.

In Holy Week last year, during the homily in our Last Supper liturgy we reflected on the love of oneself, which is not a narcissistic trait but rather a love that lends itself towards taking time to care for one's soul, body and mind, resting in God's presence, allowing one to care for the temple in which God lives.

During the washing of the feet part of this liturgy, which followed, one of the men who allowed me to wash his feet had tattooed 'narcissist' up along his leg. At the end of the service, this young man came up to me with this look of amazement.

He wanted to let me know that his narcissistic behaviours had stemmed from the need to compensate for his deep belief that he was not worthy of being loved, an understanding born out of an unfortunate upbringing which in turn led to much damage through his online actions. Wounds transmitted rather than transformed.

But now for the first time he was able to see that he was worthy of being loved because the very God who created him, who lived inside of him, loved him. For that man that was his 'aha' moment that changed everything.

May we see with the eyes of a heart that is not hardened, that is not drowned by the thoughts of the mind but is awakened to a love that is freely given to each one of us by a God who does not show any partiality. Amen.

Richard Korkor

CWF APPEAL THIS WEEKEND

The Charitable Works Fund Appeal will be held next weekend **4th & 5th May**. We need your help to assist the funding of services for thousands of people every year.

CWF offer comfort to people in crisis, provide advocacy, training and better access for the disadvantaged, support people in their faith development and train our future priests.

This work can only be done with your generous support.

Your tax-deductible donation changes lives. You can donate via the envelopes available in the churches, calling 1800 753 959 or scanning the QR code

**HNOM MORNING TEAS**

The HNOM Morning Tea Team are looking for extra people to join the roster. These wonderful people put together morning tea for our Parish, after the 10am Mass each month during school term. If you would like to help please

SMS/text **Angela 0412 646 208**

MARIST LAITY ROSARY

Please join the Marist Laity for the **Rosary** and morning tea.

**After 8am Mass
Saturday 11th
May.**

**UNITY LUNCH**

This year our parish is hosting the annual **Unity Lunch**, where our local churches come together at the time of Pentecost and share a meal together. We are providing main course and our other brother and sister churches will be providing entrees and desserts.

When: 19th May, 1pm

Where: Parish Hall.

Volunteers needed to help set up and if you are able to provide a dish that would be most welcome. This is a simple yet beautiful gathering reminding us that we are all one

body. Richard Korkor: richard-korkor@gmail.com. 0410431022.

ALPHA LAUNCH NIGHT

Inspired by Jesus' Great Commission to "go make disciples of all nations", Alpha empowers us to also invite others to discover Christ. Come and "take a seat at the table". Commencing with dinner followed by a video and small group conversation.

Contact Patrick: 0406 288 944 or Pina: 0432 682 239

When: Thurs 9th May

Where: St Charles Borromeo Hall

Time: 7-9pm

Register: <https://alpha.rgcp.org.au/>

MARIST LAITY AUSTRALIA

MLA is holding a **Spirituality Day** this **Saturday May 4** entitled *'Living with Today's Paradoxes'*. Exploring questions like 'How do we maintain hope and joy in the face of global challenges and personal trials?' and more. Key speaker will be Br. Tony Leon fms who has worked many years in Marist spiritual formation in Australia and internationally. For information go to

www.maristlaityaustralia.com/paradox

-You are invited to join an exciting new study on Family Prayer Mindful Colouring, and Faith Development in Children and Teenagers. Go to www.maristlaityaustralia.com/1/beyond-the-pew to find out more - Marist Fourviere occurred in 1816 (security question)

REGISTRATION FOR CONFIRMATION IS OPEN

If you would like to book your child into the Confirmation Program for this year, bookings are now open. Please go to our website www.hnom.com.au and select the "Sacraments" tab at the top of the homepage and select "Confirmation" Information for all other Sacraments is also available on our website and registrations will open for these later in the year.

VINNIE'S WINTER APPEAL

Vinnies Winter Appeal will be held weekend **June 22nd/23rd**.

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA

You are invited to join the May celebration by the **World Apostolate of Fatima (Sydney Archdiocesan Committee)** in honour of Our Lady, to intercede for Peace in the World & the Welfare of Australia.

Where: ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL (Main Altar)

When: Saturday May 4th - 11.30am

Our Spiritual Director—Fr. Peter Joseph will be Principal Celebrant and preach the homily.

Sydney Archdiocesan Committee of the World Apostolate of Fatima Aust Inc. (Public Association of the Faithful)

Phone: 0403 578 994

CATALYST FOR RENEWAL

Call to Be- Lecture Series 2024 presents: *The Artist's Story*:

Lecturer: Daniel Dominguez

Where: Crypt of St Patrick's Church 20 Grosvenor St, The Rocks

When: 1st, 8th, 15th May, 10am-12

Cost: \$90. **Register:** <https://www.trybooking.com/CPXSG>

Information: <https://catalystforrenewal.org.au/events> or email thecalltobe@gmail.com

"Things fall apart, the centre cannot hold; Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world".

Explore how the "call to be" is a call to discover our transcendent self and a creative centre that can hold. How did we move from a society of collective religious practice to one of an individual experience of creativity and spirituality?

What role does education play in breaking apart and sharing our understanding of the transcendent? How does Catholicism provide a bridge to re-establish a shared foundation of faith and creativity. Journey with an artist, educator and Catholic as he considers answers to these critical questions through discussion and the contemplative form of drawing.

FUN RUN—FUND RAISER

Supporting Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation

Annabel Ireland, a parishioner, former Villa Maria student and current Yr 10 student at Monte Sant

Angelo, is organising a 3km fun run/walk to raise money for the **Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation** (which holds a personal connection for her and her family). The event promotes fitness and community while raising funds for a good cause. Annabel would be very grateful of any support - so bring the family & kids along to walk/run on **Sun 19 May at 8.30am at Boronia Park Oval No. 3**, or please feel free to donate to the SCHF.

Many Thanks

<https://www.schf.org.au/fundraisers/annabelireland/hunters-hill-fun-run>

NEW TAP & GO DEVICES

We apologise for the 'not so' smooth introduction of the new Tap&Go terminals. We do realise that they have had a few issues but please bear with us. There is now the option to choose a pre-set amount of \$5, \$10, or \$20 or to choose your own amount. We thank you for your continued patience and support of the parish through donations by whichever form you choose.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

The need for taking Communion to the nursing homes on **Wed &/or Fri** has increased and a couple more volunteers to join the Eucharistic team would be appreciated. If you would like more details call **Jennifer 0408291942**

VINNIES NEED VOLUNTEERS

With the cost of living crisis currently being experienced, there has been a growing need for food support in our local area. If you can assist with this valuable service contact **Tony Aduckiewicz 0411641895**

JRS DONATIONS

Jesuit Refugee Service are collecting non-perishable food items.

SR FIDELIS

The following items are needed.

Men's Toiletries, men's warm casual clothes, men's shoes and 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 5810 or safeguardingquiries@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

**Camila Mangano, Leonardo Marras
& Jordan Tait**

who will be baptised into our Christian community this weekend.

**Pray for... PRAYER ZONE**

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

Tim Kelly, Christine Ward, Sister Mary Comer, Marvic Blowers, Maria Maestro, Adrienne & Tony Ryan, Joe Bannon, Janet Muscat, Andrew Gullotta, Suzanne Traill, Valerie Grant, Catherine Keating, Michelle Makin, Colleen Hussin.

May He Rest In Peace

We pray for **Bishop Peter Ingham**, his family and friends.



Thank you to all my fellow parishioners who prayed for Bishop Peter Ingham as he presided here in the Parish for the past thirteen months. The bishop was humbled and fortified with these prayers. In his daily Mass he especially asked God to bless everyone who was praying for him. He died peacefully on the feast of Saint Mark, April 26th. Julia Cuming

This Week... SCRIPTURE & PRAYER ZONE**First Reading**

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up', he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-4

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **R.**

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **R.**

Second Reading

John 4:7-10

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,

because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, And my Father will love them, and we will come to them. *Alleluia!*

Gospel

John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in

you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

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Next Week:

First Reading : Acts 1:1-11

Second Reading : Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel Reading : Mark 16:15-20



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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:

Father Brian Wilson SM Ph 0430 270 640

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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:

May 14th, Jun 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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www.hnom.com.au/children

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Cleaners:

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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

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.