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Pymble Parish is under the Pastoral care of the Salvatorian Fathers.



Memorare

*Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known that anyone who
fled to your protection,
implored your help, or sought your
intercession,
was left unaided.*

*Inspired by this confidence,
I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins,
my Mother.*

*To you do I come, before you I stand, sinful
and sorrowful.*

*O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions,
but in your mercy, hear and answer me.*

Amen.



Pymble Parish Office Christmas Break

The Parish Office will be closed until
Friday, 13 January 2023. You can
still contact us by phone during this
time the office is closed.

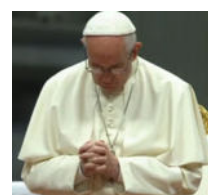
The Office will reopen on
**Monday, 16 January 2022 at
8:30am.**

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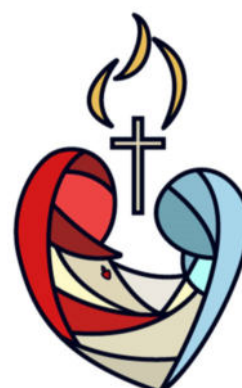
Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January



FOR EDUCATORS

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

**A warm welcome
to all our
Parishioners
who are
celebrating the
Eucharist with us
this weekend.**



Prayer for the Intercession of Blessed Francis Jordan

Lord Jesus Christ, Saviour of the world, you called Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan to be your apostle, to make God known and loved by all people everywhere, using all the means your love inspires. You filled him with universal apostolic zeal, with a deep trust in God's loving providence, with a profound spirit of prayer, with a sincere devotion to Mary, Mother of the Saviour, and with the courage to follow you, even into the mystery of the Cross.

Grant also to me the grace to proclaim the Gospel in this spirit, and make me an effective apostle in today's world.

Through the intercession of Blessed Francis Jordan, I pray to you for my special needs (*include your personal intention*). I make this prayer through you, my Saviour, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

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WHAT’S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, 1 January
Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Solemnity)
7:45am Mass at Sacred Heart
9:00am Mass at OLPS
9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart
6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart

Tuesday, 3 January
The Most Holy Name of Jesus (Optional)
9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

Wednesday, 4 January
9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

Thursday, 5 January
9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

Friday, 6 January
9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart with Adoration and Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday, 7 January
St Raymond of Penyafort, priest (Optional)
9:00am Mass with Morning Prayer at OLPS
5:00pm Mass at OLPS
5:30pm Mass at Sacred Heart

Sunday, 8 January
Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity)
7:45am Mass at Sacred Heart
9:00am Mass at OLPS
9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart
6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart

The Rosary is recited after all weekday Masses.



Baptisms at Pymble Parish

If you would like to know or if you have any questions about the Baptism process in our Parish, please contact the Parish office

on 9144 2702 or via email on office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Baptism Formation Classes will resume in February 2023.



Thank you for your generous support!

Thank you to all our parishioners who have so generously supported the Parish in the past year. We will always be grateful for your generosity.

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Second Collection



If you have any questions or require any help, please contact the Parish Office.

Pymble Catholic Parish

Christmas Break

Parish groups taking a break over the Christmas New Year period will resume as below

Office: Monday, 16 January 2023
RCIA: Friday, 30 January 2023
Charismatic Prayer Group: Tuesday, 31 January 2023
Mens Fellowship: Thursday, 2 February 2023
Taizé Group: Friday, 3 February 2023
Bible Study: Friday, 3 February 2023
Youth off the Streets: Friday, 17 February 2023

We wish everyone all the blessings of Christmas

Parish Prayer Zone

Praying for others gets our focus off ourselves and onto the needs of those around us. As we “carry each other’s burdens,” we “will fulfil the law of Christ” (Galatians 6:2). Praying for each other makes us stronger and helps us to grow our faith and Christian love.

Recently Deceased:

Edith & Harold Burford, Geoff & Dorothy Thomas, Margaret Kime, Silvya Gomez, Peter Pedulla, Nina Gomes, Julian Costa Silva, Maria Elizabeth Miranda, Elaine Giddy, Matthew McFadden, Judith Clubb, Judith English, Monica Steele, Janice Lemon, Michael Schmaedicke, Louisa Garcia, Lisbello Do Rozario, Mary Dunne, Mdm Wei Took Heng, Ranjan Fernando, Lorenta Vida Water.

Death Anniversaries:

Bruce McLeod, Tony Awad, Tony Sanchez, Franciszek Lucjan Skrodzki, Les Cashman, Jim Hussin, Jane & David Wilkinson, Maria Karayannis, Yu Tso Kwong Tsui, Paul & George Neily, Salim, Virginia, Carlos & Salvador Younes, Maria Hui, Charles and Joan Bernie, Peter Goh, Ricardo Ramos, Lois Rae, Katherine Cashman, Martin Gilsenan, Jack Chan, John English, Carmel Nola Conway.

Prayers for the sick:

Angie, Wendy Tan, Alice Chapman, David Gardener

Weekly prayer intention:

This week we pray for Pope Francis, that his pastoral care for the whole human family will inspire the leaders of every nation. Amen.

If you would like the names of your relatives to be included in the prayer list (anniversary of deaths, recently deceased, illnesses, wedding celebration or anniversaries, birthdays, etc.) please contact the Parish Office by midday each Wednesday. Remember that due to privacy policy, names of the sick can only be put on the bulletin with permission of the immediate family. This list will be updated every month and we would appreciate if we are advised of any updates. Thank you.



Liturgy of the Word

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Year A

Entrance Antiphon

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King,
who rules heaven and earth for ever.

First Reading

Nm 6: 22-27

A reading from the book of Numbers

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ‘Say this to Aaron and his sons: “This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace.”

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.’

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) May God bless us in his mercy.

1. God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**
2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice,
With fairness you rule the peoples.
You guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Gal 4: 4-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, ‘Abba, Father’, and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;
now he speaks to us through his Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 2: 16-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

Gospel Reflection

Meditation: What's the significance of a name? For the Jewish people the giving of a name had great importance. When a name was given it represented what that person should be in the future. An unknown name meant that someone could not be completely known. To not acknowledge someone's name meant both denial of the person, destruction of their personality, and change in their destiny. A person's name expressed the reality of his or her being at its deepest level. A Jewish male child was named at the time of circumcision, eight days after birth. This rite was instituted by God as an outward sign to single out those who belonged to the chosen people (Genesis 17:10-12). It was a sign of the covenant that God made with Abraham and his posterity.

Jesus - the eternal Son of God who was born of a woman to become our Saviour

In fulfilment of this precept, Mary's newborn child is given the name Jesus on the eighth day according to the Jewish custom. Joseph and Mary gave the name Jesus because that is the name given by God's messenger before Jesus was conceived in Mary's womb (Luke 1:31, Matthew 1:21). This name signifies Jesus' identity and his mission. The literal Hebrew means the Lord saves. Since God alone can forgive sins and free us from death, it is God who, in Jesus his eternal Son became a man to offer up his life as the atoning sacrifice to save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:21). The son that Mary bore is both God and man - the "Word who was God" (John 1:1) and who "became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). That is why Mary is not only called the mother of the Christ (the Greek word for Messiah in Hebrew) but also the mother of God or Theotokos in Greek which literally means "God bearer."

Jesus - the name above every other name

In the birth and naming of this child we see the wondrous design and plan of God in giving us a Saviour who would bring us grace (the gift of God's favour), mercy, and freedom from the power of sin and the fear of death. The name Jesus signifies that the very name of God is present in the person of his Son who became man for our salvation. Peter the Apostle exclaimed that there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved (Acts 2:12). In the name of Jesus demons flee, cripples walk, the blind see, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised. His name is exalted far above every other name (Philippians 2:9-11).

The name Jesus is at the heart of all Christian prayer. It is through and in Jesus that we pray to the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. Many Christians have died with one word on their lips, the name of Jesus. Do you exalt the name of Jesus and pray with confidence in his name?

Lord Jesus Christ, I exalt your name above every other name. For in you I have pardon, mercy, grace and victory over sin and death. You humbled yourself for my sake and for the sake of all sinners by sharing in our humanity and by dying on the cross. Help me to always praise your holy name and to live for your greater glory.

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As we are expecting more parishioners and their families and friends as well as visitors, these Holidays, could we request that if you are able to volunteer and fill any of the available positions, please arrive to Mass at least 15 minutes before its commencing and let the Priest know that you are available.

Rosters for 2023 will be available by the end of January 2023.

Many thanks for your help!

Pymble Parish Roster 7/8 January 2023				
Sacred Heart (Pymble)	Saturday 5.30pm	Sunday 7.45am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 6.00pm
Acolytes	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed
Music	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed
Projector	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed
Readers	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed
Counters	8 January: A Mazzei / M Boland / M Tang			
Altar Society	7 January: J Jones / J Burdajewicz / C Heffernan			
OLPS (West Pymble)	Saturday 5.00pm		Sunday 9.00am	
Acolytes	Volunteers needed		Volunteers needed	
Altar Servers	Volunteers needed		Volunteers needed	
Music and Projector	Volunteers needed		Volunteers needed	
Altar Cloth	7 January: P Ryan			

Children's Corner

Follow the maze into the center of Mary's heart



Draw a picture of Mary in a scene from one of the following bible stories...

The Annunciation
The Archangel Gabriel tells Mary she is to bear a son.
Luke 1:26-38

The Visitation
Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth who is also with child.
Luke 1:39-45

The Birth of Jesus
Jesus is born in a stable in the town of Bethlehem.
Luke 2:1-20

The Wise Men
Some Magi from the East find Jesus and present him with gifts.
Matthew 2:1-12

Jesus is presented in the Temple
Simeon tells Mary of Jesus' destiny.
Luke 2:22-38

The Crucifixion
Jesus tells Mary to embrace his beloved disciple as her own son.
John 19:25-27



Mary, Mother of God

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