



PYMBLE CATHOLIC PARISH

SACRED HEART & OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

Building a Christ-centred community of Love and Mercy

Pymble Parish is under the Pastoral care of the Salvatorian Fathers

CELEBRATING JUBILEE YEAR



Prayer on the Feast of the Ascension

Lord Jesus, you became man and came to live among us.

For love of us, you suffered and died for us.

Because you are God, you conquered death and rose on the third day.

Today you return to your Father and our Father, but you promised to remain with us till the end of time, and to send us the Holy Spirit.

We rejoice and thank you, Lord Jesus.

Come Holy Spirit, purify and transform us, kindle within us the fire of your love.

Amen.

Baptisms at Pymble Parish



Our upcoming Baptism Formation Class will be held on:

**Sunday, 1 June 2025
at 10:30am
at Sacred Heart Church**

Bookings are essential, please contact the Parish office on 9144 2702 or via email on office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

If you wish to obtain something from the Lord, you will obtain whatever you ask for through prayer.

Thoughts of Blessed Francis Jordan



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.

www.sds.org.au




We welcome to Pymble Parish the newest members of our community
**Samin,
Lucas & Amelia**

who will be baptised this weekend at our Parish.

A warm welcome to all our Parishioners and visitors who are participating in Mass with us this weekend.



Parish Team	
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Parish Mass Times	
Sacred Heart 2 Richard Porter Way, Pymble NSW 2073 Weekdays: Tuesday to Friday 9:00am Rosary: Tuesday to Friday after morning Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday after morning Mass Weekend: Sunday: 9:30 am and 6:00 pm Reconciliation: Tuesday - Friday before Mass Sunday before the 9.30 am Mass & at 5:30 pm Our Lady of Perpetual Succour 64 Kendall St, West Pymble, NSW, 2073 Weekend: Saturday: 9:00 am Saturday: 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass) Sunday: 8:00 am (Quiet Mass) Reconciliation: Saturday 9.30 am, 4:45 pm Sunday 7:45 am	
Contact details	
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<p style="text-align: center;">For information about Weddings please contact Daniela in the Parish Office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">For information about the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Eucharist, please contact Rebecca at rebecca@pymblecatholicparish.org.au</p>	

PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS
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First Reconciliation & First Eucharist 2025

Registration is **NOW OPEN:**

www.trybooking.com/DBGKA

Reconciliation (*candidates must be aged 9 or older and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation*)



- Parent & Candidate Information Meeting:**
 Saturday, 14 June at 3pm at Sacred Heart (combined with First Communion)
- Group Facilitator Info Session:**
 Sunday, 15 June at 3pm at Sacred Heart Church (combined with First Communion)
- Preparation Program:** Two formation sessions parish-facilitated group or home-based parent driven group
 - (i) Saturday, 21 June 3pm or Sunday, 22 June at 10.30am
 - (ii) Saturday, 26 July 3pm or Sunday, 27 July at 10.30am
- Presentation Mass:** Weekend of 21 –22June at any mass, either church.
- NO Practice
- Reconciliation** (5 minute slot):
 - Saturday, 9 August 11-12pm at OLP
 - Saturday, 9 August 3-4pm at OLPS
 - Sunday, 10 August 4-5pm at Sacred Heart
 - Saturday, 16 August 3-4pm at Sacred Heart

First Eucharist:



- Parent & Candidate Information Meeting:**
 Saturday, 14 May at 3pm at Sacred Heart (combined with First Reconciliation)
- Preparation Program:** Two formation sessions parish-facilitated group or home-based parent driven group
 - (i) Saturday 13 September 3pm or Sunday 14 September at 10.30am
 - (ii) Saturday 18 October 3pm or Sunday 19 October at 10.30am
- Presentation Mass:** Weekend of 21-22 June at any mass, either church.
- Practice & Reconciliation:**
 - Saturday, 8 November 2pm at OLPS
 - Saturday, 15 November 2pm at Sacred Heart
- First Eucharist Mass**
 - Sunday 9 November 11:30am at OLPS
 - Sunday, 16 November 11am at Sacred Heart

For more information please visit our website bbcatholic.org.au/pymble/sacramental or contact the parish office at office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

WHAT’S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, 1 June The Ascension of the Lord (Solemnity) 8:00am Mass at OLPS (quiet) 9:30am Family Mass at Sacred Heart 6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart Tuesday, 3 June Charles Lwanga & companions, martyrs (Memorial) 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group Wednesday, 4 June 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart 7:00pm CaFE Program 7:00pm Men’s Fellowship Meeting 7:00pm Salvatorian Collaboration Meeting 7:30pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting Thursday, 5 June St Boniface, bishop, martyr (Memorial) 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart	Friday, 6 June St Norbert, bishop (Optional) St Marcellin Champagnat, religious (Optional) 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart followed by the First Friday Devotion with Adoration and Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus 10:00am Bible Study Saturday, 7 June 9:00am Mass at OLPS followed by the First Saturday Devotion with Adoration and Prayers for New Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life 5:00pm Mass at OLPS Sunday, 8 June Pentecost Sunday (Solemnity) 8:00am Mass at OLPS (quiet) 9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart 6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart
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The Rosary is recited after all weekday Masses at Sacred Heart Church & 9am Saturday Mass at OLPS

PLANNED GIVING

The First Collection goes to the upkeep of the clergy, Salvatorian Regional Office and the Broken Bay Diocese sustentation funds.

The Second Collection goes towards maintaining our Churches and the upkeep of the Parish, supporting the ministries of our Parish (including our Sacramental programs and Catechist work), helping us continue our good works and loving outreach.

We are so grateful for your ongoing support.

First Collection

Second Collection





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:

Peter Tansey, Pope Francis, Dianne McGirr, Grace Calvi, Jannatta Cox, Dee Baumgart, Joan O’Donnell, Jane Williams, Jean Allas

Death Anniversaries:

Thelma Loverly, Andrew Patterson, Kathleen Mary Morrison, Andrew Patterson, Roy Freeman, Odette McLeod, Angus Ross,

Prayers for the sick:

Iris Garate-Marchant, Antonios Ghabach, Mrs Mary Sidaway, Pamela Seaman, Joseph Hendryjanto, Margaret Browne, Danny Ung

Weekly prayer intention:

This week we pray for our new shepherd, Pope Leo XIV, give him a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. 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.

Serra Vocations Prayer Calendar-June 2025						
Please pray daily for all clergy using the prayer provided on the side. Additionally, say a prayer each day for the priests listed in the calendar below .						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
						1 Fr Paul Finucane
2 Fr Paul Durkin	3 Fr Bogdan Skupien	4 Fr Chima Ofor	5 Fr Marek Woldan	6 Fr Joshi Naduppura	7 Fr Philip Thottam MSFS	8 Fr Grzegorz (Greg) Skulski SDS
9 Fr Bronislaw (Bronek) Pietreusiewicz SDS	10 Fr Ryszard (Richard) Sadowski SDS	11 Fr Zygmunt Smigowski SDS	12 Fr Bill Stevens	13 Fr Harry Kennedy	14 Fr Stephen Hamilton	15 Fr Rex Curry
16 Fr Jack Robson	17 Fr Stan Skibicki	18 Fr Robert Brogan	19 Fr Geoff Bugden	20 Sr Maria Ross rsj Sr Ann Duncan rsj	21 Sr Josefa Mabini OSA	22 Sr Jenifer Canillas OSA
23 Seminarians Shayne D'Cunha	24 Seminarians Matthew French Tan Nguyen	25 Seminarians Victor Atuhura Huy Tran	26 Fr Robert Crawford	27 Fr Jim Tierney	28 Fr Carmelo Sciberas	29 Fr Clem Hill Sr Damian Lai
30 Fr Terry Johns						

DAILY PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



Heavenly Father, we praise You for Your goodness and thank You for Your gifts. Help us respond to and live out our mission in the Church. Assist all Your people to know their vocation in life and help them to prepare for it. Call many to be priests, deacons and consecrated men and women for Your greater glory, and for the service of Your people. Give those whom You call the grace to respond generously and to persevere faithful. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Enrich Your Faith with these Spiritual Resources by Fr Ireneusz Czech SDS

1. Proclaiming the Truth Without Fear: Simple Homilies

Brief homilies offering comfort, encouragement, and renewal.

All proceeds go to support Salvatorian seminarians from East Timor (in the Salvatorian Australian Region) studying in the Philippines.

Hard Copy available for \$50 at Pymble Catholic Parish Office or via Amazon. Also available on Kindle:

www.amazon.com.au/dp/B0DR76NP1Z



2. Jubilee Mass: Easy Music Scores for Choirs

Original liturgical music for Jubilee Year: Kyrie (2 versions), Gloria, Sanctus, Psalmus, Agnus Dei.

Hard Copy available from Pymble Catholic Parish Office for a donation. Also available on Kindle:

www.amazon.com.au/dp/B0DX6P22Y8



CATECHIST MEETING

The catechists of Pymble Catholic Parish came together this week to share stories, laughter, challenges and fellowship!

Our dedicated volunteers step into classrooms every week to bring the word of God to children that makes a difference in their lives.

Thank you for all you do.

If you would like to consider joining our group, please get in touch. We promise that teaching children will strengthen your own faith and bring



Welcome Deacon Graham Swan

We warmly welcome **Deacon Graham Swan** to our parish community. Deacon Graham will be assisting **Fr Irek** during his absences, particularly by leading Communion Services, and supporting in various pastoral and liturgical roles.

Please keep Deacon Graham in your prayers as he joins us in service and ministry.



PASTORAL WORKS Broken Bay

May Appeal – Thank you for your support!

The May Appeal has now ended, and we are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed. Your generosity is helping to make a real difference in the lives of many across our diocese.

While the appeal has officially concluded, we still need to raise **\$20,887.45** to reach our goal. If you haven't had a chance to donate yet, your support would still be greatly appreciated.

Every contribution helps fund vital ministries, including CatholicCare, chaplaincies, and faith education programs.

Thank you for standing with us.

\$36,919



**Raised
\$16,031.55**

**Still to
Raise:
\$20,877.47**

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible, ABN 87 849 944 998.

To donate, complete and return an envelope available in our churches. Or online by scanning the QR code or visiting: www.tinyurl.com/2f2bbuyv



INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR 14 JUNE 2025 | 6PM

Join us for a fun and tasty celebration of our diverse Parish community!

Enjoy food from over 10 countries and connect with others in fellowship.

To help us plan catering, please register your attendance early.

Cost:
Adults \$10 | Child \$5 | Family \$25

Booking essential.

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PYMBLE CATHOLIC PARISH

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DAYS

St Paul & the Early Church

Every 25 years, the Church declares a Holy Year, a profound gift of grace and mercy for all believers. In this dedicated Jubilee year, experience the journey of St Paul and his companions as they courageously preached the word of God and kept the early Christian communities vibrant and alive in faith. Be prepared to capture afresh the fervour and spirit of the Church's greatest evangelist.

COMMENCES WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2025 • 12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS

Athens (2 nights) • Acropolis • Ancient Corinth • Kalambaka (2) • Meteora
• Berea • Thessaloniki • Kavala (2) • Ancient Philippi • Patmos (2) • Samos (1)
• Kusadasi (2) • Ephesus



Accompanied by
Fr Ireneusz Czech SDS



The Library of Celsus, Ephesus

the genuine pilgrim experience

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Athens



Meteora

pilgrim highlights

- + Walk the footsteps of St Paul in Athens and Corinth, visiting the Areopagus and the ancient ruins where he preached.
- + Marvel at the awe-inspiring Meteora monasteries, perched on towering cliffs, with priceless frescoes and a rich monastic history.
- + Visit Thessaloniki, where St Paul established the first Christian Church in Europe.
- + Renew your baptismal vows at the Baptistry of Lydia in Philippi, the site of St Paul's first European convert.
- + Experience the Cave of Revelation in Patmos, where St John wrote the Book of Revelation, and visit the Monastery of St John.
- + Explore the grandeur of Ephesus, from its Roman ruins to the House of the Virgin Mary and the Basilica of St John.

SYMBOLS: (B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner

Itinerary

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER – ARRIVE ATHENS

Athens today is the thriving capital of Greece, but, more importantly, we have entered into the world of the New Testament where St Paul and his companions established the first Christian communities throughout his four missionary journeys.

Welcome to **Athens**. Join with fellow pilgrims this evening at 6pm for a Welcome Dinner.

Athens overnight (D)

DAY 2: THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER – ATHENS AND ANCIENT CORINTH

Theme: *The Athenians & The Corinthians*

When St Paul first came to Athens it was predominantly a city which worshipped pagan gods. St Paul was taken before the city council at the Areopagus Hill, a rough outcrop of limestone rock from which he preached the Gospel message to the Athenian philosophers (Acts 17:16-21).

We begin our pilgrimage with a tour of **Christian Athens** including the **Acropolis**, the **Areopagus** where St Paul delivered his famous sermon about the identity of "the Unknown God" (Acts 17:15-34). View the Ancient Agora and the **Plaka** (Old Greece) and explore the **Parthenon**.

Also see the **Kallimármaro Stadium**, dating back to 330BC and restored for the first modern Olympic Games held here in 1896.

Journey out to **Ancient Corinth** this afternoon where the apostle Paul lived for almost two years, teaching the people the Word of God and converting many. Visit the ancient ruins and see the site where he preached the Gospel from the **Rostrum**. See the **Peirene fountain**, and the 6th century BC **Temple of Apollo** before an outdoor Mass in this stunning pilgrimage setting. Finally, we come to **Cenchreae**, the ancient port from where St Paul said farewell to the believers and departed for Ephesus (Acts 18:18).

Athens overnight (BD)

DAY 3: FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER – ATHENS TO KALAMBAKA

This morning we begin our day at the fascinating **Acropolis Museum**, built to house every artefact found on the rock of the acropolis and the surrounding slopes. We continue north today to **Meteora** and to the small town of **Kalambaka** built at

the foot of the majestic grey rocks. Kalambaka overnight (BD)

DAY 4: SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER – METEORA EXPLORATION

Theme: *The Monastics*

We spend some time today marvelling at this unique phenomenon of nature – 24 perpendicular rocks where 600 years ago Byzantine monks chose to worship God and build their Monastic community of **Meteora**. We will visit some of these living monasteries and view the extraordinary collection of priceless religious frescoes and other treasures that will make this a remarkable visit.

Enjoy some free time this afternoon.

Kalambaka overnight (BD)

DAY 5: SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER – KALAMBAKA TO KAVALA

Theme: *The Bereans & The Thessalonians*

Today we journey north by coach to **Berea** (modern Veria). The "**Bema**" - an impressive monument to Paul - is believed to incorporate the steps from the original synagogue from which he preached the gospel to the Jews, who welcomed the word of God and began to study the Scriptures (Acts 17:10-12).

Continue on to **Thessaloniki**, Greece's second city, founded in 315 BC, and where St Paul preached during the winters of 49-50AD and wrote the two epistles to the ancient Thessalonians. It was here that he established the first Christian Church in Europe.

Our visit will include the ramparts of the city, the triumphal **Arch of Galerius**, as well as the **Rotunda** where we can see pieces of the pulpit from which Paul preached. View the **Roman Agora** where he also preached. Nearby we shall visit St



House of the Virgin Mary



Demetrios' Church dedicated to a Roman soldier who converted to Christianity and was later martyred. View its valuable mosaics and frescoes before descending into the crypt where we find the remains of some ancient Roman baths and streets.

Continue east along the ancient route of the Apostle Paul to the port city of **Kavala** (ancient Neapolis), once named "Christoupolis" after being the first European city to accept Christianity. It was here that St Paul, St Timothy and St Silas first landed from Troas (Acts 16:11), one of the great moments in the history of Christianity in Europe.

Kavala overnight (BD)

DAY 6: MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER - PHILIPPI

Theme: The Philippians

Arise and journey along the ancient route of the Apostle Paul to nearby **Philippi**, named after Philip II, father of Alexander the Great. It was here that St Paul won his first European convert, a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira (Acts 16:12-40).

Visit the **Baptistry of Lydia** for a beautiful outdoor Mass on the **River Zygaktis** and renew our Baptismal vows. Visit the **marketplace** (where St Paul and St Silas were brought before the rulers) and the **cistern** which tradition identifies as the place where St Paul was imprisoned. In the **ancient theatre** we will hear the story of Paul's arrest, imprisonment, and miraculous release.

Remainder of the afternoon at leisure to rest back at our hotel.

Kavala overnight (BD)

DAY 7: TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER - KAVALA TO PATMOS

Today we are transferred to the airport for

our flight to Athens. On arrival we will be transferred directly to the Athenian port of Piraeus to embark our boat transfer to the Dodecanese Island of **Patmos**, where St John the Beloved wrote the Book of Revelation.

Island of Patmos overnight (BD)

DAY 8: WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER - PATMOS DAY

Theme: The Patmosians

Lying between the islands of Leros and Ikaria is the 'ascetic shaped' Patmos, called the 'Jerusalem of the Aegean' due to the overwhelming atmosphere of the island during the great celebrations of Christianity. We begin our day with a walking tour of the main square of the village of **Chora**. This is the traditional settlement and capital of Patmos, where the narrow streets were designed to ward off pirates over the centuries. Ascend to the **Monastery of St John the Beloved**, a huge fortress-like building dating from the 11th century, for a visit and celebration of Mass.

Our exploration of this living monastery will culminate with time in the actual **Cave of Revelation** where God chose to reveal to St John the mysteries of the last book of the Bible - the Apocalypse.

The cave is now at the foot of the monastery, which houses priceless icons and manuscripts, sacred relics, and vestments embroidered with silver or gold threads and bejeweled with precious stones.

Later continue to the active **Convent of Evangelismos (Annunciation)** built by the hieromonk Nikiphoros who was cured from the plague after praying to St Luke the Evangelist. Visit the **Convent of Zoodochos Pigi** with icons dating from the 16th to the 18th century. Finally, we will enjoy a short scenic tour of the island.

Island of Patmos overnight (BD)

DAY 9: THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER - PATMOS TO SAMOS

Today, we depart Patmos by ferry and make our way to the picturesque island of **Samos**, nestled in the heart of the Aegean Sea. Renowned for its lush landscapes, pristine waters, and rich ancient heritage, it is a destination of both natural beauty and spiritual significance.

Island of Samos overnight (BD)

DAY 10: FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER - SAMOS TO KUSADASI

Depart Samos by ferry to **Kusadasi**, doorway to **Ephesus** and the **Churches of Revelation**.

On arrival in Kusadasi we will be met and transferred by coach to our centrally located hotel.

Kusadasi overnight (BD)

DAY 11: SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER - EPHEBUS

Theme: The Ephesians

We travel directly to **Ephesus** this morning, the most famous of the Seven Churches of Revelation (Rev 2:1-7) where St Paul spent more than two years in the course of his third missionary journey. It was to the Christian community of Ephesus that St Paul wrote his greatest and most challenging letter (the epistle to the Ephesians) and also succeeded in converting many away from worship of the god Artemis.

Our visit today will include the ruins where St Paul lived and preached. See the **prison of St Paul**; walk through the ancient marble streets founded in the 10th century BC and see this most 'complete' Roman city providing us with

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an excellent window into Imperial Rome. Pass the **Temple of Hadrian**, the **Library of Celsus**, the enormous **amphitheatre** (Acts 19:29-31), and finally come to the ruins of the **Christian Basilica** where the Third Ecumenical Council took place in 431AD, and where Our Lady was proclaimed "Mother of God". We ascend the hill to the **House of the Virgin Mary** where it is said Mary spent the later years of her life. We celebrate our group Mass here in one of the chapels. Finally, we visit the restored remains of the 6th century **Basilica of St John at Celcuk** where a small church was originally built over the tomb of St John the Evangelist. *Kusadasi overnight (BD)*

DAY 12: SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER - FLY TURKEY TO AUSTRALIA*

This morning, we set out towards **Izmir**, once the site of ancient **Smyrna**, one of the Seven Churches of Revelation (Rev 2:8-11). This was home to a lively Christian community under the pastoral care of its bishop - the saintly **Polycarp**. After Mass, we are transferred to Izmir airport for our flight to **Istanbul**. From Istanbul, we continue on with our homebound flight connections. (B)

*Flights leaving from Istanbul Airport (IST) must be booked from 6pm onwards and not earlier.



PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

TOUR CODE	PV25118
STARTS	Wednesday, 17 Sept 2025
FINISHES	Sunday, 28 Sept 2025
LAND ONLY	AUD \$6990 (Twin Share) *
SINGLE ROOM	AUD \$1750 Supplement
PREPAID TIPS	AUD \$180 Per Person

* Costs have been based on prices as at April 2025 and must remain subject to possible change in the event of significant exchange rate variations, airfare or tax increases or minimum group size factors (20) beyond Harvest's control. Refer to Harvest Booking Terms & Conditions for more details.

INCLUDED

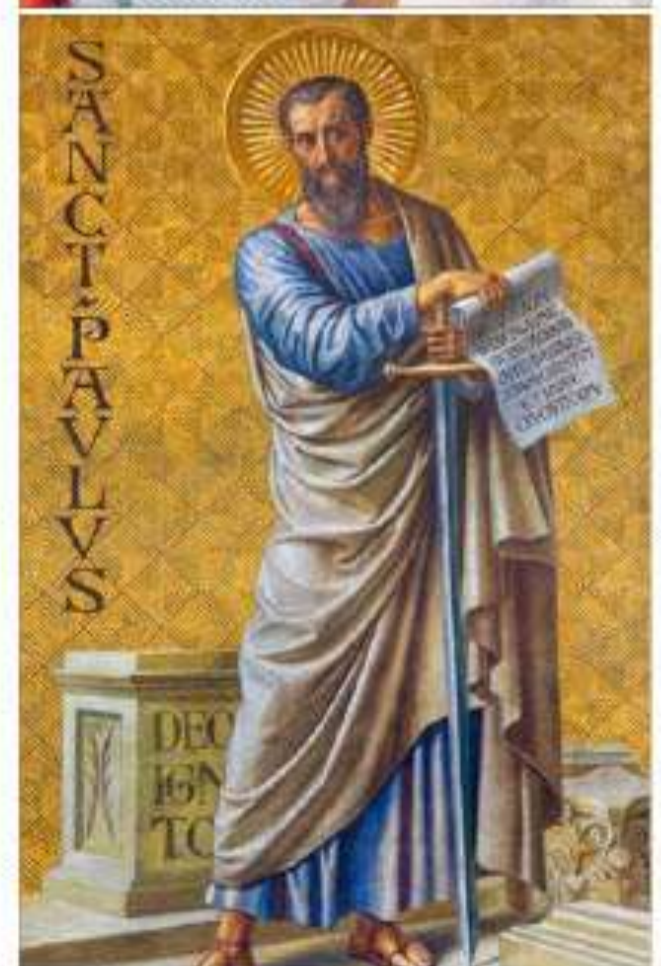
ACCOMMODATION & MEALS: Based on reputable local 3-4 star superior hotels or quality religious houses as applicable • Meals as specified in Itinerary

TOURING & TRANSPORTATION: Deluxe Air Conditioned Coach touring • Professional Local Guides • Sightseeing and Entrance Fees

OTHER: Fully Escorted by Priest Chaplain • Porterage at hotels (where available) • Harvest Backpack, Pilgrim Journal and Travel Wallet

NOT INCLUDED

International Airfares • Other meals not listed • Passport and Visa Costs (if applicable) • Items of a personal nature including phone calls, laundry, beverages, etc. • Travel insurance • Prepaid Tipping



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CaFE: The Gift – Series Launch

This past week, we gathered for the first session of *The Gift*, a six-part Catholic Faith Exploration (CaFE) series aimed at helping people of all ages encounter the Holy Spirit in a deeper, more personal way.

It was a heartwarming evening of faith, fellowship, and reflection as we explored "**The Father's Loving Plan.**" With a great turnout and a welcoming atmosphere, the evening set the tone for what promises to be a powerful and transformative series.



If you missed the first session, don't worry — it's not too late to join! Sessions continue every **Wednesday from 7pm to 8:30pm** at **Sacred Heart Church, Pymble**.

Refreshments are included. As per advertisement below.

Come and be inspired. Let's continue growing in faith together!

The Gift

You are invited to an inspiring and practical series in six parts aimed at people of all ages to help them encounter the Holy Spirit and empower them to share their faith. Refreshments included.

The series:

1. The Father's Loving Plan
2. The Joy Of The Gospel
3. The Gift Of The Spirit
4. Unwrapping God's Gift
5. Encountering the Holy Spirit
6. Living In The Spirit

Weekly series beginning
Wednesday, 28 May 2025
7pm to 8:30pm
Sacred Heart Church Pymble

Catholic Faith Exploration
Bringing Faith Alive

Pymble Catholic Parish | 02 9144 2702



St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal



St Vincent de Paul Society
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good works

Please help us make a difference for
the vulnerable in our local community and
donate to our Conference

Please scan the below QR code to donate directly to our page.

You can also donate by completing the envelope in your bulletin and:

- * Place your envelope in the collection bags at Mass; or
- * return your envelope and enclosed donation by post.

Donations can also be made by visiting
donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal.

Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.



Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents and the Elderly 30 May – 1 June

This Jubilee celebrates the importance of the family unit, recognising the unique roles played by children and grandparents; and also honours the elderly members of our communities, some of whom are without family members of their own.

Expression of Interest – Parish Youth Group

Fr Irek is hoping to establish a **Youth Group** in our parish to create a welcoming space where young people can come together for faith, friendship, and fun.



To help us understand the level of interest and shape the group around what our young people would enjoy, we're inviting parents and youth to complete a short **Expression of Interest Form** please go to:
<https://tinyurl.com/yc6paky2>





Liturgy of the Word

The Ascension of the Lord

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Entrance Antiphon Acts 1:11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

First Reading
Acts of the Apostles 1: 1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. ‘It is,’ he had said, ‘what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.’

Now having met together, they asked him, ‘Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.’

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, ‘Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.’

Responsorial Psalm Ps 46: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9 R. v. 6

(R.) Good mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **(R.)**
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
The Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R.)**
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **(R.)**

Second Reading Ephesians 1: 17-23

A reading from St Paul to the Ephesians

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 28: 19, 20

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 24: 46-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

‘And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.’ Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

Gospel Reflection

Jesus prays for all Christians to be united as one

The longest recorded prayer of Jesus is found in the Gospel of John, the "high priestly" prayer which Jesus prayed aloud at his last supper meal with his disciples (John 17). This prayer most clearly reveals the heart and mind of Jesus - who and what he loved most - love for his Father in heaven and love for all who believe in him. His prayer focuses on the love and unity he desires for all who would believe in him and follow him, not only in the present,

Jesus' prayer concludes with a petition for the unity among all Christians who profess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Jesus prays for all men and women who will come after him and follow him as his disciples (John 17:20). In a special way Jesus prays here for each one of us that as members of his body the church we would be one as he and his Father are one. The unity of Jesus, the only begotten Son of God, with the eternal Father is a unity of mutual love, service, and honor, and a oneness of mind, heart, and spirit. The Lord Jesus calls each and every one of his followers into this unity of mutual love, respect, service, honor, and friendship with all who belong to Christ.

To make him known and loved by all

Jesus' prayer on the eve of his sacrifice shows the great love and trust he had for his beloved disciples. He knew they would abandon him in his hour of trial, yet he entrusted to them the great task of spreading his name throughout the world and to the end of the ages. The Lord Jesus entrusts us today with the same mission - to make him known and loved by all. Jesus died and rose again that all might be one as he and the Father are one. Do you love all who belong to Christ and do you recognize and accept all baptized Christians as your brothers and sisters in Christ? The Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit, draws each one of us into the unity which he and the Father have together and into the unity he desires for all who belong to him - we are all brothers and sisters in Christ and sons and daughters of our beloved Father in heaven.

The Lord intercedes for us right now

The Lord Jesus Christ included each one of us in his high priestly prayer at the last supper meal with his disciples on the eve of his sacrifice on the cross (John 17:20). And today the Lord Jesus continues his high priestly office as our intercessor before the throne of God in heaven. Paul the Apostle tells us that it is "Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us" (Romans 8:34; see also Hebrews 7: 25). Do you join in Jesus' high priestly prayer that all who profess Jesus as Lord may grow in love and unity together as brothers and sisters who have been redeemed through the precious blood that was shed for us on the cross?

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Sacred Heart (Pymble)	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 6pm
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Altar Servers	Volunteers needed	F Seeto A Perera
Readers	R Pazniewski	E Lloyd-Jones
Counters	1 June: M Boland / T Ryan / P Ward	
OLPS (West Pymble)	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 8:00am
Acolytes	J Pease	J Walton
Altar Servers	A Pease	E & M Rothemund
Readers	E & Z Victor	C Delaney
Altar Cloth	31 May : P Ryan	

Children's Corner

Even though Jesus ascended into heaven he is always with us. Complete the sentences below.

Jesus is with me when....

Jesus is with me when....

Jesus is with me when....

Draw Jesus ascending into heaven.



Children's Liturgy

Sacred Heart Church

Children are welcome to join us at our Children's liturgy at Sacred Heart Church. Children's Liturgy is a great way to engage and nourish the children of our Parish with God's Word.

Our sessions for Term 2 at Sacred Heart will be at our **Sunday 9:30am Masses as follows:**
1 June, 15 June & 29 June

Please join us for Children's Liturgy at our Church. If you would like to join our team, please contact the Parish Office. It is a wonderful faith enriching experience for the children of our Parish.



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5:00pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Sunday
8:00am at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
9:30am at Sacred Heart
6:00pm at Sacred Heart



"Christ has no hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on this world."
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