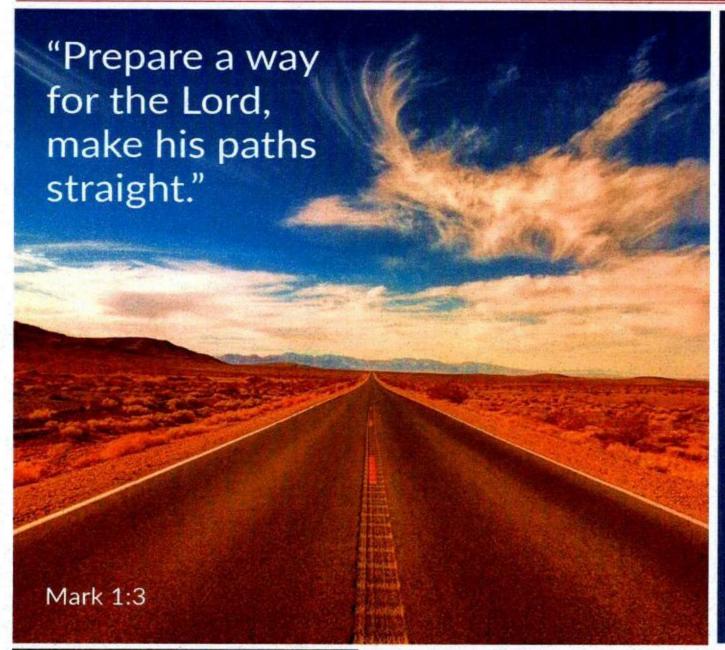


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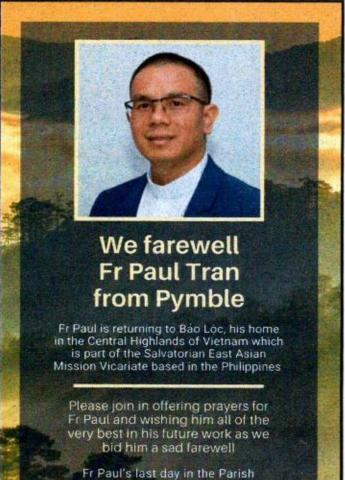


PRAY WITH US

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.





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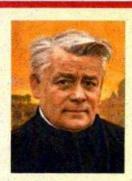
POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

For Persons with Disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

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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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:

Saturday (Vigil Mass): 5:30pm

Sunday: 7:45am, 9:30am and 6:00pm

Reconciliation: Friday 8:45am, Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 5:30pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour 64 Kendall St, West Pymble, NSW, 2073

Weekdays:

Tuesday: 12pm

During School Term as advertised in the Parish weekly calendar section

Weekend:

Saturday (Vigil Mass): 9:00am and 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am

Reconciliation: Saturday 9:30am

Contact details

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Email: office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au
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Office hours: Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 4pm &

Friday 8:30am to 1pm

For information about Baptisms and Weddings please contact

Daniela in the Parish Office.

For information about the sacraments of Confirmation,

Reconciliation and First Eucharist, please contact Melanie at

melanie@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

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Invitation

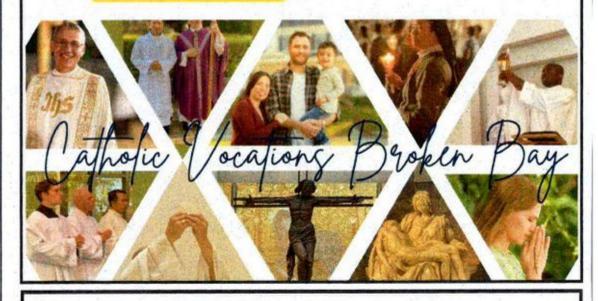
Broken Bay Vocations is seeking your help to nurture a local culture of vocations. As a **Parish**Vocations Volunteer, you could play a vital role in promoting vocation awareness, encouraging prayer, and supporting local events in your parish.

If you feel called to this rewarding service, your involvement would be greatly valued. For further information and to express interest, please use the link below to submit your response.

"An exciting initiative to foster a culture of vocations"

Fr Sam French Vocations Director Broken Bay

tinyurl.com/yzcnc3tu



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

As you know we have our Divine Mercy Chapel on the right side of our church at Sacred Heart. We would like to invite those in our Parish who wish to come to adore our Lord Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament.

If you wish to be part of this, please place your name and contact details for an hour each Friday on the form that is placed outside the Crying Room. We can have up to four people at any time. Please contact the Parish Office if you need further information.

Friday Roster for the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

8am - 8.45am	Peter	4pm - 5pm	Paulette
10am - 11am	Lynette, Kate	5pm - 6pm	Cindy, Marie
11am - 12pm		6pm - 7pm	Eric
12pm - 1pm		7pm - 8pm	Elzbieta
1pm - 2pm	Gerry & Carmen	8pm - 9pm	Paul, Rod
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Lighting the Advent Wreath

Second Candle - The Candle of Peace

Meditation: "Make ready the way of the Lord. Clear Him a straight path." (Luke 3:4)

Priest: In the Second Week of Advent, we consider our relationships with ourselves and with God. We ask, "Do I always

appreciate what others do for me and accept who I am?" Am I aware of the wonder of "self," the gift bestowed up on

me by the Creator? Do I appreciate and use my talents and abilities for God's glory? In prayer and worship, let us acknowledge the divine Presence of God among us?

Light the second purple candle

Priest: Let us pray:

Almighty and loving God, You Who dwell within our hearts at every waking moment, keep us always close to You. Help us to recognise and appreciate the gifts You have given us. Teach us to use our talents for the good of others and the glory of Your Son Jesus, Whose promise is too precious to ignore. Keep our hearts and minds ever alert to Your

personal and loving touch in every prayer and in every act of worship.

All: Amen.

WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, 10 December Second Sunday of Advent

7:45am Mass at Sacred Heart 9:00am Mass at OLPS 9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart 6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart

Tuesday, 12 December Our Lady of Guadalupe (Optional)

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

Wednesday, 13 December St Lucy, virgin, martyr (Memorial)

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart 5:00pm Sacred Heart Yr 6 Graduation Mass

Thursday, 14 December

St John of the Cross, priest, doctor (Memorial)

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart 11:00am Mass at Northaven 7:30pm Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting

Friday, 15 December

Youth off the Streets Collection

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart with

Adoration and Litany to the

Sacred Heart of Jesus 10:00am Lectio: Jesus Calls (via ZOOM)

11:30am OLPS School End of Year Mass
11:30am Sacred Heart School End of Year

Mass

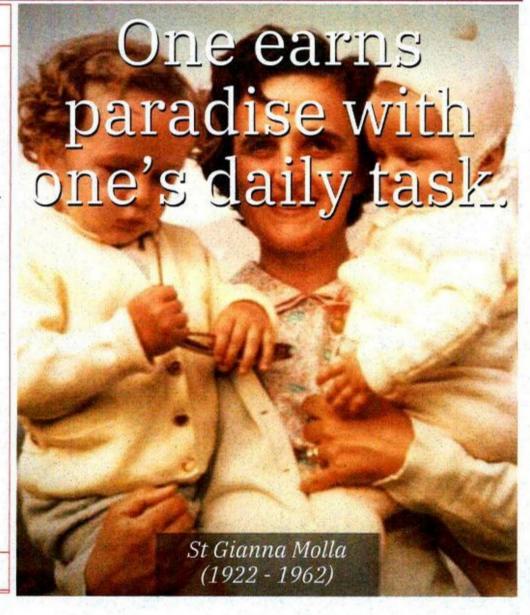
Saturday, 16 December

9:00am Mass at OLPS 5:00pm Mass at OLPS 5:30pm Mass at Sacred Heart

Sunday, 17 December Third Sunday of Advent

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



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:

Sarinder Tamana, Frieda Nassar, Bruce Fisher, Desmond Buckley, Seema Shrestha Thapa, Vivienne Fernandes, Colleen Hussin, Charlotte Dos Remedios, David Tarrant, Anthony Dixon, Anne Seeto, Concetta Giaquinto, Michael Ludemann, Albert Chan

Death Anniversaries:

Bambi Hontanosas, Antonio Canete, Nora LeguinPeter Goh, Kwong Tsui Tso, Jason Dias, Silvya Albert, Charles & Joan Bernie, erlinda Guyot & Elena Yu, Vicente Tan Snr & Rosario Tan, Veronica Schreuder, Les Cashman, Lydia Tan, Manuel Tan, Simeon Lagura, Catalina Lagura, Paula Freeman, M. V. Francis, Judith English, Ric Cashman, Desmond Buckley, Mina De Mello, Mary Costa Silva

Prayers for the sick:

Margaret Browne, Paul Lum, Danny Ung, Ryan Kim, David Gardener

Weekly prayer intention:

This week we pray that in the busyness of the Christmas season we remember the perfect gift of Christ's peace through moments of prayer and reflection. 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.





TEACHING AND LEARNING THE FAITH TOGETHER

Do you have 30 minutes a week to teach children about the Word of God and how much He loves us?

We need catechists to support children in our five public schools with their faith formation.

Training, teacher manuals, colourful student workbooks and other resources are provided: no experience required.

If you are retired, at university, have flexible working arrangements or just seeking a way to give back to the community: please join us.

Our mission is for one catechist for one-year group.

Please consider joining this wonderful Ministry.

Contact Michele at 0409 651 637 or michele@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

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Schools with catechist assignments across one or more year groups:

Gordon East Public School
Tuesday: 9:15-9:45am

Gordon West Public School Tuesday: 12:30-1:00pm

Turramurra Public School Wednesday: 9:15-9:45am Wednesday: 9:55-10:25am

West Pymble Public School Wednesday: 1:15-1:50pm

Pymble Public School Wednesday: 1:40-2:10pm Wednesday: 2:15-2:45pm



Christmas: Pymble Parish

Pymble Catholic Parish Christmas Events

Tuesday, 19 December Parish Reconciliation Night 7:00pm Sacred Heart Saturday, 23 December 9:00am Mass Our Lady of Perpetual Succour 5:00pm Mass Our Lady of Perpetual Succour 5:30pm Mass Sacred Heart Sunday, 24 December Sacred Heart 7:45am Mass 9:30am Mass 5.00pm Family Mass 9:00pm Christmas Eve Mass 11:30pm Carols Midnight Mass Our Lady of Perpetual Succour 9:00am Family Mass 4:00pm Carols 5:00pm Family Mass Monday, 25 December Sacred Heart Christmas Day 7:45am Christmas Mass 9:30am Christmas Mass Our Lady of Perpetual Succour 9:00am Christmas Mass Saturday, 30 December 9:00am Our Lady of Perpetual Succour 5:00pm Our Lady of Perpetual Succour 5:30pm Sacred Heart Sunday, 31 December 7:45am Sacred Heart Feast, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary 9:00am Our Lady of Perpetual Succour and Joseph 9:30am Sacred Heart New Year's Eve 6:00pm Sacred Heart Monday, 1 January Solemnity, Mary Holy Mother of God 9:00am Sacred Heart

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Pymble Catholic Parish Sacred Heart Church

2 Richard Porter Way Pymble NSW 2073
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church
64 Kendall Street West Pymble NSW 2073

Christmas Masses Volunteers

This festive season, immerse yourself in the joy of our Christmas Masses!

We're seeking volunteers to contribute their time and talents to make this festive season extra special.

If you are interested and willing to help please put your name down on the volunteer sheets which are located at the back of the church.

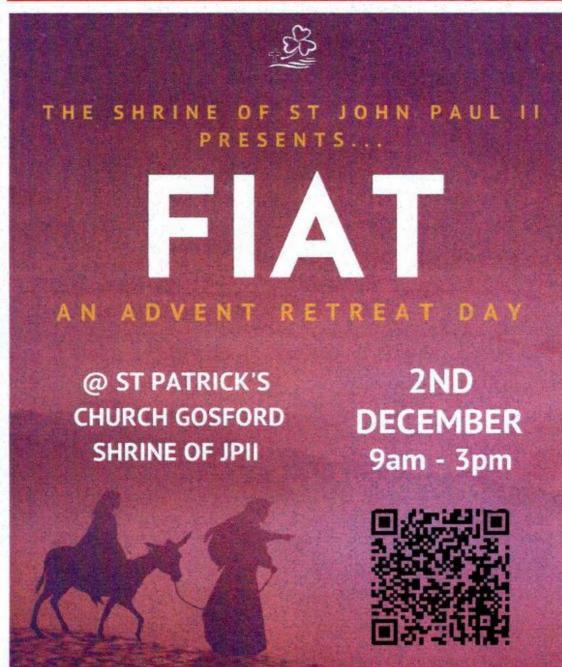


Thank you for your financial contribution to the support of our Parish Community and its priests - it is very much appreciated.

The First Collection taken up at Mass goes to the Salvatorian Fathers for the financial support of the priests and the Salvatorian Community.

The Second Collection taken up at Mass is for the upkeep of the Parish. You are invited to help our Parish by committing to the Planned Giving Program. Parish Office: 91442702 or info@pymblecatholicparish.org.au





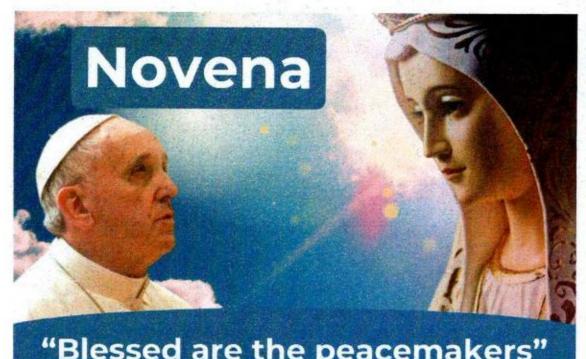
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Register via https://www.trybooking.com/CNDOW

or through the QR code

Contact JPII.Centre@bbcatholic.org.au for more info



"Blessed are the peacemakers" Matthew 5:9

We pray for peace: Let us not forget to persevere in prayer for all who suffer the tragedy of war and especially for the people of Ukraine, Israel and Palestine.

Everyone has the right to live in peace.

Let us pray that difficulties are resolved in dialogue and negotiation and not with war.

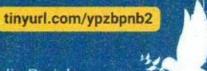
We are encouraged by the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network to take part in a novena for peace.



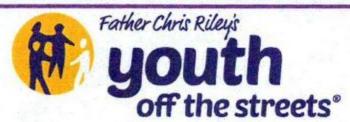
The "Peacemakers" novena seeks to unite Christians in praying for "peace in the world".

We pray for a way of life that will always be that of peace.

The "Peacemakers" novena booklet is available at the link







The Parish community provide home cooked frozen meals for Father Chris Riley's Youth Off The Streets program.

Your frozen meal donations for December should be dropped off at the Parish office between 9am and 10am on Friday, 15 December 2023. At 10am sharp, the meals will be transported to Youth Off The Streets. Frozen meal collections are scheduled for the third Friday of each month except January.

Thank you for your generous donations over the 2023 year. Your help is truly appreciated by the youth. The program will return in 2024 with the first collection on Friday, 16 February 2024.

Meals are always needed. Can you help? If you would like to help by contributing some of your skills in preparing meals or to provide transport for the meals then please contact the Parish office.

Your contribution helps to feed needy homeless youth within the Youth Off The Streets program. Youth Off The Streets believes in young people. The program provides opportunities for disadvantaged youth to build a safe and stable future.

Thank you for your support and we wish you all of the very best for Christmas.



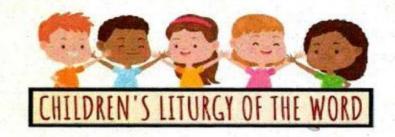
OLPS afternoon tea on 9 December after the 5pm mass. Please join us for a hot drink, cake and fellowship.

PARISH RECONCILIATION NIGHT

Sacred Heart Church Tuesday, 19 December 2023 7-8pm

Everyone is encouraged to join us for this special celebration in preparation for Christmas. Reconciliation will take place on Tuesday, 20th December 2022 between 7 and 8pm at Sacred Heart Church. A number of priests will be available on the evening.

"To celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation means to be wrapped in a warm embrace" (Pope Francis)



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO LEAD AND ASSIST

Please consider helping to share the Gospel

We are looking for additional leaders to assist with Children's Liturgy at Sacred Heart Church. We offer Children's Liturgy at the Sunday 9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart on the first and third Sundays of each month during school terms. Commitment to lead or assist would be once or twice a term.

If you have any questions or would like to join our team, please contact the Parish Office on 9144 2702.

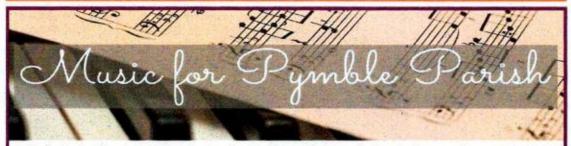
Arrupe House, Pymble

Nursing Appointment

Arrupe House, located at Pymble is a small community of retired Jesuits, Priests and Brothers.

Expressions of interest are invited for an experienced Registered Nurse to work with a small team of nurses. This position is casual parttime, with morning duties from 7am to 11.30am, 2 days per week.

Position to commence January 2024. Please email your CV to arrupehouse@sjasl.org.au.



Music is an important part of our liturgies and we strive to have music in various forms at all of our Masses. Our Mass and Liturgy is enriched by the talent and time shared by the accomplished musicians of our Parish.

We are looking for:

- Musicians/Singers at both Churches
- Projectionists at both Churches
- A music co-ordinator

Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to assist in any way.



Liturgy of the Word Second Sunday of Advent

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Isaiah 30:19,30

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart. The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not said.

First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

'Console my people, console them'
says your God.
'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem
and call to her
that her time of service is ended,
that her sin is atoned for,
that she has received from the hand of the Lord
double punishment for all her crimes.'
A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness
a way for the Lord.
Make a straight highway for our God

Make a straight highway for our God across the desert.

across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
let every cliff become a plain,
and the ridges a valley;
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed
and all mankind shall see it;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'
Go up on a high mountain,
joyful messenger to Zion.

Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear,

say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him.
The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him.
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes

Responsorial Psalm 79: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19 R.v.4

(R.) Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation

- I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people.
 His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
- Mercy and faithfulness have met;
 justice and peace have embraced.
 Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
 and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
- The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.
 Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

Second Reading

2 Peter 3:8-14

A reading from the second letter of St Peter

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 3:4. 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:

all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;

he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord,

make his paths straight, and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

Gospel Reflection

John broke the prophetic silence of the previous centuries when he began to speak the word of God to the people of Israel. His message was similar to the message of the Old Testament prophets who chided the people of God for their unfaithfulness and who tried to awaken true repentance in them. Among a people unconcerned with the things of God, it was his work to awaken their interest, unsettle them from their complacency, and arouse in them enough good will to recognize and receive Christ when he came. Are you eager to hear God's word and to be changed by it through the power of the Holy Spirit?

Jesus tells us that John the Baptist was more than a prophet (Luke 7:26). John was the voice of the Consoler who is coming (John 1:23; Isaiah 40:1-3). He completed the cycle of prophets begun by Elijah (Matthew 11:13-14). What the prophets had carefully searched for and angels longed to see, now came to completion as John made the way ready for the coming of the Messiah, God's Anointed Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. With John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit begins the restoration to the human race of the "divine likeness", prefiguring what would be achieved with and in the Lord Jesus.

Let the Holy Spirit purify and transform your mind and heart

John's baptism was for repentance - turning away from sin and taking on a new way of life according to God's word. Our baptism in Jesus Christ by water and the Spirit results in a new birth and entry into God's kingdom as his beloved sons and daughters (John 3:5). The Lord Jesus comes to baptize each one of us in his Holy Spirit so that we may walk in his truth and holiness and radiate the joy of the Gospel to all we meet. God's word has power to change and transform our lives so that we may be lights that point others to Jesus Christ. Like John the Baptist, we too are called to give testimony to the light and truth of Christ. Do you point others to Jesus Christ in the way you live, speak, and treat others?

Lord, let your light burn brightly in my heart that I may know the joy and freedom of your kingdom. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and empower me to witness the truth of your Gospel and to point others to Jesus Christ.

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	Pymble Parish Roster 16/17 December 2023				
Sacred Heart Saturday 5.30pm		Sunday 7.45am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 6.00pm	
Acolytes	L Hopcroft	R Shankland	T McLeod	A Wahab	
Altar Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers	A De Souza M Tamana	N Adams	
Music	L Drinkwater M Drylie	Quiet Mass	E Cho J Whiting	T Sato	
Projector	J Witcombe	P Tang	M Ordonio	J Duffy	
Readers	Volunteers	M Dias	D Fung W Yu	J Duffy	
Altar Society	16 December: Paulette		llette / Rosani		
Counters	17 December: J Li / C Gwynn / M Boland				
OLPS (West Pymble)	Saturday 5.00pm		Sunday 9.00am		
Acolytes	G Lynch		M D'Silva		
Altar Servers	M & A Chisholm		J, J & J D'Silva		
Readers	I Fernandez		C Delaney		
Music and Projector				E & A Chan	
Altar Cloth	16 December: P Ryan				

Children's Corner

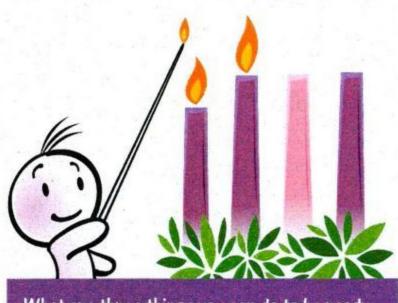
Who is John the Baptist?

Circle the correct answers.

- He wore clothes made of... horse hair / camel hair
- He baptized people with... water / fire
- He ate grasshoppers and... bread / wild honey
- He baptized people in the... river / church

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What are three things you can do to be ready for Jesus during this second week of Advent?



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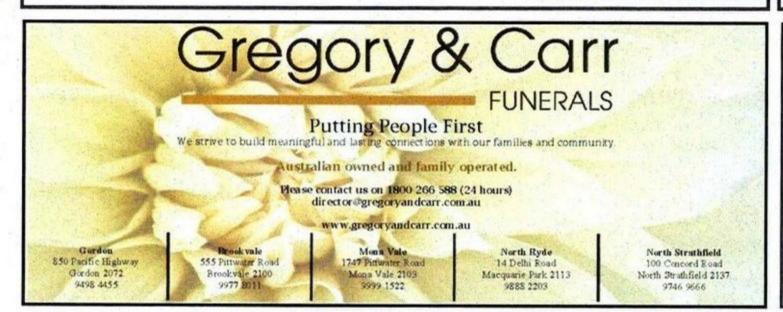
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