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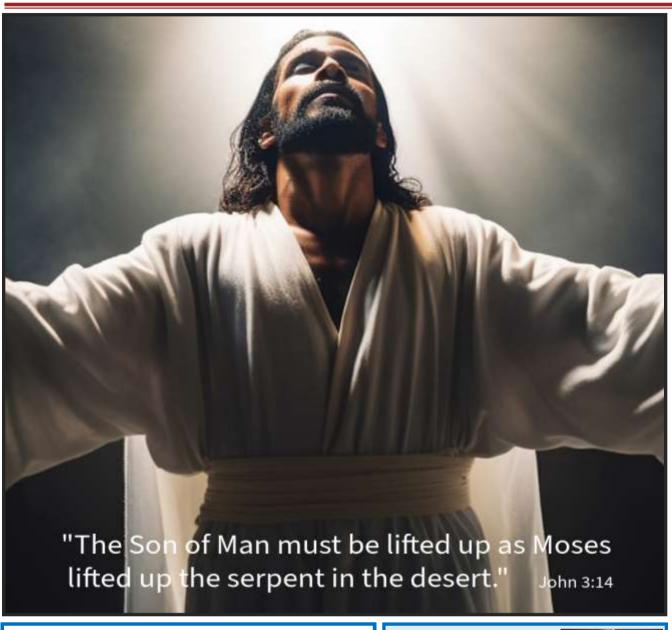
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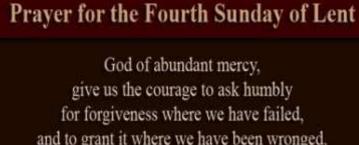
Building a Christ-centred community of Love and Mercy

Pymble Parish is under the Pastoral care of the Salvatorian Fathers

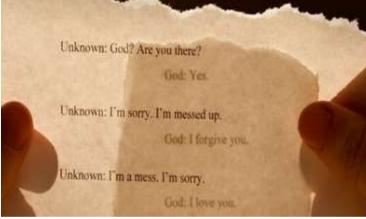
CELEBRATING YEAR OF PRAYER







give us the courage to ask humbly
for forgiveness where we have failed,
and to grant it where we have been wronged.
Heal our wounds and make us whole,
that we might find the joy of life lived fully.
Amen.



We welcome to Pymble Parish the newest member of our community

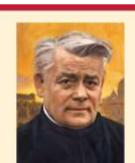
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who will baptised this weekend at our Parish.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



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

Baptisms at Pymble Parish

For enquiries please contact the Parish office on 9144 2702 or via email on office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au
Our upcoming Baptism Formation Class will be held on:

Monday, 11 March 2024 at 7pm Sacred Heart Church



Bookings are essential

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

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Parish Team

Pastoral care

Salvatorian Fathers

Parish Priest: Fr. Ireneusz Czech SDS
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Youtube: youtube.com/@IreneuszCzech



Youtube QR code:

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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: 9:30am and 6:00pm

Reconciliation:

Friday 8:45am

Sunday 5:30pm

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:

Saturdays 9.30 am

Contact details

Address: 2 Richard Porter Way, Pymble, NSW 2073 **Postal address:** PO BOX 231 Turramurra NSW 2074

Telephone: (02) 9144 2702

Email: office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au **Website:** www.pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Office hours: Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 4pm &

Friday 8.30am to 1pm

For information about Weddings please contact Daniela in the Parish Office.

For information about the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation,
Reconciliation and First Eucharist, please contact
Melanie at melanie@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

SACRED HEART

Principal: Kerry Paxton **Telephone:** (02) 7256 2142

www.shpdbb.catholic.edu.au

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

Principal: Jodi Jefferson **Telephone:** (02) 7256 2101

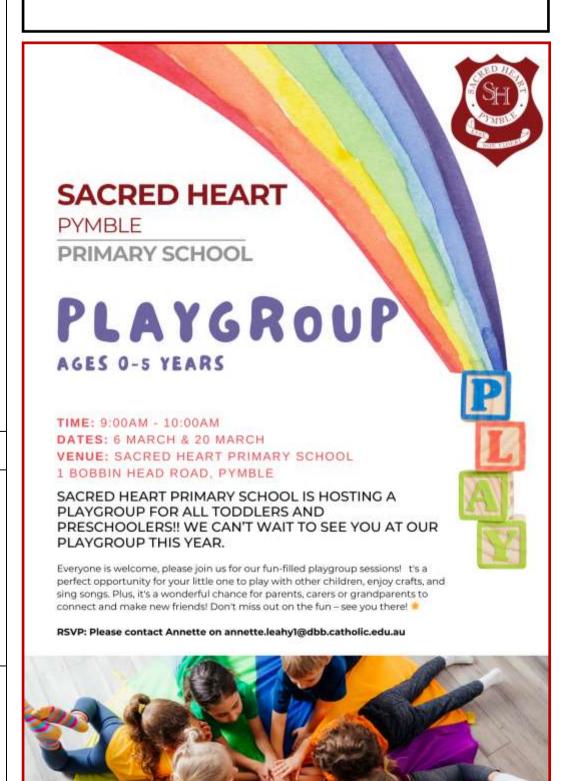
OLPS Morning Tea



Our OLPS Parishioners
enjoyed a wonderful
afternoon tea after last
Saturday's Vigil Mass. A huge
thank you to Angel,
Madonna, Louise and Lavina
for assisting with the
afternoon tea.



We are also looking for volunteers who may be able to assist our next one. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to help.



WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, 10 March Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00am Mass at OLPS (Quiet Mass)

9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart 6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart

Monday, 11 March

7:00pm Baptism formation class

Tuesday, 12 March

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart12:00pm Mass at OLPS

7:00pm Lectio: Mary at Sacred Heart 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group

Wednesday, 13 March

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

Thursday, 14 March

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

7:00pm Pymble Men's Fellowship Meeting

Friday, 15 March

Youth off the Streets Collection

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart with

Adoration and Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

7.00pm Stations of the Cross SH

Saturday, 16 March

9:00am Mass at OLPS with morning

prayer (Breviary) followed by the

Stations of the Cross

5:00pm Mass at OLPS

Sunday, 17 March Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00am Mass at OLPS (Quiet Mass)
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:

Michael Ryan, Monica Wheeler, Lucy Sibyl Orenstein, Teresa Ramirez, Elizabeth George, Phuong Dung Le, David Gardener, Sarinder Tamana, Frieda Nassar, Bruce Fisher, Desmond Buckley, Seema Shrestha Thapa, Vivienne Fernandes, Colleen Hussin, Charlotte Dos Remedios, David Tarrant, Anthony Dixon

Death Anniversaries:

Luciano Dumrique, Win & Bill Colman, Luciano Dumrique, Patricia Shepherd, Andrew Patterson, Kerry Oei, Antonius Djunaidi, Margaretha Hetty, Trenna Scanlan, Orfeo Calacoci, Bambi Hontanosas, Antonio Canete, Nora Leguin, Peter Goh, Kwong Tsui Tso, Jason Dias, Silvya Albert, Charles & Joan Bernie, Erlinda Guyot & Elena Yu, Vicente Tan Snr & Rosario Tan, Veronica Schreuder

Prayers for the sick:

Pamela Seaman, Joseph Hendryjanto, Margaret Browne, Paul Lum, Danny Ung

Weekly prayer intention:

This week we pray for all of us during the Season of Lent. May our prayer and reflection, fasting and almsgiving bring us renewal, reconciliation and closer unity with Christ, our Saviour. 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.

Parish Safeguarding

Dear Parishioners,

We take our responsibility to safeguard the vulnerable, whether they be children, the young, the elderly or the disabled very seriously. We work to ensure that no one is taken advantage of within our Parish.

If you have any concern about the treatment of a child, young person or anyone within our parish environment, please approach myself directly or Daniela Foote within the parish office on 02 9144 2702.



Alternatively, you may wish to contact Ana Cosi, Safeguarding Manager (Chancery & Churches) on 02 8379 1651.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Ireneusz Czech SDS

Join Our Parish Choir

Our Parish Choir sings on the <u>fourth Sunday of</u> <u>each month</u>. If you're interested in joining us, please join our Whatsapp group by scanning the QR code below to receive further information.

We would love for you to join us!



POPE FRANCIS' LENTEN MESSAGE

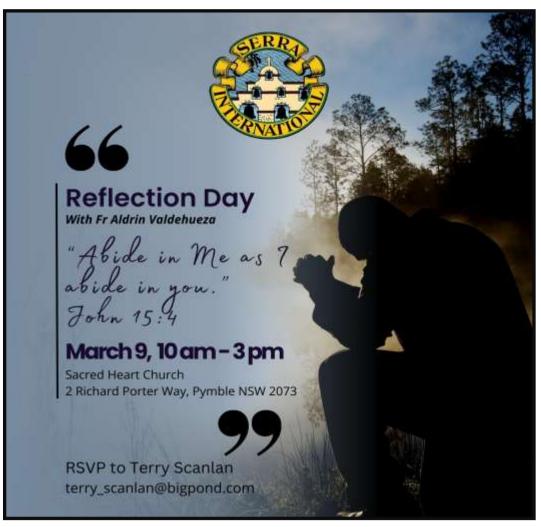
'Through the Desert God Leads us to Freedom' is the theme of Pope Francis' Message for Lent. Let us make room for God, who delivers us from all forms of slavery. May we welcome Lent as an opportunity for conversion.

The Holy Father's Message is inspired by the passage from the Book of Exodus, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery." (Ex 20:1-17) The Lenten exodus helps us to free ourselves from slavery. God sustains our hope-through an ecclesial, communitarian, and personal journey of conversion - to lead us to the land He wants to give us.

For Pope Francis' Lenten Message: https://

www.humandevelopment.va/en/news/2024/quaresima-2024-messaggio-di-papa-francesco.html

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Fourth Sunday of Lent 9 & 10 March



Memory is 26 years old and lives in rural Malawi. As the eldest child in a low-income farming family, Memory had to take on many household chores and farming activities to support her parents. They struggled to pay for Memory's school fees and school supplies, and Memory often had to walk to school barefooted.

With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi (CADECOM), Memory was able to enrol at a technical college where she learnt technical skills in carpentry. She undertook a three-year carpentry course, with CADECOM supporting part of her tuition and boarding fees.

Memory became the first female carpenter from her village. Today, she works as a carpenter at one of Malawi's largest hydroelectric power stations. With the income from her job, she can provide financial support to her family and inspire other young women in her community so that they may have the opportunity to succeed in a male-dominated industry.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting <u>caritas.org.au/project-compassion</u> or by calling 1800 024 413.







Stations of the Cross Play Date: Friday, 29 March 2024 Time: 9:30am at Pymble and 11:30am at West Pymble

We are calling for volunteer children to participate in the Pymble Parish Stations of the Cross Children's Play. Participation will involve a rehearsal in the week prior to two plays, one in Pymble and one in West Pymble as above.

The children will be the performers, part of the Stations of the Cross reenactment play.

Ready to make a difference? Respond by Wednesday, 13 March 2024 to secure your spot via a sign up form a the back of our churches.

For further information, please contact the parish office on 02 9144 2702 or by email at: office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Don't miss out on this opportunity to be a meaningful part of the Parish Easter services



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

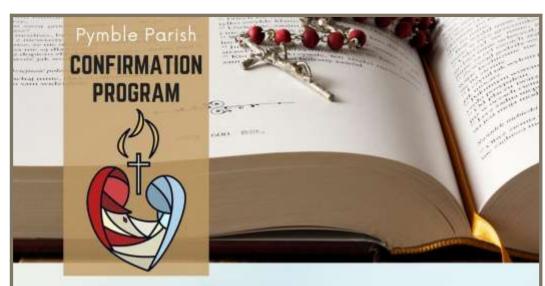
Frozen meal donations for March should be dropped off at the Parish office this week between **9am and 10am on Friday**, **15 March 2024**. At 10am sharp, the meals will be transported to Youth Off The Streets. Frozen meal collections are scheduled for the third Friday of each month.

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.

Please inform the Parish Office if you have recently changed your address, phone number or email. For Parishioners who give via credit card, please let us know if your credit card has expired or if you have changed your card. Thank you!



PARISH CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2024

Registration is open at trybooking.com/cmdhx

Candidates must be aged 8 or

Parent and Candidate

Thursday, 4 April 6:30pm at Sacred Heart

Preparation Program:

Disciple of Jesus".

vocations.

Information Meeting:

Two formation sessions - parishbased group at Sacred Heart or home-based parent-driven group

1st - parish-facilitated group Saturday, 6 April (2pm and 4pm) or Sunday, 7 April 10:30am

2nd - parish-facilitated group Saturday, 4 May (2pm and 4pm) or Sunday, 5 May 10:30am **Presentation Mass:**

Saturday, 6 April or Sunday, 7 April any mass, either church

Practice:

Thursday, 23 May at Sacred Heart (Time to be confirmed)

Confirmation Service:

Sunday, 26 May at Sacred Heart 11:30am or 1:30pm

Further information is available at the Parish Web site

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2024. There is plenty of parking available in the Parish car park.

The evening commences with Mass at 7.00 PM (kindly note the change of commencement time) followed by a light meal and a short meeting. Following

the meeting Bishop David will be our guest speaker, his topic will be "Being a

Everyone is welcome. Please "come and see". Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial

For catering purposes kindly telephone Henry or Anna Leung on **0478 083 116**

or email henrywk@yahoo.com.au or telephone Terry Scanlan on 0438 887 295

Chrism Mass Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara.

Tuesday, 26 March at 7.30PM

women, all seminarians, and novices and for the perseverance of existing

or email terry scanlan@bigpond.com if you are planning to attend.

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DINNER MEETING

LECTIO: **MARY**

PARISH

GOLF DAY

Friday, 15 March 2024

your own team or be placed on the day.

For avid golfers and novices alike, dinner is included. Form

Everyone welcome. Dinner only partners also welcome.

Discounts for seniors. Booking forms are available at the

back of our churches, or RSVP to the Parish office. For further information, please contact Marie D'Allesandri at

The Bible and the Mother of God With Dr Brant Pitre

CODE

North Ryde Golf Club

Twin Road North Ryde

Noon Registration

1pm 18 holes \$105

3:15pm 9 holes \$80

6pm Dinner Only \$40

SAVE THE DATE NOW

CONTEXT

Why is Mary so important to Catholics, and why have so many people been devoted to her over the centuries? We examine what the Old and New Testaments, the life of Christ, and the early Church fathers reveal about the life and identity of Mary.

JOIN IN

Please join in with this opportunity to learn, share your thoughts and to get to know others in our Parish community.

7pm alternate Tuesday evenings Starting: 27 February 2024 Sacred Heart Church Pymble

DR BRANT PITRE

Dr Brant Pitre is Distinguished Research Professor of Scripture at the Augustine Institute, Graduate School of Theology.



Bishop Emeritus David Walker will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble on Thursday 21st March

04 0489 3908.

INVITATION

You are invited to join our eight part Mary series based on the Lectio program by Dr Brant Pitre.

TOPICS

The Mary program topics include:

- · The New Eve The New Ark
- · Mother of the Messiah
- · The Queen Mother · The Perpetual Virgin
- · Mother of Sorrows
- · The New Rachel · Question & Answer

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:



the Chrism is consecrated and then taken back to each parish for use in various Sacramental liturgies throughout the year. Parishioners are warmly invited to join Please contact the parish office before

The priests of our Diocese gather for this

celebration with Most Rev Bishop Anthony

Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and

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together in this celebration. Thursday 21 March should you wish to attend.

Randazzo to renew their priestly

commitment. During Mass, the oils of

PYMBLE CATHOLIC PARISH 2 RICHARD PORTER WAY PYMBLE



Entrance Antiphon Isaiah 66: 10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; Exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

First Reading 2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23

A reading from the second book of Chronicles

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in The survivors were deported Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up.""

Responsorial Psalm Ps 18: 8-11. R. Jn 6:68

(R.) Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

- By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung our harps. (R.)
- For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. 'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.'. (R.)
- O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil?

If I forget. You, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! (R.)

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! (R.)

Second Reading Ephesians 2: 4-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the **Ephesians**

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

Gospel Acclamation John 3: 16

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,

That all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel <u>John 3: 14-21</u>

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes. God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son,

so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost

but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world,

but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,

because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced:

that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer

darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

Gospel Reflection

The "lifting up" of the Son of Man

Jesus explained to Nicodemus that the "Son of Man" must be "lifted up" to bring the power and authority of God's kingdom to bear on the earth. The title, "Son of Man," came from the prophet Daniel who describes a vision he received of the Anointed Messiah King who was sent from heaven to rule over the earth (Daniel 7:13-14). Traditionally when kings began to reign they were literally "lifted up" and enthroned above the people. Jesus explains to Nicodemus that he will be recognized as the Anointed King when he is "lifted up" on the cross at Calvary. Jesus died for his claim to be the only begotten Son sent by the Father in heaven to redeem, heal, and reconcile his people with God.

Jesus points to a key prophetic sign which Moses performed in the wilderness right after the people of Israel were afflicted with poisonous serpents. Scripture tells us that many people died in the wilderness because of their sin of rebellion towards Moses and God. Through Moses' intervention, God showed mercy to the people and instructed Moses to "make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and every one who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live" (Numbers 21:8). This miraculous sign was meant to foreshadow and point to the saving work which Jesus would perform to bring healing and salvation to the world.

The proof of God's love for us

How do we know, beyond a doubt, that God truly loves us and wants us to be united with him forever? For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16). God proved his love for us by giving us the best he had to offer - his only begotten Son who freely gave himself as an offering to God for our sake and as the atoning sacrifice for our sin and the sin of the world.

Jesus shows us the paradox of love and judgment. We can love the darkness of sin and unbelief or we can love the light of God's truth, beauty, and goodness. If our love is guided by what is true, and good and beautiful then we will choose for God and love him above all else. What we love shows what we prefer. Do you love God above all else? Do you give him first place in your life, in your thoughts, decisions and actions?

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Please scan the QR Code to watch Father Irek's **Homily for this Sunday**



Pymble Parish Roster 16/17 March 2024		
Sacred Heart (Pymble)	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 6.oopm
Acolytes	E Leahy	J Starnawski
Itar Servers	A Perera L Williams	L & W Ng
Music		
Projector	M Ordonio	G Jose
Readers	D Fung / W Yu	E Thomas / L Joshi
Itar Society	16 March:	
ounters	17 March: T Mazzei / A Perera / C Gwynn	
OLPS (West Pymble)	Saturday 5.00pm	Sunday 8.ooam
colytes	G Lynch	I Chisholm
Altar Servers	M & A Chisholm	W & M Saba
		M Jordan
eaders	J Pease	D Blahut
lusic and Projector		P Tang
Itar Cloth	16 March: N Simpkins	

Children's Corner

Let us Ponder

... the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light. (John 3: 19)

Have you ever compared brand-new white socks with your old white socks? The old ones might be dingy, more grey than white. In fact, maybe you forgot how white socks could be until you saw those new ones. It's sort of the same thing with sin. Sometimes we don't notice how we slip into the bad habits that can lead to sin. It can happen a little at a time, so slowly that we don't notice until it feels like it's too late. But it's never too late. We can always come to God and ask God's forgiveness, especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. God will forgive us, so we'll be good as new.

Loving God, guide me in your light today. Amen.



Write a prayer about how you would like God to help you.





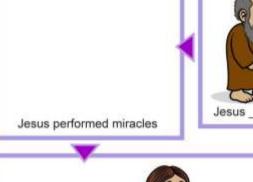
Jesus Saves Us



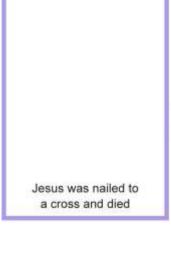
When he grew up he proclaimed the Good News

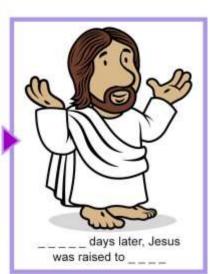


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Do you have a question about the Catholic faith? Go to catholic.com and type in your question. You will have the answer straight away.