



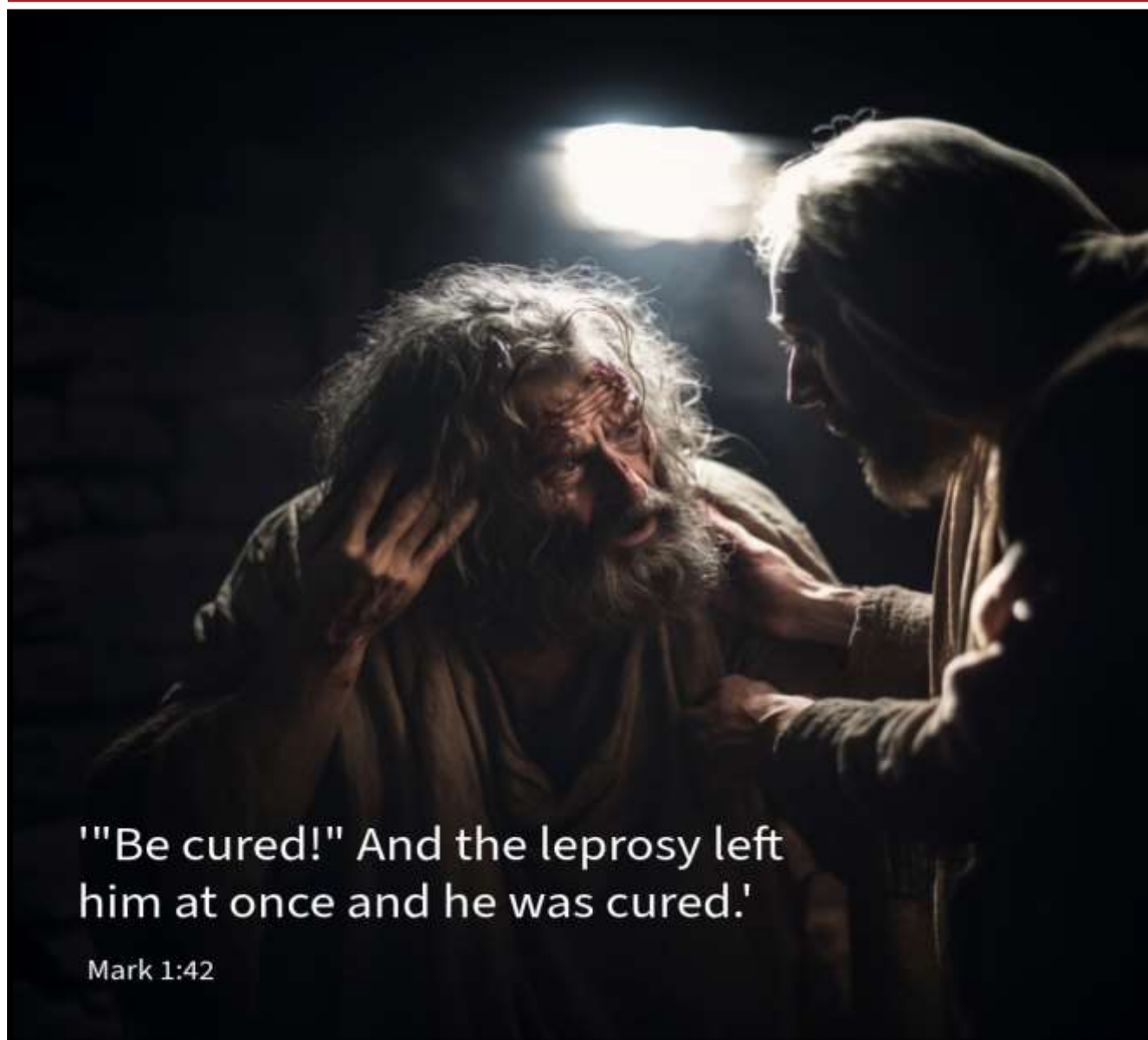
PYMBLE CATHOLIC PARISH

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 YEAR OF PRAYER



"Be cured!" And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured.'

Mark 1:42



A Prayer for Catechists

Loving God, Creator of all things,
you call us to be in relationship with you and others.

Thank you for calling me to be a catechist,
for the opportunity to share with others
what you have given to me.

May all those with whom I share the gift of faith
discover how you are present in all things.

May they come to know you, the one true God,
and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.
May the grace of the Holy Spirit guide my heart and lips,
so that I may remain constant in loving and praising you.

May I be a witness to the Gospel and a minister of your truth.
May all my words and actions reflect your love.

Amen.



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, 12 February 2023 at 7pm
Sacred Heart Church

Bookings are essential

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

For the terminally ill



We pray that those with a
terminal illness, and their
families, receive the necessary
physical and spiritual care and
accompaniment.

**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.

www.sds.org.au

Parish Team

Pastoral care

Salvatorian Fathers

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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

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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.shpddb.catholic.edu.au

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

Principal: Jodi Jefferson

Telephone: (02) 7256 2101

www.olpsddb.catholic.edu.au

AMAZING CATECHISTS

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.

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

Please consider joining this wonderful Ministry.

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

Pymble Catholic Parish | 02 9144 2702

P Y M B L E P A R I S H



Meet you at Family Mass

25 February 2024 | 9:30AM

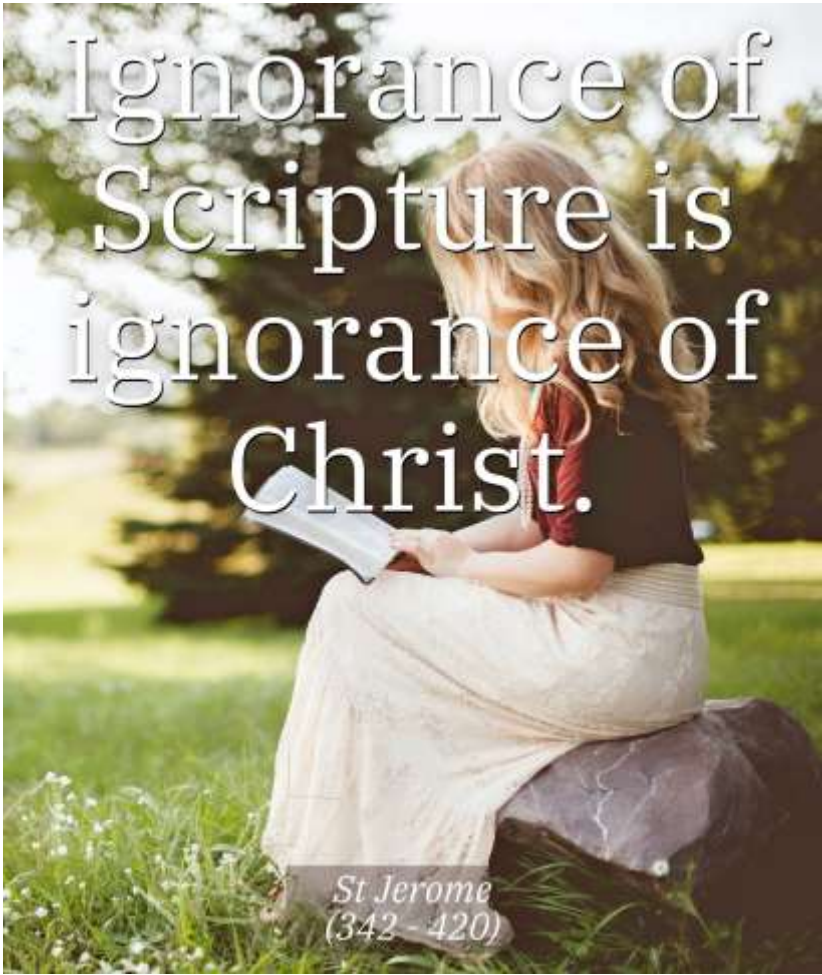
Sacred Heart Church

MASS & MORNING TEA

CHRIST | FELLOWSHIP | REFLECTION

WHAT’S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, 11 February <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK 8:00am Mass at OLPS (Quiet Mass) 9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart 6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart	Friday, 16 February 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart with Adoration and Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus 7.00pm Stations of the Cross SH 7.00pm Men’s Fellowship Dinner Greengate Hotel, Killara
Tuesday, 13 February 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group	Saturday, 17 February Collect of the Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order (Optional) 9:00am Mass at OLPS with morning prayer (Breviary) followed by the Stations of the Cross 5:00pm Mass at OLPS
Wednesday, 14 February Ash Wednesday 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart 11:30am Mass at OLPS	Sunday, 18 February First Sunday of Lent 8:00am Mass at OLPS (Quiet Mass) 9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart 10.30am Catechist Thank you Morning Tea 6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart
Thursday, 15 February 9:00am 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:

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:

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, Les Cashman, Lydia Tan, Manuel Tan, Simeon Lagura, Catalina Lagura, Paula Freeman, M. V. Francis, Judith English, Ric Cashman, Desmond Buckley, Mina De Mello

Prayers for the sick:

Margaret Browne, Paul Lum, Danny Ung

Weekly prayer intention:

This week we pray that you bless each and every school with your spirit of grace and love as all the teachers and students return to school. We give thanks for your blessings to keep us all safe and healthy over the summer break. 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



The Light is ON for you



The Light is On Lenten Program

The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel.

Pope Francis, (The Joy of the Gospel, 114)

Pope Francis has said that Lent is a time for believing, for welcoming God into our lives and allowing him to “make his dwelling” among us (John 14:23). Pope Francis reminds us that the Lenten practices of fasting, alms giving and prayer make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope and effective charity, sharing with Jesus in the salvation of the world.

Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all.

Galatians 6:9-10

Lenten Booklet

The Lenten Booklet invites prayerful reflection on the Sunday Gospel during Lent. It can be used individually or within a group. For each of the six weeks of Lent, the booklet includes a reading of the Gospel text; a reflection on the text; and a personal experience related to the text. The materials and reflections have been prepared by the Broken Bay community, including Plenary Council members who have drawn on their experiences of the Council in their writing.

The printed booklet will be available in our churches and via the Parish Website.

Bishop Anthony Randazzo’s Lenten Penance Letter 2024

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/about/bishop>

Prayer and Renewal During Lent

In Pymble Parish, we provide the opportunities below for prayer and renewal during Lent.

Sacred Heart Pymble

7pm on Fridays of Lent:

- Stations of the Cross

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour West Pymble

After 9am Mass on Saturdays of Lent:

- Stations of the Cross

Our doors are open and the light is on

Lent is a time to turn to God and to experience God's mercy. The Light is On is primarily about the Sacrament of Penance with an invitation for all to experience God's forgiveness and to be set free from what burdens them. It is an opportunity to renew and restore their relationship with Jesus and the Church.

You are welcome.

Join us during Lent for quiet prayer and reflection as we prepare to celebrate new life and hope at Easter starting with the Stations of the Cross.

LENT

prayer • fasting • almsgiving

Dear Parishioners,

The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Vatican II states:

109. The Lenten season has a twofold character:

- 1) it recalls baptism or prepares for it;
- 2) it stresses a penitential spirit.

By these means especially, Lent readies the faithful for celebrating the paschal mystery after a period of closer attention to the Word of God, and more ardent prayer. In the liturgy itself and in the liturgy-centered instructions, these baptismal and penitential themes should be more pronounced.

110. During Lent, penance should not be only internal and individual but also external and social... In any event, let the paschal fast be kept sacred. It should be observed everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection may be visited on uplifted and responsive spirits.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat

On all other Fridays, except solemnities, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

- **Prayer.** For example, extra Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary; or in other ways.
- **Self-Denial.** For example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country or elsewhere; or in other ways. Project Compassion is a major means of expressing our self-denial in Australia.
- **Helping Others.** For example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or over-burdened; or in other ways.

All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain (Canon 1252).

The Season of Lent is a time of penance. During this season the faithful are exhorted to devote themselves in a special manner to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, and to deny themselves.

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled between Ash Wednesday, 14 February 2024 and Trinity Sunday, 26 May 2024 unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year.

The wonderful gift of the Lord's merciful love is offered in a special way in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is the most appropriate time to receive this Sacrament.

All the faithful who have reached the age of discretion are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

Let us have a great Lent!

Ash Wednesday

FEBRUARY 14

Sacred Heart

9am

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

11:30am



ASH WEDNESDAY

*"From dust you came and
from dust you will return."*

Ash Wednesday is on 14 February this year, and marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

To watch Fr Irek's Homily on Ash Wednesday, please scan the following QR code:



Project Compassion Sunday 10 & 11 February

Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **for all future generations**.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction.

Project Compassion 2024 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations**.



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

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**.



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Reminder: February frozen meal donations for the Father Chris Riley's Youth Off The Streets program should be dropped off at the Parish office **between 9am and 10am on Friday, 16 February 2024**. At 10am, the meals will be transported to Youth Off The Streets. Collections are scheduled for the third Friday of each month except January. Thank you for your support for this important program.



On January 21, 2024, Pope Francis announced the Year of Prayer. The Holy Father emphasized that the coming months will lead us to the opening of the Holy Door, which will inaugurate the entire celebrates the Jubilee of 2025.

"I am asking for increased prayer so that we can prepare to experience this event of grace and experience well the power of God's hope" - said the Pope.

As he indicated, the **Year of Prayer** will be devoted to the renewed hiding the great value and absolute need of prayer in life personal, in the life of the Church and prayer in the world.



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.

Candlemas 2024

Pymble celebrated Candlemass last Friday on the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord. This day commemorates the occasion when the Virgin Mary, in obedience to Jewish Law, went to the Temple in Jerusalem both to be purified 40 days after the birth of Jesus, and to present Jesus to God as her firstborn.

It is customary on Candlemas to bless candles; the candles to be carried in the procession, the candles that will be used throughout the liturgical year, and candles that are given to the congregation to take home. This was a most special and joyous celebration where Fr Irek blessed everyone's candles to bring light to the homes of our parishioners.



PYMBLE PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

Men's Fellowship Dinner at Greengate Hotel, Killara CALLING ALL MEN!

16 February at 7pm.

We'll gather at the Greengate Hotel in Killara.

Each guest is responsible for purchasing their own meals and drinks. Please RSVP by Wednesday 13 February to the Parish Office if you would like to attend.

Parish Golf Day - Save the Date

15 March

Mark your calendars for the Parish Golf Day now confirmed for 15 March. The event is expected to follow a similar format to last year. We will provide further details in due course.

Children's Liturgy at Pymble Parish

Children are welcome to join us at our Children's liturgies at both of our Churches. Children's Liturgy is a great way to engage and nourish the children of our Parish with God's Word. The dates for Term 1 are as follows:



Sacred Heart Sunday 9:30am Mass	OLPS
18 February 3 March, 17 March	To be confirmed

SPEND TIME WITH OUR LORD

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The Divine Mercy Chapel is 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 let the office know and we will place your name on the roster. The available timeslots are listed below. 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	5pm - 6pm	Cindy, Marie
11am - 12pm		6pm - 7pm	Eric
12pm - 1pm	Collette	7pm - 8pm	Elzbieta
1pm - 2pm	Gerry & Carmen	8pm - 9pm	Paul, Rod
2pm - 3pm			
3pm - 4pm	Jo		

"I encourage Christians to visit Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament regularly, for we are all called to abide in the presence of God."

- St. John Paul II

OLPS GATHERING MASS

On Thursday the 8th of February OLPS celebrated their Gathering Mass where they celebrated with family and friends and commissioned their 2024 Student Leaders.



AMAZING CATECHISTS

TEACHING AND LEARNING THE FAITH TOGETHER



On Catechist Sunday, 11 February 2024, we acknowledge the incredible work and dedication of our volunteer catechists.

The Pymble Parish is blessed to have nine hardworking catechists teaching across six local government schools including the Turrumurra High School. Such is their dedication, most teach combined classes through the day at different schools on the same day.

We publicly thank our catechists who have answered the call from God, and by His grace they have developed a love for and dedication to teaching some of the children who are starved of catechesis. AMDG

We thank this wonderful group for their dedication

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

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Catechist Sunday

Schools supported by Pymble:

- Gordon East Public School
- Gordon West Public School
- Turrumurra Public School
- West Pymble Public School
- Pymble Public School
- Turrumurra High School

THANK YOU SO MUCH

We are overjoyed to inform you that we have successfully reached our donation target for purchasing two life-saving defibrillators—one for each of our churches.

To those who donated we are immensely grateful!



Aid to the Church in Need

JOB VACANCIES DIOCESAN OUTREACH ASSISTANTS

Could you share the stories of suffering Christians? Are you looking for flexible part time work? Aid to the Church in Need is recruiting for a number of Diocesan Outreach Assistants who will deliver monthly presentations in parishes across Sydney, Broken Bay, Perth and Maitland-Newcastle.

For more information and to view the full job ad go to www.aidtochurch.org/work, or scan QR code:



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!



SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

Father David Ranson, Vicar General and Parish Priest of Chatswood Parish, will be celebrating Mass for

Serra at **Our Lady of Dolours Church 94 Archer Street Chatswood** on Thursday 22nd February 2024. There is very limited parking in the Parish Kirk Street Carpark but street parking is free and available on the surrounding streets.

The evening commences with Mass at **6.00 PM** followed by a light meal and a short meeting in the Magnificat Room which is directly across Kirk Street from the Church. **Following the meeting Father David will be our guest speaker.**

Everyone is welcome. Please "come and see".

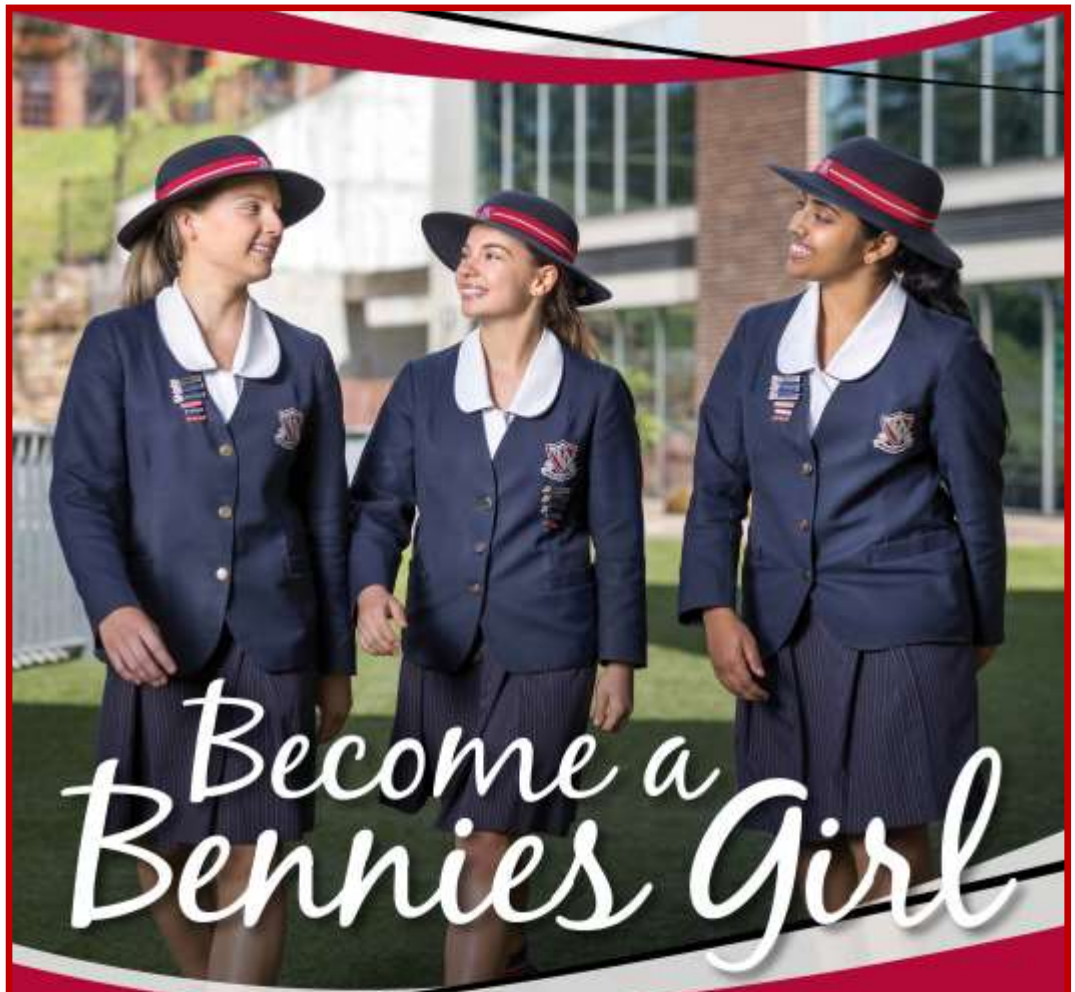
Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians, and novices and for the perseverance of existing vocations.

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** or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you are planning to attend.



Explore Loreto Normanhurst's award-winning holistic learning model at Open Day on 9 March as well as finding out more about the new Boarding School, due to open at the end of 2025.

To register for Open Day, visit www.loretonh.nsw.edu.au/pages/open-day. For additional information, feel free to contact enquiries@loretonh.nsw.edu.au



OPEN DAY Sunday 3 March 10am-2pm
Bookings online www.msb.nsw.edu.au



Mount St Benedict
College

449C Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills

www.msb.nsw.edu.au



FEBRUARY 2024

LET US PRAY



THE POPE VIDEO
Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

**For the
terminally ill**

"Every sick person has the right to medical, psychological, spiritual and human assistance."

Pope Francis



thepopevideo.org



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



Leave a
Legacy



A GIFT IN YOUR WILL—YOUR
LEGACY

After providing for family members in your Will, have you ever considered leaving a Gift directly to your local Parish? This is called a Legacy, Bequest of Gift in Will.

Over the years, many people who have left a special connection to their Faith have left part of their estate to the Parish. Like a gift to a charity, a gift in your Will to the Church ensures other members of our community receive the spiritual care and guidance that has been so important to you and your family.

YOUR PARISH

Many parishes are in need of funding to restore buildings, improve facilities and expand on services for the community. The pastoral outreach that has been important to you will continue for our children, our grandchildren and future generations to of Catholics.

If you would like more information on Gifts in Wills, please contact Fr. Ireneusz. Email: Fr.ireneusz@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Sacramental Program 2024



Confirmation

Confirmation (candidates must be aged 8 or older) - REGISTRATIONS OPEN 1 March 2024 - <https://www.trybooking.com/CMDHX>

- Parent & Candidate Information Meeting: Thursday 4 April at 6.30pm at Sacred Heart
- Preparation Program: Two formation sessions parish-facilitated group or home-based parent driven group
1st - parish-facilitated group
 Saturday 6 April (2pm & 4pm) or Sunday 7 April at 10.30am
2nd - parish-facilitated group
 Saturday 4 May (2pm & 4pm) or Sunday 5 May at 10.30am
 Presentation Mass: Saturday 6 April or Sunday 7 April, at any mass, either church
 Practice: Thursday 23 May at Sacred Heart (Time to be confirmed)
 Service: Sunday 26 May at Sacred Heart 11.30am OR 1.30pm



Reconciliation

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

- Parent & Candidate Information Meeting: Wednesday 16 May at 6.30pm at Sacred Heart (combined with First Communion)
- Preparation Program: Two formation sessions parish-facilitated group or home-based parent driven group
1st - parish-facilitated group
 Saturday 18 May (2pm & 4pm) or Sunday 19 May at 10.30am
2nd - parish-facilitated group
 Saturday 1 June (2pm & 4pm) or Sunday 2 June at 10.30am
 Presentation Mass: Saturday 1 June or Sunday 2 June, at any mass, either church.
 NO Practice
 Service: Tuesday 4 June at 4pm & 5.15pm at Sacred Heart OR
 Wednesday 5 June at 3.30pm & 4.15pm at OLPS



Communion

First Eucharist:

- Parent & Candidate Information Meeting: Wednesday 16 May at 6.30pm Sacred Heart (combined with First Reconciliation)
- Preparation Program: Two formation sessions parish-facilitated group or home-based parent driven group
1st - parish-facilitated group
 Saturday 27 July (2pm & 4pm) or Sunday 28 July at 10.30am
2nd - parish-facilitated group
 Saturday 3 August (2pm & 4pm) or Sunday 4 August at 10.30am
 Presentation Mass: Saturday 27 July or Sunday 28 July, at any mass, either church
 Go to confession at least one more time prior to First Communion: 9.30am Saturday at OLPS OR 8.30am Friday, 5.30pm Sunday at SH
 Practice: Thursday 8 August at 4pm at SH OR Thursday 15 August at 3.30pm at OLPS
 Service: Sunday 11 August at 11.30am at SH OR Sunday 18 August at 11.00am at OLPS

For more information please visit our website <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/pymble/sacraments/sacramental-program> or contact the parish office at office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

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



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.

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!



Liturgy of the Word

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Entrance Antiphon Psalm 30: 3-4

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rocky, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46

A reading from the book of Leviticus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, ‘If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man’s skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

‘The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, “Unclean, unclean”. As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.’

Responsorial Psalm Ps 31: 1-2, 5, 11 R.v7

(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
Whose sin is remitted.
O happy the man to whom the Lord
Imputes no guilt,
In whose spirit is no guile. **(R.)**
2. But now I have acknowledged my sins;
My guilt I did not hide.
I said: ‘I will confess
My offence to the Lord.’
And you, Lord, have forgiven
The guilt of my sin. **(R.)**
3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10: 31-11:1

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 1:40-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: ‘If you want to’ he said ‘you can cure me.’ Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. ‘Of course I want to!’ he said. ‘Be cured!’ And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, ‘Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.’ The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

Gospel Reflection

Meditation: Do you seek the Lord Jesus with expectant faith? No one who sought Jesus out was refused his help. Even the untouchables and the outcasts of Jewish society found help in him. Unlike the people of Jesus' time who fled at the sight of a leper, Jesus touched the leper who approached him and he made him whole and clean. Why was this so remarkable? Lepers were outcasts of society. They were driven from their homes and communities and left to fend for themselves. Their physical condition was terrible as they slowly lost the use of their limbs and withered away. They were not only shunned but regarded as "already dead" even by their relatives. The Jewish law forbade anyone from touching or approaching a leper, lest ritual defilement occur.

This leper did something quite remarkable. He approached Jesus confidently and humbly, expecting that Jesus could and would heal him. Normally a leper would be stoned or at least warded off if he tried to come near a rabbi. Jesus not only grants the man his request, but he demonstrates the personal love, compassion, and tenderness of God in his physical touch. The medical knowledge of his day would have regarded such contact as grave risk for incurring infection. Jesus met the man's misery with compassion and tender kindness. He communicated the love and mercy of God in a sign that spoke more eloquently than words. He touched the man and made him clean - not only physically but spiritually as well.

How do you approach those who are difficult to love, or who are shunned by others because they are deformed or have some defect? Do you show them kindness and offer them mercy and help as Jesus did? The Lord is always ready to show us his mercy and to free us from whatever makes us unclean, unapproachable, or unloving towards others.

Lord Jesus, inflame my heart with your love and make me clean and whole in body, mind, and spirit. May I never doubt your love nor cease to tell others of your mercy and compassion.

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Pymble Parish Roster 17/18 February 2024

Sacred Heart (Pymble)	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 6.00pm
Acolytes	J Walton	T McLeod
Altar Servers	L & W Ng	N Adams
Music		
Projector		
Readers	M Dias	E Lloyd-Jones
Altar Society	18 February: Kim / Joanna	
Counters	17 February: A Mazzei / A Perera / T Scanlan	

OLPS (West Pymble)	Saturday 5.00pm	Sunday 8.00am
Acolytes	G Lynch	A Mazzei
Altar Servers	J Booth / J Wiblin	W & M Saba / M Jordan
Readers	I Fernandez	C Delaney
Music and Projector		QUIET MASS
Altar Cloth	17 February: P Ryan	

Children's Corner

How were people with leprosy treated in Jesus' time?

What are some things we can do for sick people today?

What did Jesus say to the man after he cured him of leprosy? Use the words below to find out!

Say _____ of this to anyone; but go and _____ yourself to the _____, then make an offering at the _____ as Moses _____, then all will know you are _____.



temple show
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Jesus showed God's power by healing the leper. Draw a picture from one of the following stories where God's power is shown by what Jesus did.



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