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Pymble Parish is under the Pastoral care of the Salvatorian Fathers

CELEBRATING SALVATORIANS' 25TH ANNIVERSARY IN PYMBLE



"The servants collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding filled with guests."

Matthew 22:10

PRAYER FOR STUDENTS

Lord, we ask for your blessing on our students undertaking HSC examinations over the coming weeks. Grant them the confidence they deserve from their years of diligent study. Grant them the ability to comprehend questions and effectively plan and articulate their responses. May they be enriched by the gifts of the Holy Spirit with Wisdom, Understanding, Fortitude and Knowledge. May their faith and piety give them the strength to face these examinations and the satisfaction of achieving their best.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord, Amen.



Baptisms at Pymble Parish



Our upcoming Baptism Formation Class will be held on:

**Sunday, 25 October 2026
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



Pope Leo XIV's official prayer intention for October

For mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.



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



Arisa & Naomi

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

Email: gladys@pymblecatholicparish.org.au



Sunday: 8:00am (Quiet Mass)

Friday 9am to 3:30pm

Second
Collection

Parish Primary Schools

www.olpsdbb.catholic.edu.au

All are Welcome

Please join us for Children's Liturgy at our Church.

Please note that a register is available for anyone needing to borrow a pyx. Before taking one, please speak to one of the senior servers so it can be properly signed out. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep track of these sacred vessels!

WHAT’S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Saturday, 10 October 9:00am Mass at OLPS with Morning Prayer (Breviary) 5:00pm Mass at OLPS Sunday, 11 October 8:00am Mass at OLPS (quiet) 9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart 6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart Tuesday, 13 October 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart 7:00pm Faith Formation at Sacred Heart: Prayer, Meditation, Contemplation 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group at Sacred Heart Wednesday, 14 October St Callistus I, pope, martyr (Optional) 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart 7:00pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting at OLPS 7:00pm Salvatorian Collaborators Meeting Thursday, 15 October St Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor (Memorial) 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart	Friday, 16 October St Hedwig, religious (Optional) St Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin (Optional) 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart followed by Adoration and Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus 10:00am Bible Study 6:00pm Youth Group—High School 7:30pm Youth Group—Young Adults Saturday, 17 October St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr (Memorial) 9:00am Mass at OLPS with Morning Prayer (Breviary) 3:00pm First Eucharist Practice & Reconciliation 5:00pm Mass at OLPS Sunday, 18 October 8:00am Mass at OLPS (quiet) 9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart 11:30am First Eucharist Mass at Sacred Heart 6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart <i>The Rosary is recited after all weekday Masses at Sacred Heart Church and after 9am Saturday Mass at OLPS</i>
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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:

Leone Glynn, Lynn Dahl, Peter Cassidy, Joan Napoli, Teresa Słomka-Czech, Tom Duffy, Jean Ditchfield, Lucinda Coutinho, Rolando Salvi, Ryan Kim, Anne Bolton, Vinod Venkat, Alexander Ross, Troy Schufft, Jerzy Czech, Tatiana Seale, Jan Drobczyk, Lawrence Walter Cooke, Harry Wong, Barbara Tallis, Salvatore Cristaudo

Death Anniversaries:

Paula Freeman, Constance & Elwyn Glazier. Graham Lynch, Antonio & Rosa Maria Dias, Jack Chan, Mary Costa Silva, Rodney Fernandes, Carmel Nola Conway, Elsie Kenna, Chehade Challita, John English, Bob & Dolly McCann, Dr Joseph Malouf, John Pinkerton, Ranjan Fernando, Tony Dixon, Ron Chandler, Clare Rogerson, Ranjan Fernando, Roshan Perera, Manel Perera

Prayers for the sick:

Carol Marriott, Felix Fung, Anny Tsang, Agnes Dazon, José Castro, Kathy (Ya Wen) Sun, Stan Brataniec, Daniel Fileman, Janusz Czech, Elliot Leahy

Monthly prayer intention:

This week we pray for peace and unity: We pray for peace in the midst of violence and tragedy in this world. May we have the patience to be understanding, the strength to be forgiving, and the grace to admit when we are wrong. 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.

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 Serra Vocations Weekly Prayer Calendar Please pray daily for those in formation or already serving the Church, especially those listed in our calendar below.	
12 October	Fr John Hill
13 October	Fr Robert Borg
14 October	Fr Jim McKeon
15 October	Fr Aldrin Valdehueza
16 October	Fr Vince Casey
17 October	Fr Greg Chee OCD
18 October	Fr Gerard Moran OCD

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.

Mass and Public Rosary

Come, Let Us Pray Together

In celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (7 October), we invite our parish community, families, and friends to join in honouring our Blessed Mother. Let us gather as one family of faith to place our prayers and intentions into her loving hands.



Date:
Saturday, 10 October 2026



Time:
Mass at 9:00am,
followed by the Public Rosary



Location:
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church
West Pymble

*"Pray the Rosary every day
to obtain peace for the world."*

- Our Lady of Fatima

Everyone is welcome.

Please bring your family, friends, and your rosary beads.

Pymble Catholic Parish
64 Kendall Street, West Pymble

Join us for Yr 12 Mass

Saturday, 10 October

5pm @ OLPS Church

BBQ to follow

All families with Yr 12 students are invited to attend this special Mass. Together, we look forward to coming together in prayer and blessing each of you as you prepare for your upcoming HSC exams.

All are welcome!

Contact Louise 0413 137 534

Pymble Catholic Parish

Catholic Mission Appeal

This year marks 100 years of World Mission Day, a time in which the global Church celebrates God's mission through prayer and generosity.

Today, that mission continues in places like Malawi, where communities are rebuilding after devastating floods and families are striving to create a future for their children.

For Yamikani, getting to school means walking long distances in pain, often without enough food or strength to make the journey. For many families in vulnerable and remote areas like rural Malawi, education has become an impossible choice.

But there is hope. Led by Fr Matthew Semba, a new primary school is being built, offering children a safe place to learn, grow, and look ahead with renewed possibility.

This World Mission Month, you are invited to share in this mission, standing with families as they rebuild their lives and create a brighter future for their children.

To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to catholicmission.org.au/united.



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All Hallows' Eve Celebration

Join us for a **Free,**
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children



**Saturday,
October 31**



2:00-3:30pm



**Pymble
Parish Hall**

We will be celebrating the true meaning behind Halloween:
eternal life with Jesus and all the saints in heaven.
Now, that's something worth celebrating.

Games - Prizes - Lolly Bags - Best Dressed

Come dressed as your favourite inspirational
faith figure. Choose a saint or bible hero.



Run by the Pymble parish
youth group leaders,
Luke and Lianna Hackett.

We kindly request that parents
stay and supervise their children
for the duration of the event.
Tea and coffee will be available
for parents.

Register here:

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Serra Annual Celebration of Your Vocation

Christmas Dinner • 13 November 2026

Serra will be holding our annual "Celebration of Your Vocation" Christmas dinner at Magpies Club Waitara commencing at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm in the adjoining Magpie and Black & White Rooms. Those invited include our Diocesan Apostolic Administrator, Father David Ranson, retired bishops, Bishop David Walker and Bishop Robert McGuckin, all priests, retired priests, deacons, retired deacons, brothers, sisters, seminarians, members of the Good Shepherd Seminary Formation Team and those who are discerning their vocation.

We have secured a larger venue this year enabling an extra 30 people from across the Diocese to participate in this wonderful celebration. You are invited to join us in saying thank you to many of those from across the Diocese who are faithfully serving the Church, in formation or discerning their vocation.

Date: Friday, 13 November 2026

Time: 7pm for a 7:30pm start

Location: Magpies Club (11-37 Alexandria Parade, Waitara)

Cost: \$85 per person for buffet dinner

RSVP by 16 October: www.trybooking.com/1653047

If you wish to attend the dinner, please use the following link www.trybooking.com/1653047 to make your booking, or if you would like to support by way of a donation, we would be grateful if you could email Terry Scanlan at terry_scanlan@bigpond.com by 16 October 2026.

Kindly note that attendance numbers are limited to 30 and places will be allocated on first come first served basis.



Join us for Family Mass

Saturday, 24 October

5pm

OLPS Church
BBQ to follow

Sunday, 25 October

9:30am (Blessing of the Animals)

Sacred Heart Church
Morning tea to follow



Please join us, all are welcome.

Pymble Catholic Parish



Blessing of the Animals



Sunday, 25 October 9:30am



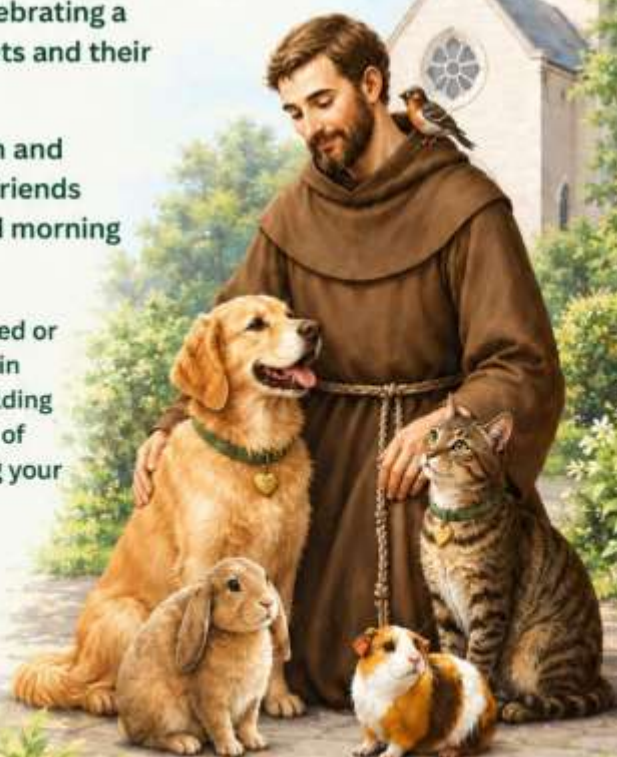
Sacred Heart Church, Pymble

In celebration of the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of Animals, we will be celebrating a special Mass for our pets and their owners.

Blessing of good health and wellbeing of our furry friends outside the Church and morning tea following Mass.

All animals must be leashed or in a crate, and must remain outside of the Church building at all times. Bring a photo of your pet if you can't bring your pet with you.

Everyone is welcome



Pymble Parish



CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2026

Register at trybooking.com/dpgkp

Overall Program:

The overall program includes the following events.

1. Presentation Mass,
2. Two formation sessions,
3. Confirmation practice,
4. Confirmation celebration.

Preparation Program:

Two formation sessions - parish-based group at Sacred Heart

Parish Session #1:
Saturday, 24 October at 3pm

Parish Session #2:
Saturday, 14 November at 3pm

Presentation Masses:

Saturday, 24 October
Sunday, 25 October
any mass, either church

Practice:

Saturday, 14 November at 4pm
(following Parish Session #2)
at Sacred Heart

Group Facilitator Session:

Sunday, 25 October
11:30am at Sacred Heart

Celebration:

Sunday, 22 November at 11:30am
at Sacred Heart

Registration closes on 16 October

Further information at www.pymblecatholicparish.org.au



Liturgy of the Word

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Entrance Antiphon Psalm 129: 3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

First Reading Isaiah 25: 6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations., he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people’s shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22 R.v. 6

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading Philippians 4: 23-14, 19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in

your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation See Ephesians 1: 17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 22: 1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son’s wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. “Tell those who have been invited” he said “that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding.” But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, “The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding.” So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, “How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?” And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.” For many are called, but few are chosen.’

Gospel Reflection

Meditation: What can a royal wedding party tell us about God's kingdom? One of the most beautiful images used in the Scriptures to depict what heaven is like is the wedding celebration and royal feast given by the King for his newly-wed son and bride. Whatever grand feast we can imagine on earth, heaven is the feast of all feasts because the Lord of heaven and earth invites us to the most important banquet of all - not simply as bystanders or guests - but as members of Christ's own body, his bride the church! The

last book in the Bible ends with an invitation to the wedding feast of the Lamb - the Lord Jesus who offered his life as an atoning sacrifice for our sins and who now reigns as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. The Spirit and the Bride say, Come! (Revelation 22:17). The Lord Jesus invites us to be united with himself in his heavenly kingdom of peace and righteousness.

Whose interests come first - God or mine?

Why does Jesus' parable of the marriage feast seem to focus on an angry king who ends up punishing those who refused his invitation and who mistreated his servants? Jesus' parable contains two stories. The first has to do with the original guests invited to the marriage feast. The king had sent out invitations well in advance to his subjects, so they would have plenty of time to prepare for coming to the feast. How insulting for the invited guests to then refuse when the time for celebrating came! They made light of the King's request because they put their own interests above his. They not only insulted the King but the heir to the throne as well. The king's anger is justified because they openly refused to give the king the honor he was due. Jesus directed this warning to the Jews of his day, both to convey how much God wanted them to share in the joy of his kingdom, but also to give a warning about the consequences of refusing his Son, their Messiah and Saviour.

An invitation we cannot refuse!

The second part of the story focuses on those who had no claim on the king and who would never have considered getting such an invitation. The "good and the bad" along the highways certainly referred to the Gentiles (non-Jews) and to sinners. This is certainly an invitation of grace - undeserved, unmerited favor and kindness! But this invitation also contains a warning for those who refuse it or who approach the wedding feast unworthily. God's grace is a free gift, but it is also an awesome responsibility.

God invites each of us as his friends to his heavenly banquet that we may celebrate with him and share in his joy. Are you ready to feast at the Lord's banquet table?

Lord Jesus, may I always know the joy of living in your presence and grow in the hope of seeing you face to face in your everlasting kingdom.

(c) Servants of the Word 2026

To access Fr Irek’s homily on YouTube, please scan the QR code or clink on this link:

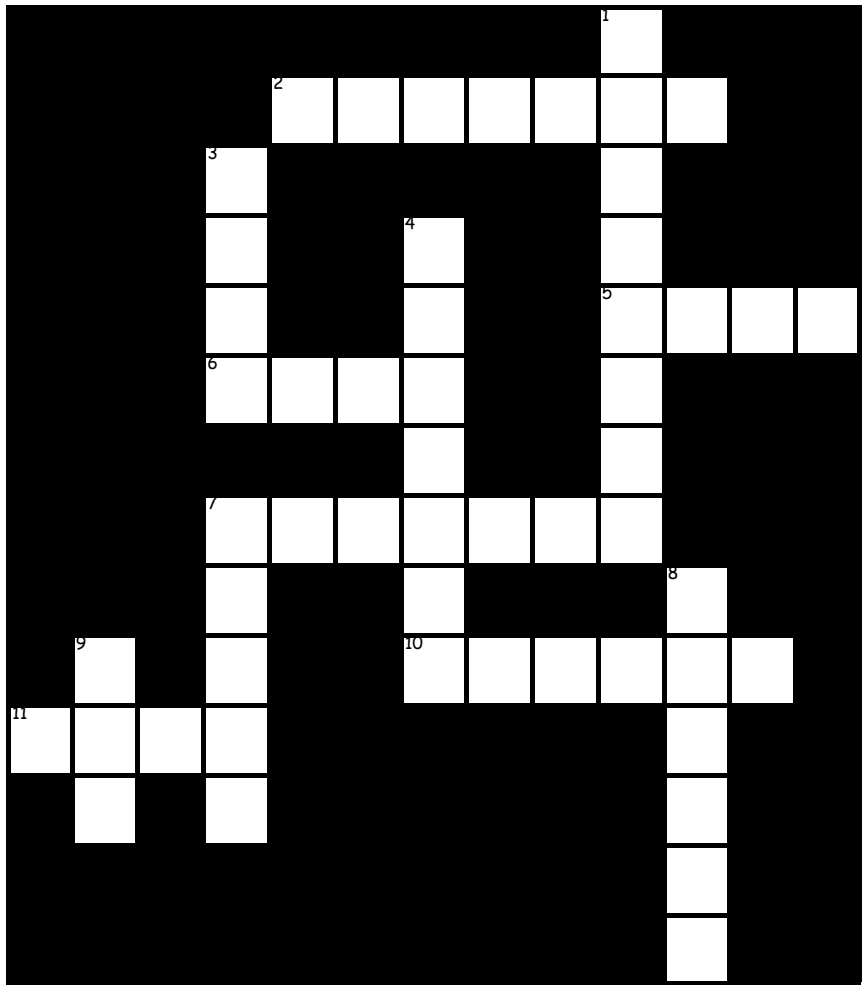


https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qbE_vYHiv4

Pymble Parish Roster - 17 & 18 October 2026		
Sacred Heart (Pymble)	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes	E Leahy	J Starnawski
Altar Servers	D & A Down	W Rusak
Readers	R Pazniewski	E Lloyd-Jones
Altar Society	17 October: Jo J & Kim	
Counters	18 October: M Tang / T Scanlan / G Hugh	
OLPS (West Pymble)	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 8:00am
Acolytes	J Pease	M D'Silva
Altar Servers	William & Magdalene	Volunteers needed
Readers	L Saba	R Millane
Altar Cloth	17 October: A Glover	

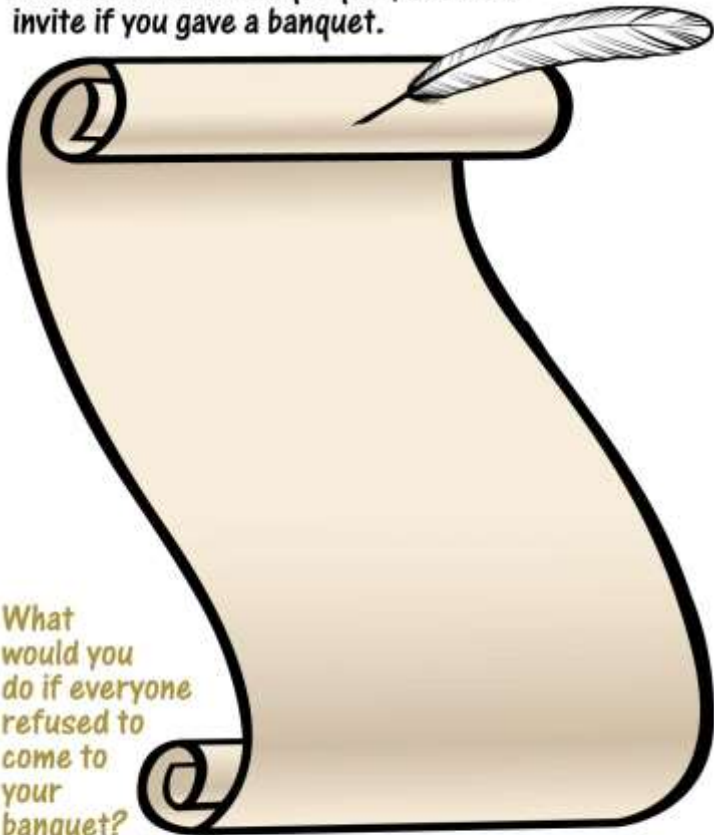
Children's Corner

The banquet is ready



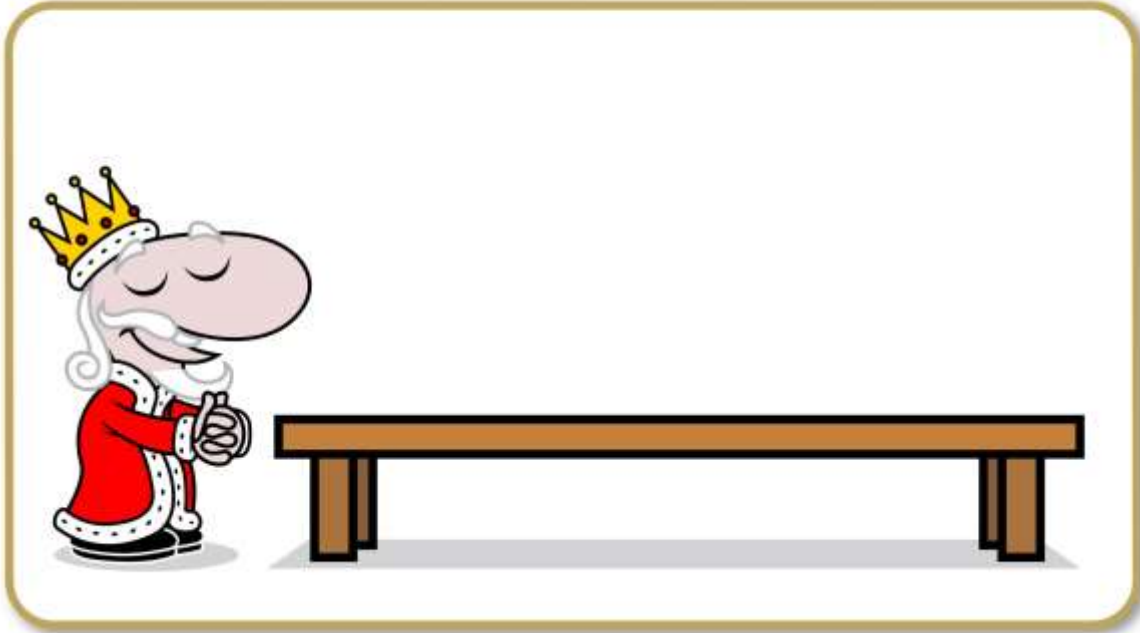
- Across
- 2: a lavish meal given to celebrate a special occasion
 - 5: a large group of soldiers
 - 6: nice, kind
 - 7: extremely angry, enraged
 - 10: people you invite
 - 11: people came from the streets and filled the banquet _ _ _ _
- Down
- 1: people who serve
 - 3: the _ _ _ _ gave a wedding banquet for his son
 - 4: a marriage celebration
 - 7: places where people grow food and raise animals
 - 8: a road that is lined with buildings
 - 9: a father and mother's male child

Make a list of all the people you would invite if you gave a banquet.



What would you do if everyone refused to come to your banquet?

When the invited guests refused to come, the king asked people from the streets to come to the banquet. On the table, draw the finest food for the banquet.



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

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

Yours in Christ,

Fr Ireneusz Czech SDS

Children, the young, and the vulnerable must be safe

Supported by adults who ...

CARE for us as we are a precious gift from God

RESPECT our rights, abilities, contributions, needs and wishes

ASK us how we are feeling and what we are thinking, ask us what we need

LISTEN to what we are really saying

TELL us about dangers – and what's being done to protect us

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