The Ascension of the Lord, Year B



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**





And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven.

Mark 16:19

Fr Irek will be away from <u>Monday, 13 May to Friday, 17 May</u>. Most of you will be familiar with **Fr Reinaldo Vassoler.** Fr Reinaldo will be here to assist with weekday Masses during this time. Please make Fr Reinaldo welcome. Please contact the Parish Office if you need assistance. POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY For the formation of religious and seminarians



We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Prayer for Mothers

Loving God,

We thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end.

We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of

love or time, or patience.

We ask you to bless them with your own special love. Amen.



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.

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:

Thursday, 16 June 2024 at 7:30pm Sacred Heart Church Bookings are essential A warm welcome to all our Parishioners who are celebrating the Eucharist with us this weekend.



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: 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

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SACRED HEART

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OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

Principal: Jodi Jefferson **Telephone:** (02) 7256 2101 www.olpsdbb.catholic.edu.au

Sacred Heart Pymble KM News



Kindergarten are very excited to be back at school. At the end of last term, we were focusing on the resurrection and exploring this in the Bible. This week, we focused on The Ascension through 'play-based' learning. This photo shows our figurines and how we reenact the Bible through prayer to help the students' understanding and faith development.





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> 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 Rebecca at rebecca@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH T	THIS WEEK	Nothing great is
Sunday, 12 MayAscension of the Lord (Solemnity)Mothers' Day8:00amMass at OLPS (Quiet Mass)9:30amMass at Sacred Heart6:00pmMass at Sacred HeartTuesday, 14 MaySt Matthias, apostle (Optional)9:00amMass at Sacred Heart7:30pmCharismatic Prayer Group	 Friday, 17 May Youth off the Streets Collection 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart with Adoration and Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Saturday, 18 May St John I, pope, martyr (Optional) 9:00am Mass at OLPS with morning prayer (Breviary) 4:00pm First Reconciliation Parish Class 	ever achieved without enduring much.
 7:30pm Lectio Formed: Mary Wednesday, 15 May 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart Thursday, 16 May 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart 6:00pm First Reconciliation & First Eucharist Parent/Candidate Information Evening 	 (by appointment only) 5:00pm Mass at OLPS Sunday, 19 May Pentecost Sunday (Solemnity) 8:00am Mass at OLPS (Quiet Mass) 9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart 10:30am First Reconciliation Parish Class (by appointment only) 6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart 	St Catherine of Siena (1347 - 1380)

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:

Marie Jones, Refaat Saber, Geoff Riley, Greg Tysoe, Nancy Dal Cin, Karenne Crow, Victor Ho, Ursula Middleton, Michael Ryan, Monica Wheeler, Lucy Sibyl Orenstein, Elizabeth George, Phuong Dung Le, David Gardener, Sarinder Tamana, Frieda Nassar, Bruce Fisher

Death Anniversaries:

Roy Freeman, Odette McLeod, Paul Augustus Mooney, Angus Ross, Santa Celio, Owen Thomas, Janine Parker, Lucia Sudiro, Judy Carson, Lilian Castillo, Judy, Carson, Owen Thomas, Edith & Harold Burford, Geoff & Dorothy Thomas, Luciano Dumrique

Prayers for the sick:

Gail O'Toole, Pamela Seaman, Joseph Hendryjanto, Margaret Browne, Danny Ung

Weekly prayer intention:

This week we thank God for the gift of our mothers. May God continue to bless our Mothers, ease their worry for the families you entrust to them, guide them in times of doubt, and hold them close when they are overwhelmed by both joy and sorrow. 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.

Join Us for the Rosary in May

We are pleased to announce that Maree Anderson and Louise Johnston will be leading the Rosary at **OLPS Church** each Thursday in May. This special gathering is open to children, parents, and all parishioners who wish to come together in prayer.

Details:

Parish Safeguarding

Dear Parishioners,

We take our responsibility to safeguard adults who ... the vulnerable, whether they be children, the young, the elderly or the CARE **RESPECT** our rights disabled very seriously. We work to for us as we are a abilities contributions ensure that no one is taken advantage precious gift from God needs and wishes of within our Parish. **TELL** us about LISTEN to dangers -ASK US If you have any concern about the and what's how we what we are treatment of a child, young person or are feeling. really saying being done to and what we are protect anyone within our parish environment, thinking, ask us)) please approach myself directly or 11 what we need Daniela Foote within the parish office on 02 9144 2702. SEE what other adults DO what they are _ are doing, and how supposed to do and what they are behaving they say they will do . Alternatively, you may wish to contact Ana Cosi, Safeguarding Manager (Chancery & Churches) on 02 8379 STEP UP AND SPEAK OUT 1651. when we are being hurt, bullied or treated badly Yours in Christ, Fr Ireneusz Czech SDS

Children, the young, and the vulnerable must be safe

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- Time:
- 8:25 AM
- Location:
- **Dates:**
- **OLPS** Church Every Thursday in May

We look forward to seeing many of you there as we lift our hearts together in prayer.



MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Loving God, As a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless our mother. Let the example of her faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, her family, may honour her always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

To all Mothers in our Parish Community, May you have a wonderful day with your family and may God shower you with His blessings. You are in my prayers.

Happy Mother's Day!

Fr Ireneusz

Parish Dinner

Despite the cold and wet weather, we had a great turn-out for our first Parish Dinner of the year last Friday. It was a fabulous opportunity for old and new friends to meet for a delectable meal. We are so grateful you were all able to join us.

Thank you to Marie, Joanne, Mary-Alice, Anne and Louise for organising this event and serving the delicious food, and thank you to everyone who attended.





Confirmation at Pymble Catholic Parish

Please continue to pray for our 65 Confirmation candidates as they finalise preparations for reception of this joyous sacrament.

> Confirmation celebrations will be on Sunday, 26 May at 11:30am and 1:30pm.

Each celebration will be a full mass.

These celebrations will be in addition to the usually scheduled masses. The Most Rev Anthony Randazzo, Bishop of Broken Bay, will be the celebrant.

All are welcome to attend.



SAVE THE DATE Saturday 1 June 2024

tasting

More details next week.



Reminder: May frozen meal donations for the Father Chris Riley's Youth Off The Streets off the streets program should be dropped of at the Parish office between 9am and 10am on Friday, 17 May 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.





NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE

The 2024 Diocesan count will commence this weekend and will take place over the next weekends in May:

- 11 & 12 May
- 18 & 19 May, and
- 25 & 26 May.

As always, we thank our parishioners for helping with this task over these coming weekends.

First Reconciliation & First Eucharist 2024





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

· Parent & Candidate Information Meeting: Thursday 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 4pm or Sunday 19 May at 10:30am **2nd** - **parish-facilitated group** Saturday 1 June 4pm or Sunday 2 June at 10:30am

Saturday 1 June or Sunday 2 June, at any mass, either church.

Tuesday 4 June at 4pm & 5:15pm at Sacred Heart OR Wednesday 5 June at 3:30pm & 4:15pm at OLPS

Saturday 27 July 4pm or Sunday 28 July at 10:30am

Saturday 3 August 4pm or Sunday 4 August at 10:30am

Saturday 27 July or Sunday 28 July, at any mass, either church

- \cdot Presentation Mass:
- \cdot NO Practice
- Service:



First Eucharist:

• Parent & Candidate Information Meeting: Thursday 16 May at 6:30pm Sacred Heart (combined with First Reconciliation)

1st - parish-facilitated group

2nd - parish-facilitated group

• Preparation Program:

Presentation Mass:

• Go to confession at least one more time prior to First Communion:

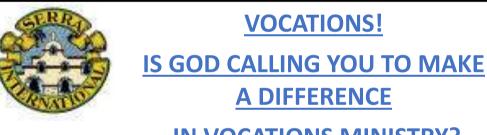
• Practice:

· Service:

9.30am Saturday at OLPS OR 8:45am Friday, 5:30pm Sunday at SH Thursday 8 August at 4pm at SH OR Thursday 15 August at 3:30pm at OLPS Sunday 11 August at 11:30am at SH OR Sunday 18 August at 11:00am at OLPS

Two formation sessions parish-facilitated group or home-based parent driven group

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



IN VOCATIONS MINISTRY?

SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

Father Kelvin Lovegrove Parish Priest of Holy Name Parish Wahroonga will be celebrating Mass for Serra at **Sacred Heart Church 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble** on Thursday 23rd May 2024.

The evening commences with Mass at **6.00 PM** followed by a light meal and a short meeting.

Following the meeting our guest speaker will be Tim Curran, Executive Director of CatholicCare in our Diocese who will provide us with an overview of all their activities.

Everyone is welcome. Please "come and see" and learn about all the



We give thanks to God for the blessing these pastoral works offer to those in hospital, at school, across neighbourhoods and local parishes of Broken Bay.

Parish numbers for the Pastoral Works Appeal:

Parish Quota 2023/24 Financial Year	\$39,997.00	
Amount raised in November 2023 plus	\$6,373.15	

amazing services provided by CatholicCare.

Please remember to pray <u>every day</u> 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.

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!

Give Now Donations		
Amount still to be raised	\$33,623.85	

It is essential for us to reach this goal to fulfill our commitment. Should we fall short, the remaining amount will need to be covered by funds from our second collection, which is vital for our parish's needs.

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible, ABN 87 849 944998.

To donate, complete and return an envelope in our Churches. Or online by scanning the QR code or visiting: www.tinyurl.com/2f2bbuyy

Liturgy of the Word The Ascension of the Lord

Entrance Antiphon Acts 1:11

Second Reading Ephesians 1: 17-23

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into

heaven

will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 1: 1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had Domination, or any other name that can be continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been to come. He has put all things under his feet, at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the head of the Church; which is his body, the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what fullness of him who fills the whole creation. you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

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

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

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

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

All peoples, clap your hands, 1.

A reading from the letter of St John

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

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 28: 19-20

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel <u>Mark 16: 15-20</u>

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

that he had risen indeed and to prepare them for the task of carrying on the work which he began during his earthy ministry.

The Risen Lord Jesus is with us always to the end of time

Jesus' departure and ascension was both an end and a beginning for his disciples. While it was the end of Jesus' physical presence with his beloved disciples, it marked the beginning of Jesus' presence with them in a new way. Jesus promised that he would be with them always to the end of time (Matthew 28:20). Now as the glorified and risen Lord and Savior, ascended to the right hand of the Father in heaven, Jesus promised to send them the Holy Spirit who would anoint them with power on the Feast of Pentecost, just as Jesus was anointed for his ministry at the River Jordan. When the Lord Jesus departed physically from the apostles, they were not left in sorrow or grief. Instead, they were filled with joy and with great anticipation for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

The Risen Lord empowers us to carry on his work

Jesus' last words to his apostles point to his saving mission and to their mission to be witnesses of his saving death and his glorious resurrection and to proclaim the good news of salvation to all the world. Their task is to proclaim the Gospel - the good news of salvation - not only to the people of Israel, but to all the nations as well. God's love and gift of salvation is not reserved for a few or for one nation alone, but it is for the whole world - for all who will accept it. The Gospel is the power of God, the power to release people from their burden of guilt, sin, and oppression, and the power to heal, restore, and make us whole. Do you believe in the power of the Gospel?

We are ambassadors for Jesus Christ

This is the great commission which the risen Christ gives to the whole church. All believers have been given a share in this task - to be heralds of the good news and ambassadors for Jesus Christ, the only savior of the world. We have not been left alone in this task, for the risen Lord works in and through us by the power of his Holy Spirit. Today we witness a new Pentecost as the Lord pours out his Holy Spirit upon his people to renew and strengthen the body of Christ and to equip it for effective ministry and mission world-wide. Do you witness to others the joy of the Gospel and the hope of the resurrection?

cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. (R.)

- God goes up with shouts of joy; 2. the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)
- God is king of all the earth. 3. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

Gospel Reflection

Meditation: Why did Jesus leave his disciples forty days after his resurrection? Forty is a significant number in the scriptures. Moses went to the mountain to seek the face of God for forty days in prayer and fasting. The people of Israel were in the wilderness for forty years in preparation for their entry into the promised land. Elijah fasted for forty days as he journeyed in the wilderness to the mountain of God. For forty days after his resurrection Jesus appeared numerous times to his disciples to assure them

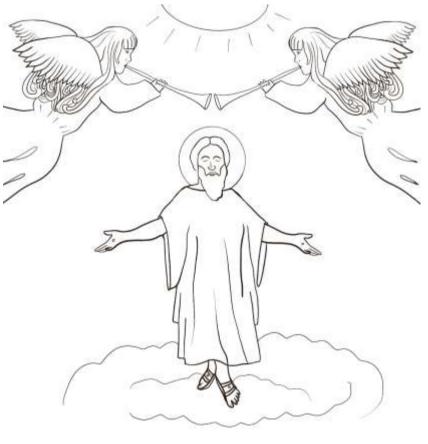
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Pymble Parish Roster 18/19 May 2024				
Sacred Heart (Pymble)	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 6pm		
Acolytes	E Leahy	A Wahab		
Altar Servers	M & G Heng	W Rusak		
Readers	D Fung / W Yu	E Thomas / L Joshi		
Altar Society	18 May: Susan / Beth			
Counters	19 May: C Gwynn / J Li / T Scanlan			
OLPS (West Pymble)	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 8:ooam		
Acolytes	G Lynch	C De Sousa		
Altar Servers	E & Z Victor	W & M Saba / M Jordan		
Readers	D Stephenson	L Treacy		
Altar Cloth	18 May: N Simpkins			

Children's Corner



Ascension

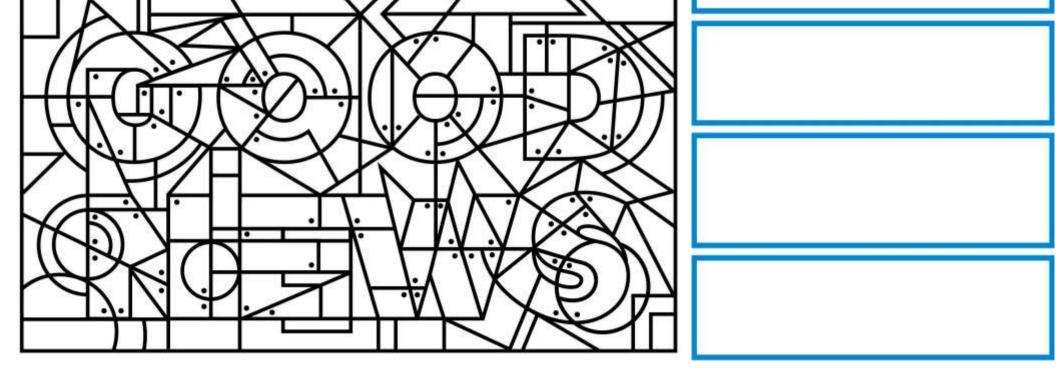
Colour in all the shapes that contain dots to reveal what Jesus wants everyone to know.



How many words can you make from the letters in the word ASCENSION?



What are some special things we can do for others because of our belief in Jesus?



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