



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



"At midnight there was a cry,
'The bridegroom is here!
Go out and meet him.'"



Matthew 25:6

A Prayer for Peace

Compassionate God and Father of all,
we are horrified at violence
in so many parts of the world.
It seems that none are safe,
and some are terrified.

Hold back the hands that kill and maim;
turn around the hearts that hate.
Grant instead your strong Spirit of Peace -
peace that passes our understanding
but changes lives,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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, 4 December 2023
7:30pm**

Sacred Heart Church

Bookings are essential.



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER



For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills
his mission, may he continue to
accompany the flock entrusted to him,
with the help of the Holy Spirit.



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



Noah

who will baptised
this weekend at our Parish.

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



Parish Team

Pastoral care

Salvatorian Fathers

Parish Priest: Fr. Ireneusz Czech SDS

Email: fr.irek@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Youtube: [youtube.com/@IreneuszCzech](https://www.youtube.com/@IreneuszCzech)

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Assistant Parish Priest: Fr. Paul Tran SDS

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Parish Staff

Parish Secretary: Daniela Foote

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Sacramental Coordinator: Melanie Benbow

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CCD Coordinator: Michele Brack

Email: michele@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Youtube QR code:



Podbean QR code:



Parish Mass Times

Sacred Heart

2 Richard Porter Way, Pymble NSW 2073

Weekdays:

Tuesday to Friday 9:00am

Rosary: Tuesday to Friday after morning Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday after morning Mass

Weekend:

Saturday (Vigil Mass): 5:30pm

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

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

Sunday 5:30pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

64 Kendall St, West Pymble, NSW, 2073

Weekdays:

Tuesday: 12pm

During School Term as advertised in the Parish weekly calendar section

Weekend:

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

Sunday: 9:00am

Reconciliation: Saturday 9:30am

Contact details

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 Baptisms and Weddings please contact Daniela in the Parish Office.

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

PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

SACRED HEART

Principal: Mary Hor

Telephone: (02) 7256 2142

www.shpddb.catholic.edu.au

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

Principal: Jodi Jefferson

Telephone: (02) 7256 2101

LECTIO: JESUS CALLS

Catholics can impact the world for Jesus Christ With Dr Mary Healy



INVITATION

You are invited to join our 10 part **Jesus Calls** series based on the Lectio program by Dr Mary Healy.

CONTEXT

Practical advice showing how modern Catholics can effectively impact their world. Explore topics such as the call of Jesus, the power of the Sacraments, the role of charisms, techniques from St Paul for reaching a secular culture ...

TOPICS

The series topics include:

- Why Study Acts?
- Clothed with Power
- Proclaiming the Kerygma (proclamation)
- Signs and Wonders
- How Jesus Makes an Evangelist
- Sacraments and the Spirit
- Leadership in the Church
- Charisms of the Spirit
- Joy in Persecution
- The Belly of the Beast

JOIN IN

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

Friday, 13 October 2023
From 10am-11:30am Via Zoom
And following weekly

DR MARY HEALY

Dr Mary Healy is professor of Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit and an author and international speaker. She is a general editor of the Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture.



FOR INFORMATION AND RSVP

(02) 9144 2702

PYMBLE CATHOLIC PARISH
2 RICHARD PORTER WAY PYMBLE



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Volunteer Accountant/Finance Officer

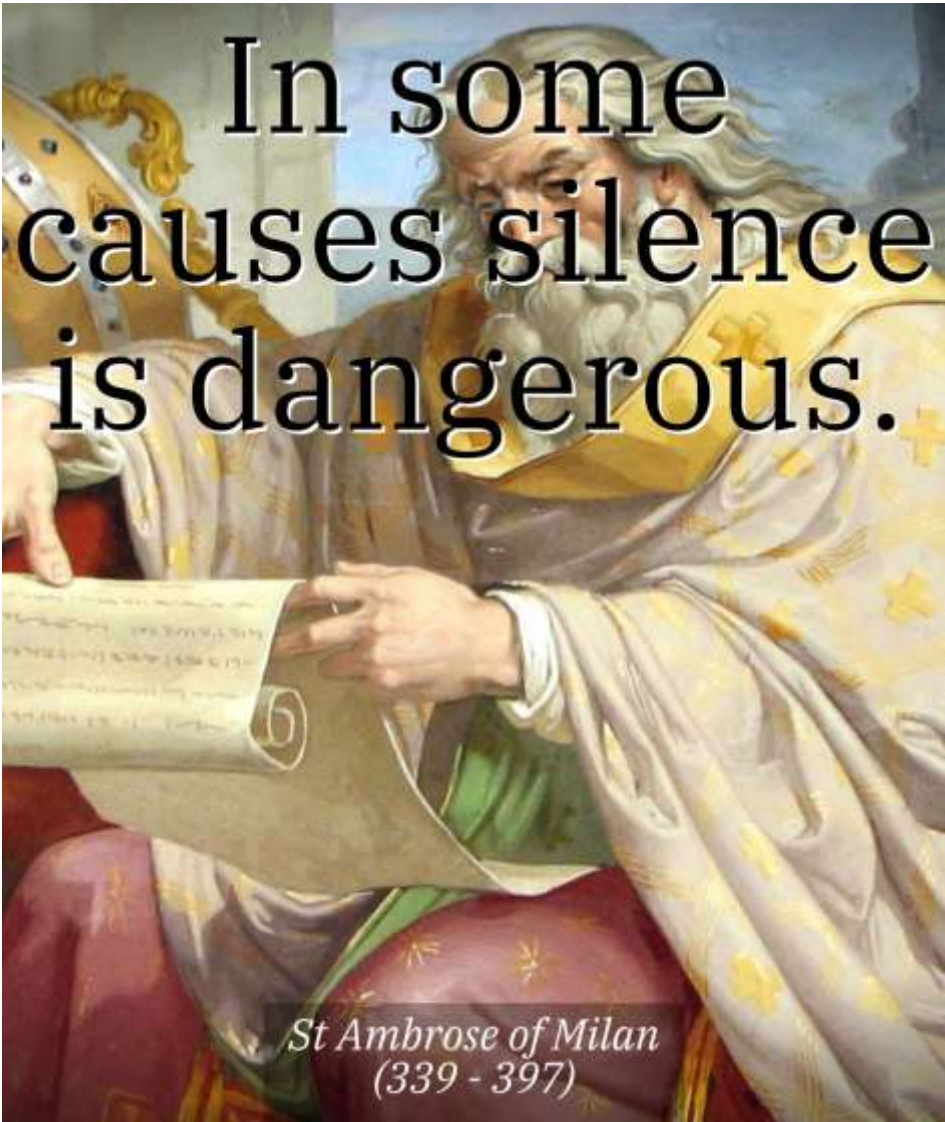
Are you a retired Accountant looking to contribute your financial skills to a Catholic Charity?

Palms Australia facilitates our response, as church, to global communities who seek mentors to build the capacity of their organisations and individuals and so reduce poverty. Securing a part-time volunteer Accountant will allow Palms to use more of their donations to recruit, prepare, send, and support the qualified and experienced Catholics who volunteer for our mission abroad.

Kevin Wilson will be delighted to discuss the possibilities.
Ph 9560 5333 OR E-mail kevin@palms.org.au

WHAT’S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, 12 November 7:45am Mass at Sacred Heart 9:00am Mass at OLPS 9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart 6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart Tuesday, 14 November 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart 12:00pm Mass at OLPS 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group Wednesday, 15 November St Albert the Great, bishop, doctor (Optional) 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart 11:00am Mass at Horton House 4:00pm Baptism Class for Primary Children (by appointment only) Thursday, 16 November 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart	Friday, 17 November St Elizabeth of Hungary 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart with Adoration and Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus 10:00am Lectio: Jesus Calls (via ZOOM) Saturday, 18 November Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul, apostles (Optional) 9:00am Mass at OLPS 5:00pm Mass at OLPS 5:30pm Mass at Sacred Heart Sunday, 19 November World Day of the Poor 7:45am Mass at Sacred Heart 9:00am Mass at OLPS 9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart 6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart
The Rosary is recited after all weekday Masses	



Parish Prayer Zone

Praying for others gets our focus off ourselves and onto the needs of those around us. As we “carry each other’s burdens,” we “will fulfil the law of Christ” (Galatians 6:2). Praying for each other makes us stronger and helps us to grow our faith and Christian love.

Recently Deceased:

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

Death Anniversaries:

Silvya Albert, Charles & Joan Bernie, erlinda Guyot & Elena Yu, Vicente Tan Snr & Rosario Tan, Veronica Schreuder, Les Cashman, Lydia Tan, Manuel Tan, Simeon Lagura, Catalina Lagura, Paula Freeman, M. V. Francis, Judith English, Ric Cashman, Desmond Buckley, Mina De Mello, Mary Costa Silva, Carmel Conway, John English, May Lan Mary Seeto, Ronald Chandler, Alison De Marco

Prayers for the sick:

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

Weekly prayer intention:

This week we pray for all the students undertaking their HSC exams at the moment. Give them the gifts of wisdom, right judgement, knowledge and courage. Bless them with calm hearts and clarity of mind as they sit for their exams. 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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

We are setting up a roster for private adoration **every Friday from 8am to 9pm**. Thank you to those who have placed their names down. If you wish to be part of this, please place your name and contact details for an hour each Friday on the form that is placed outside the Crying Room. We can have up to four people at any time. Please contact the Parish Office if you need further information.

Friday Roster for the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

8am - 8.45am	Peter	4pm - 5pm	Paulette
10am - 11am	Lynette, Ximena	5pm - 6pm	Cindy, Marie
11am - 12pm		6pm - 7pm	Eric
12pm - 1pm		7pm - 8pm	Elzbieta
1pm - 2pm	Gerry & Carmen	8pm - 9pm	Paul, Rod
2pm - 3pm			
3pm - 4pm	Jo		



“Frequent visits to the Blessed Sacrament will turn ordinary men into Saints.”

- St. John Bosco

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



St Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas and Hamper Appeal

This weekend marks the launch of the Annual Vinnies Christmas and Hamper Appeal.

Hamper Cards are available at the back of the Church this weekend. Boxes are available for packing your hampers. Please take a card and return your hamper on the weekend of 2/3 December.

Please return the hampers to:

- **For OLPS**, please leave at the back of the Church before 11am on 3 December for dispatch to Glebe
- **For Sacred Heart**, please leave in the Crying Room before 7pm on 3 December for dispatch to Wyong and our local clients

If you are unable to provide a family hamper, there are cards on the notice board for small gifts which will be delivered by Vinnies volunteers to lonely residents in Aged Care facilities in our community who will have no family.

When choosing your gift or hamper contents, please do not include alcohol or chocolate (as it will melt).

Please sign the sheet for tracking purposes when taking a hamper or gift card. You should also identify each of the boxes by the hamper number/gift number and the Hamper card attached to each box. If your hamper comprise of more than one box, be sure to mark boxes with a marking pen, with "1 of 2" and "2 of 2" etc so that they are not separated.

If you are unable to assist with a hamper or gift, then you are invited to make a cash donation. Envelopes for this purpose are on the table at the back of the church. If your details are on the envelope, you will receive a tax deductible receipt.

As in previous years, your generosity is greatly appreciated by Vinnies clients and members.

Christmas Hamper Content Suggestions

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| • Christmas Stocking | • Noodles |
| • Christmas Pudding | • Pasta |
| • Dried Fruit | • Pasta Sauce (jar) |
| • Rice | • Large Cans of Tuna |
| • Canned Ham | • Long Life Custard |
| • Peanut butter | • Rice crackers |
| • Cans of Salad Vegetables | • Vegemite |
| • Cordial | • Shortbread |
| • Christmas Cake | • Large Cans of Fruit |
| • Tea/Coffee | • Baked Beans |
| • Mince Pies | • Long Life Milk |
| • Cake Mix | • Sultanas |
| • Jelly | • Breakfast Cereal |
| • Jam | • Toiletries (soap, shampoo, etc) |

Important:

Please do not include alcohol, and no chocolate please (as it will melt).

Remember: A wrapped hamper looks good and brings the spirit of Christmas to the recipients. But please use strong paper so that it does not tear easily in transit.

Thank you for your Support!

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



Join us for St Vincent de Paul

COMMISSIONING MASS

Pymble St Vincent de Paul invites all parishioners to attend **9.30 am** Mass on **November 19** at **Sacred Heart** to share in the commissioning ceremony of members of the Society. This is a very special occasion for Vinnies members and one that we would like to share with the whole Parish Community.

Following the Commissioning Mass all parishioners are invited to Morning Tea as a thank you and acknowledgment of the generous support which we receive from the Parish community at Sacred Heart Church and School and OLPS Church and School.

We would also like to at this time formally thank Fr Irek and Fr Paul for their unwavering support of the work we do within the wider community.

NOVEMBER MASSES

During the month of November we will pray for the deceased by offering a Mass every day for those whose names are on the special November envelopes. The envelopes are available at the back of the Church, so please collect one if you wish to include your deceased relatives and friends in our prayers.

Please write their names on the envelopes and return your envelope to the Parish Office or one of the priests.

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Second hand, good
quality glasses!



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Champagne flutes,
wine glasses, and
highball glasses!

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Afternoon Tea at OLPS Church



A very well attended afternoon tea at OLPS on 4th November.
Stay tuned for the next afternoon tea of cake and fellowship.





Family Mass


SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER

SACRED HEART CHURCH 9:30AM

You are warmly invited to Family Mass on Sunday 26 November, hosted by Kindergarten families.

Family Mass is an opportunity for our community to come together, celebrate the Eucharist and listen to the Gospel. This joyful celebration will be followed by morning tea. Come and enjoy Mass and the good company of our beautiful community.

Family Mass Student Choir - A fun way for students of all ages to participate in Mass, all students are welcome to join in the choir. Please arrive at Church by 8:45am for rehearsal.

Father Chris Riley's youth off the streets®

Reminder: November 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, 17 November 2023**. 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.

Thank you for your support.



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.

Pymble Parish Nativity Play



Join the Nativity Play - Spread the Joy of Christmas!

Be Part of a Timeless Tradition at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, West Pymble (OLPS), and Sacred Heart Church, Pymble Are you ready to be a star in our Nativity Play? We are calling all children to bring the magic of Christmas to life through this heartwarming production. Share the stage with us and make unforgettable memories!

When: Sunday, 24th December 2023
Time: 5:00 PM - Mass at OLPS (Play participation only)
 5:30 PM - Mass at Sacred Heart (Play or Choir participation)

If you would like to participate, please contact:

Louise Johnston - louise.johnston@dbb.catholic.edu.au for the 5:00 PM Mass at OLPS or,
Liz Tamana - elizabethetamana@gmail.com for the 5:30 PM Mass at Sacred Heart.

RSVP by 24th November

Sacred Heart Schedule:

Nativity Play Rehearsals:

- December 8th: 3:15 PM - 4:30 PM
- December 13th: 3:15 PM - 4:30 PM
- December 22nd: 9:30 AM

Choir & Music Rehearsals:

- December 22nd: 9:30 AM
- December 24th: 3:30 PM (before the 5:00 PM Mass)

Let's come together to celebrate the spirit of Christmas and create beautiful memories. Your participation and dedication will make this Nativity Play truly special. We look forward to sharing this magical experience with you!



Music for Pymble Parish

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 OLPS
- A music co-ordinator

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

OLPS KIDS PLAY

SCHOOL READINESS AND TODDLER PLAYGROUP

Fridays – during school term
9.00 AM – 10.00 AM

OLPS Catholic Primary School
64 Kendall St West Pymble 2073

Scan for dates and
to register:



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

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



SEE what other adults
are doing, and how
they are behaving

DO what they are
supposed to do and what
they say they will do



STEP UP AND SPEAK OUT

when we are being hurt, bullied or treated badly.

SACRED HEART PYMBLE KIDS PLAY

9:00 - 10:00 on the following days:
18th October, 15th November
and 29th November



School readiness
and toddler
playgroup - available
for all ages



Scan for
details
and to
register



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 the God's Word. The dates for Term 4 are as follows:



Sacred Heart Sunday 9:30am Mass	OLPS Sunday 9am Mass
19 November 3 December	Every Sunday during School term

Thanksgiving Mass for our OLPS Volunteers Sunday 3 December 2023 at 9:00 am



Thank you and blessings to our Parishioners who have assisted throughout this year and in past years during our rich 63 year history.

Altar Servers

Acolytes

Readers

Musicians

Eucharistic ministers

Collection Counters

Altar Society (floral arrangements)

And the care and laundering of the Mass cloths

Your contribution to OLPS Parish life is so necessary and appreciated and we thank you most sincerely.

Please join us for morning tea after Mass.

Sisters of Saint Joseph

THE 2024 JOSEPHITE CALENDAR

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ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

The 2024 Calendar includes:

Key events in the life of Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods

Significant dates in Josephite history
Liturgical Calendar and Feasts of the Catholic Church

Public Holidays

School term dates

Phases of the Moon

Pull out **Yearly Planner**

Space for personal notes

Orders may be placed online at the link below.

tinyurl.com/2ap4m6vs

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02 8741 2333

Sisters of Saint Joseph
Burwood NSW



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Students with disabilities

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HORNSBY CATHEDRAL PARISH

Position Vacant at Hornsby Cathedral Parish Office

Hornsby Cathedral Parish is seeking to recruit a Administration Assistant working 5 days/35 hours per week in their Parish Office at Waitara.

The role plays an important part in the Parish team, with a wide range of responsibilities including general administrative tasks, working with the Parish team on Parish communications to profile and raise awareness of programs and ministries within the Parish, maintaining parish records including sacramental register updates, taking bookings for sacraments including baptisms and funerals, assisting with the setup of parish facilities for events and much more.

The ideal candidate will have a good understanding of, and commitment to, Catholic values and teachings, experience in an office administrative role, well-developed communication and interpersonal skills and time management skills and proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite.

The role requires a physical presence in the office, with a schedule to be Monday-Friday 9am-4.30pm.

If this role interests you, please email a brief cover letter and CV to Fr Brendan Lee via email: Brendan.lee@bbcatholic.org.au
Applications close **Sunday 19 November 2023**.

This role will be subject to a WWCC and National Police History Check.

Our Lady OF DOLOURS

Footprints Mass



There is no foot too small that it will not leave an imprint in the world

Please join us for a special Mass for all our deceased children through pregnancy loss

Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood Parish
94 Archer Street Chatswood

Wednesday 15 November 6pm

We invite you, and all those affected by miscarriage and stillbirth to come and hold the life of your deceased children before the Lord, in whom everyone lives and in whom no one is lost



SALVATORIAN'S FOUNDATION DAY

142nd Anniversary of the Salvatorian Order

Join us to celebrate with Mass at 6pm followed by a light supper in the Jordan Room. All welcome!

8th December | St Patrick's Church Gosford



Please **RSVP** to the Parish office on 02 9144 2702 or via email to info@pymblecatholicparish.org.au by **Monday, 27th November** for catering purposes.



The ACBC's National Centre for Evangelisation has opened applications for the 2024/2025 Australian Young Catholic Women's Fellowship. The Fellowship has been offered since 2006, with fifty-five participants going on to new and groundbreaking leadership roles in the church and beyond.

The 2024/2025 Fellowship is a continued evolution of the experience. The Fellowship will support eight young women aged between 25-35 years. It continues to include financial and pastoral support to complete a Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies (ACU's Leadership for Mission course), while enhancing networking, spiritual direction, and discernment of charisms and leadership potential.

A more detailed outline of Fellowship inclusions and schedule can be found at www.nce.catholic.org.au/womensfellowship.

Applications close Thursday 16 November.

For all enquiries, contact Sharon Brewer via info@nce.catholic.org.au

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Diaconal Ordination of **Joseph Martin HIEN VU**

All are invited to attend the Diaconal Ordination of Hien.

Date: 24 November 2023
Time: 7:30pm
Location: St Leonard's Naremburn, Lower North Shore Parish

To assist with the planning and catering following Mass, can you please provide advise the parish office if you would like to attend by Tuesday 14th November 2023 by phone on 02 91442702 or via email to info@pymblecatholicparish.org.au



Liturgy of the Word

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Entrance Antiphon

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading

Wisdom 6: 12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she
makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no
trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully
grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly
leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who
are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as they
go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm 62:2-8

(R.) *My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

- 1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
- 2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary,
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak you praise. (R.)
- 3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)
- 4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

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

We want you to be quite certain, brothers,
about those who have died, to make sure that
you do not grieve about them, like the other
people who have no hope. We believe that
Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the
same for those who have died in Jesus: God will
bring them with him. We can tell you this from
the Lord’s own teaching, that any of us who are
left alive until the Lord’s coming will not have
any advantage over those who have died. At

the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel
will call out the command and the Lord himself
will come down from heaven; those who have
died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then
those of us who are still alive will be taken up in
the clouds, together with them, to meet the
Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord
for ever. With such thoughts as these you
should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 25: 1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: ‘The
kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten
bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet
the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and
five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did
take their lamps, but they brought no oil,
whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as
well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late,
and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at
midnight there was a cry, “The bridegroom is
here! Go out and meet him.” At this, all those
bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps,
and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones,
“Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going
out.” But they replied, “There may not be
enough for us and for you; you had better go to
those who sell it and buy some for yourselves.”
They had gone off to buy it when the
bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready
went in with him to the wedding hall and the
door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived
later. “Lord, Lord,” they said, “open the door
for us.” But he replied, “I tell you solemnly, I do
not know you.” So stay awake, because you do
not know either the day or the hour.’

Gospel Reflection

Meditation: Are you missing out on what's most
important in life? Being unprepared can lead to
unnecessary trouble and even disaster! What
good is a life-jacket left on the shore when the
boat is sinking? Jesus' story of ten single ladies
waiting for a wedding procession in the middle
of the night seems strange to most westerners
today. But Jesus' audience knew all too well
how easily this could happen to them.

Don't miss the most important engagement of all
Wedding customs in ancient Palestine required
extra vigilance and preparation for everyone
involved. (Some near eastern villages still follow
this custom.) The bride and groom did not go

away for their honeymoon, but celebrated for
a whole week with their family and friends. It
was the custom for the groom, in company
with his friends, to come at his discretion and
get his bride and bring her to their new home.
They would take the longest route possible so
that many villagers along the way could join in
the wedding procession. Once they arrived
and closed the doors, no one else could be
admitted. If the groom decided to come and
bring his bride at night, then lights were
required by necessity to guide the travellers
through the dark and narrow streets. No one
was allowed on the village streets at night
without a lamp!

To show up for a wedding party without
proper attire and travel arrangements is like
trying to get into a special event today that
requires a prearranged permit or reservation.
You just don't get in without the proper pass.
Can you imagine the frustration travellers
might experience when going abroad and
finding out that they can't get into some
country because they don't have the right visa
or a valid passport.

The consequences of being unprepared to meet the Lord

Jesus warns us that there are consequences
for being unprepared. There are certain things
you cannot obtain at the last moment. For
example, students cannot prepare for their
exams when the day of testing is already upon
them. A person cannot get the right kind of
character, strength, and skill required for a
task at hand unless they already possess it,
such as a captain with courage and nautical
skills who must steer a ship through a
dangerous storm at sea.

When the Lord Jesus comes to lead you to his
heavenly banquet will you be ready to hear his
voice and follow? Our eternal welfare depends
on our hearing, and many have trained
themselves to not hear. We will not be
prepared to meet the Lord, face to face, when
he calls us on the day of judgment, unless we
listen to him today. The Lord invites us to feast
at his heavenly banquet table. Are you ready?

**Lord Jesus, make me vigilant and attentive to
your voice that I may heed your call at all
times. May I find joy in your presence and
delight in doing your will.**

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Sacred Heart (Pymble)	Saturday 5.30pm	Sunday 7.45am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 6.00pm
Acolytes	L Hopcroft	T McLeod	R Samson	P Adams
Altar Servers	M & G Heng	Volunteers	N Liem A De Souza	N Adams
Music	L Drinkwater M Drylie	Quiet Mass	E Cho J Whiting	T Sato
Projector	J Witcombe	P Tang	M Ordonio	J Duffy
Readers	Volunteer	C Kipps	M Grattan	Youth
Altar Society	18 November: Susan / Beth			
Counters	19 November: J Li / T Scanlan / M Tang			
OLPS (West Pymble)	Saturday 5.00pm		Sunday 9.00am	
Acolytes	G Lynch		I Chisholm	
Altar Servers	M & A Chisholm		W & M Saba M Jordan	
Readers	D Stephenson		L Johnston H Roche	
Music and Projector	E & A Chan			
Altar Cloth	18 November: A Glover			

Children's Corner

Which two of these lamps are exactly the same?



Help Jesus tell the story of the girls with oil lamps. Add words and pictures to the story.

Ten girls went to a _____ and waited for the groom.

Five were foolish. They took their lamps but no extra ____.

Five were _____. They took extra oil for their lamps.

The _____ was late. The foolish girls asked for some oil, but the wise girls did not have enough to share.

While the _____ girls were buying more oil, the groom arrived. Everyone went inside and closed the doors.

The foolish girls returned. They shouted, "Open the _____!", but they were not allowed inside.

What words would you use to describe the wise girls and the foolish girls?

The wise girls

The foolish girls

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