



# 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 SALVATORIANS' 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY IN PYMBLE**



"Be patient with me,  
and I will pay you  
back in full."

Matthew 18:16

## A Prayer for Unconditional Mercy

Heavenly Father, You have shown us boundless mercy, forgiving our countless debts and sins through the sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Give us the grace of an open and humble heart, so that we may never hold grudges, measure our forgiveness, or harbour bitterness toward others. Wash away any lingering resentment within us, and teach us to extend the same unconditional mercy to our brothers and sisters—forgiving them not just seven times, but seventy-seven times.

May our gratitude for Your infinite love transform us into instruments of Your peace and compassion in the world.

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](mailto:office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au)



**Pope Leo XIV's  
official prayer  
intention for  
September**

### For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.



## 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](http://www.sds.org.au)



We welcome to Pymble Parish  
the newest member of  
our community

**Lara**

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

Pastoral care

Salvatorian Fathers

Parish Priest: Fr. Ireneusz Czech SDS

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Youtube 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:

Sunday: 9:30am, 6:00pm

Reconciliation:

Tuesday - Friday 8:45am

Sunday 9:15am, 5:30pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

64 Kendall St, West Pymble, NSW, 2073

Weekend:

Saturday: 9:00am

Saturday: 5:00pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 8:00am (Quiet Mass)

Reconciliation:

Saturday 9:30am, 4:45pm

Sunday 7:45am

Contact details

Address: 2 Richard Porter Way, Pymble, NSW 2073

Postal address: PO BOX 94 St Ives NSW 2075

Telephone: (02) 9144 2702

Email: office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Website: www.pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Office hours: Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 3:30pm & Friday 9am to 3:30pm

For information about Weddings please contact the Parish Office.  
For information about the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Eucharist, please contact Rebecca

Giving at the Parish

The **First Collection** goes to the upkeep of the clergy, Salvatorian Regional Office and the Broken Bay Diocese sustentation funds.

The **Second Collection** goes towards maintaining our Churches and the upkeep of the Parish, supporting the ministries of our Parish (including our Sacramental programs and Catechist work), helping us continue our good works.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



First Collection



Second Collection

Parish Primary Schools

Sacred Heart

Principal: Brenda Timp

Telephone: (02) 7256 2142

www.shpdbb.catholic.edu.au

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Principal: Jodi Jefferson

Telephone: (02) 7256 2101

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PRAYER TO CONTEMPLATION

Prayer, meditation and contemplation





Invitation

You are invited to join our ten part series **Prayer to Contemplation** with David Torkington

Context

With a love and fascination of the spiritual life found in the Early Church, knowing that it is prayer, more than anything else, that is needed in the Church today, David Torkington presents his teaching on prayer, meditation and contemplation in this series Prayer to Contemplation.

Topics

The series topics include:

- Contemplation
- The Morning Offering
- Morning Prayer Blueprint
- Daily Prayer
- Evening Prayer
- Repentance, Prayer and Sacrifice
- Meditation to Contemplation
- How to Meditate
- A Personal Journey
- Back to the Future

Join In

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

7pm alternate Tuesday evenings

Sacred Heart Church Pymble

Next event 15 September 2026

David Torkington

Drawing from from Franciscan and Carmelite traditions, David is a prominent spiritual theologian, author, and speaker specialising in prayer, Christian spirituality, and theology.



For further information:

 (02) 9144 2702

PYMBLE CATHOLIC PARISH

2 RICHARD PORTER WAY PYMBLE

Sydney Rally for Life 2026

LIFE RALLY

Sydney

Every year in New South Wales, thousands of unborn babies lose their lives to abortion. In 2024 alone, 17,740 babies lost their lives to abortion in NSW. NSW law allows abortion up to birth.

This is our opportunity to send a clear message to every NSW MP: the public is watching, we will not accept abortion up to birth, and we expect our elected representatives to act.

This rally is our moment to be seen and to be heard. To stand for the unborn children who have no voice and to demand better from our state.

Date: Tuesday, 15 September 2026

Time: 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Location: Outside NSW Parliament House

6 Macquarie Street, Sydney

For more information, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/526ske74>

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WHAT’S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

**Saturday, 12 September**  
*The Most Holy Name of Mary (Optional)*  
**Presentation Masses**  
9:00am Mass at OLPS with Morning Prayer (Breviary)  
3:00pm First Eucharist Formation Session #1 at Sacred Heart  
5:00pm Mass at OLPS

**Sunday, 13 September**  
**Safeguarding Sunday**  
**Presentation Masses**  
8:00am Mass at OLPS (quiet)  
9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart  
6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart

**Tuesday, 15 September**  
*Our Lady of Sorrows (Memorial)*  
9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart  
7:00pm Faith Formation at Sacred Heart: Prayer, Meditation and Contemplation  
7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group at Sacred Heart

**Wednesday, 16 September**  
*Sts Cornelius, pope, martyr, and Cyprian, bishop, martyr (Memorial)*  
6:30am Men’s Fellowship Meeting at Replay Espresso Turramurra  
9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart  
12:00pm Mass at OLPS

**Thursday, 17 September**  
*St Hildegard of Bingen, virgin, doctor (Optional)*  
*St Robert Bellarmine, bishop, doctor (Optional)*  
9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

**Friday, 18 September**  
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, 19 September**  
*St Januarius, bishop, martyr (Optional)*  
9:00am Mass at OLPS with Morning Prayer (Breviary)  
3:00pm First Eucharist Formation Session #2 at Sacred Heart  
5:00pm Mass at OLPS

**Sunday, 20 September**  
8:00am Mass at OLPS (quiet)  
9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart (Children’s Liturgy)  
10:30am Prayer Ministry at Sacred Heart  
6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart

*The Rosary is recited after all weekday Masses at Sacred Heart Church and after 9am Saturday Mass at OLPS*

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:**  
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:**  
John English, Bob & Dolly McCann, Dr Joseph Malouf, John Pinkerton, Ranjan Fernando, Tony Dixon, Ron Chandler, Clare Rogerson, Ranjan Fernando, Roshan Perera, Manel Perera, Chris Drinkwater, John Makepeace, Antonino Celio, Joseph Lin

**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.

Ask Questions

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| <div><div><b>Serra Vocations</b><br/><b>Weekly Prayer Calendar</b></div></div> <div>Please pray daily for those in formation or already serving the Church, especially those listed in our calendar below.</div> |                                                |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 14 September                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Fr Jack Robson<br>Seminarian Nicholas Gomez    |
| 15 September                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Fr Stan Skibicki<br>Seminarian Joseph Nicholls |
| 16 September                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Fr Robert Brogan<br>Seminarian Bryce Gonlin    |
| 17 September                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Fr Geoff Bugden                                |
| 18 September                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Sister Marea Ross rsj<br>Sister Ann Duncan rsj |
| 19 September                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Sister Josefa Mabini OSA                       |
| 20 September                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Sister Jennifer Canillas OSA                   |

**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.

## PRAYER FOR NEW BISHOP

Christ, in whom we are one, you are the Good Shepherd who never abandons your flock. In this time of waiting and anticipation, we place our trust entirely in your providence.

We thank you for the gift of our Diocese of Broken Bay stretching from the Northern Beaches, across the North Shore, to the shores of the Central Coast. We are a people shaped by the sea, by community, and by faith. As the waters of our bays and coastline speak of your vastness and your care, so too do we cast ourselves upon your wisdom in this moment of transition. Guide the hearts and minds of those entrusted with discerning the right shepherd for our Diocese that they may listen deeply to your Holy Spirit and choose wisely for the good of your people. Stir in us, your people of Broken Bay, a renewed sense of unity and purpose. May this season of waiting not weaken us, but deepen our faith, strengthen our bonds, and renew our commitment to the Gospel. And we pray for the one you are preparing to lead us as Bishop. Form him in humility and courage. Grant him a shepherd's heart, a teacher's wisdom, and a servant's joy. We turn to you, Our Lady Star of the Sea, patroness of our Diocese and guiding light for all who navigate uncertain waters. As sailors have long looked to the stars to find their way, so we look to you now to intercede for us, to steady us, and to lead us safely to the one God is sending to guide us. May Christ, the Head of the Church, be glorified in our waiting, in our welcoming, and in all that is to come. And this we ask through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Father's Day at OLPS School

OLPS had a wonderful Father's Day liturgy led by Stage 1M. Through the liturgy, we gave thanks for the many ways fathers reflect God's love through their presence, guidance and care. Like an anchor in uncertain times, a compass pointing us in the right direction and a lighthouse shining steadily through life's journeys, our fathers help us to grow in faith, learning and love.



## Father's Day Celebrations

We celebrated all our fathers last weekend at all our Masses. Thank you to everyone who joined us for a piece of cake and to those who helped organise our treats. We had a great turn out and hope everyone enjoyed their Father's Day!

Thank you especially to Angel, Judy & Don, Alison & En-lai, Marie and Louise for their warm hospitality over our weekend Masses. We are so grateful



## PYMBLE PARISH YOUTH GROUP

Welcome to the **Pymble Parish Youth Group** on Friday nights during the school term. We want everyone to get the most out of our community in one of our two groups:

High School Group (Years 6–12): 6pm – 7:30pm  
Young Adult Group (18+): 7:30pm – 9pm

Sacred Heart Church Pymble  
(Drop-off and pick-up outside the church entrance)

**Everyone welcome** - Light refreshments every week and occasional favourite food nights—come along, hang out, have fun, and grow with us.

**DON'T HESITATE TO BE INVOLVED**

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NSW SOUTH WALES  
**CATHOLIC  
MEDICAL  
ASSOCIATION**

JOINT EVENT



## NSW CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION & THE ST THOMAS MORE SOCIETY

### CONSCIENCE IN HEALTHCARE

A TALK BY  
**HON SUSAN CARTER**



THE HONOURABLE SUSAN CARTER MLC WILL ADDRESS THE HOT BUTTON ISSUE OF CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION IN HEALTHCARE. SUSAN ACTIVELY ADDRESSED THIS ISSUE WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THE VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING AMENDMENT (RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES) BILL IN 2025.

WE ARE HOPING THAT THIS EVENT WILL LEAD TO INTERESTING DISCUSSION AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FRUITFUL NETWORKING BETWEEN BOTH ST THOMAS MORE SOCIETY AND CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERS BUT ALL THOSE INTERESTED ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

THIS ISSUE IS A HUGE CHALLENGE AND WE NEED TO WORK MORE EFFECTIVELY TOGETHER TO ADVOCATE FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE MEMBERS OF OUR SOCIETY. SUSAN WILL ALSO BE UPDATING US ON THE MOST RECENT CHANGES TO ABORTION LAW IN NSW.



CLUB YORK, 95-99 YORK STREET, SYDNEY



6:00PM



24 SEPTEMBER 2026



\$35 PER HEAD

RSVP VIA QR CODE



## First Eucharist at Pymble Catholic Parish



Following the receipt of their Sacrament of Reconciliation, 69 children from our parish are now beginning their preparation for their First Eucharist.

Presentation Masses are held across all Masses this weekend as we welcome and introduce these young parishioners to our community. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers during this meaningful step in their journey of faith.

### A Prayer for Our First Eucharist Candidates

Loving and gracious God,

We pray for the children from our parish as they begin their preparation for First Eucharist. Open their hearts to your love, deepen their understanding of your grace, and guide their families with wisdom and joy. May our parish community support them with encouraging prayer as they take this next step closer to your table. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Eucharist in our Parish will be celebrated on  
Sunday, 18 October at 11:30am at Sacred Heart Church.

Pymble Parish



## CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2026

Register at [trybooking.com/dpgkp](https://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](http://www.pymblecatholicparish.org.au)



**Serra International  
Vocations Ministry**

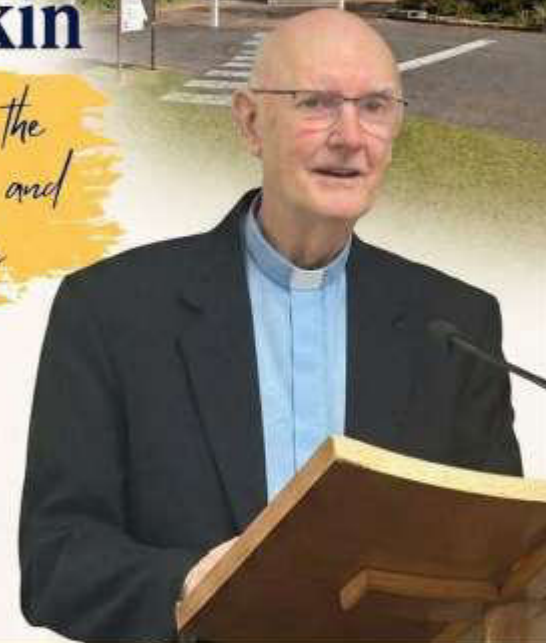
Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pymble

Guest Speaker

**Fr Paul Durkin**

*My role as Vice Rector of the  
Good Shepherd Seminary and  
return to parish ministry*

Following a career in Catholic education, Fr Durkin was ordained to the priesthood in 2011. His ministry includes service across various Broken Bay parishes, leadership as Director of Vocations, and appointment as Vice Rector and Director of Pastoral Formation at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd. He currently serves at the Corpus Christi Parish in St Ives.



*You did not choose me, but I chose you  
and appointed you to go and bear fruit.*

John 15:16



#### EVENT DETAILS

- Venue: Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
2 Richard Porter Way, Pymble
- Date: Thursday, 24 September 2026
- Mass & dinner meeting: 6:30pm

#### RSVP:

- Terry Scanlan  
M: 0438 887 295
- E: [terry\\_scanlan@bigpond.com](mailto:terry_scanlan@bigpond.com)

*All Welcome*

Join us for an evening of faith, vocation, and fellowship



# Liturgy of the Word

## Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf Sirach 36: 18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,  
that your prophets be found true.  
Hear the prayers of your servant,  
and of your people Israel.

**First Reading** Sirach 27: 30—28: 7

**A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus**

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,  
and both are found with the sinner.  
He who exacts vengeance will experience the  
vengeance of the Lord,  
who keeps strict account of sin.  
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,  
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.  
If a man nurses anger against another,  
can he then demand compassion from the  
Lord?  
Showing no pity for a man like himself,  
can he then plead for his own sins?  
Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes  
resentment;  
who will forgive him his sins?  
Remember the last things, and stop hating,  
remember dissolution and death, and live by  
the commandments.  
Remember the commandments, and do not  
bear your neighbour ill-will;  
remember the covenant of the Most High, and  
overlook the offence.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 102: 1-4, 9-12 R. v. 8

**(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to  
anger and rich in compassion.**

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and  
compassion. **(R.)**
3. His wrath will come to an end;  
he will not be angry for ever.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults. **(R.)**
4. For as the heavens are high above the  
earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear  
him. As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Romans 14: 7-9

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

The life and death of each of us has its  
influence on others; if we live, we live for the  
Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that  
alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This

explains why Christ both died and came to  
life, it was so that he might be Lord both of  
the dead and of the living.

**Gospel Acclamation** John 13: 34

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel** Matthew 18: 21-35

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew**

Peter went up to Jesus and said, ‘Lord, how  
often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs  
me? As often as seven times?’ Jesus  
answered, ‘Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-  
seven times.

‘And so the kingdom of heaven may be  
compared to a king who decided to settle his  
accounts with his servants. When the  
reckoning began, they brought him a man  
who owed ten thousand talents; but he had  
no means of paying, so his master gave  
orders that he should be sold, together with  
his wife and children and all his possessions,  
to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw  
himself down at his master’s feet. “Give me  
time,” he said “and I will pay the whole sum.”  
And the servant’s master felt so sorry for him  
that he let him go and cancelled the debt.  
Now as this servant went out, he happened  
to meet a fellow servant who owed him one  
hundred denarii; and he seized him by the  
throat and began to throttle him. “Pay what  
you owe me”, he said. His fellow servant fell  
at his feet and implored him, saying, “Give me  
time and I will pay you.” But the other would  
not agree; on the contrary, he had him  
thrown into prison till he should pay the debt.  
His fellow servants were deeply distressed  
when they saw what had happened, and they  
went to their master and reported the whole  
affair to him. Then the master sent for him.  
“You wicked servant,” he said. “I cancelled all  
that debt of yours when you appealed to me.  
Were you not bound, then, to have pity on  
your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?”  
And in his anger the master handed him over  
to the torturers till he should pay all his debt.  
And that is how my heavenly Father will deal  
with you unless you each forgive your brother  
from your heart.’

**Gospel Reflection**

No limit to granting forgiveness and pardon  
Jesus makes it clear that there is no limit to  
giving and receiving forgiveness. He drove  
the lesson home with a parable about two  
very different kinds of debts. The first man  
owed an enormous sum of money - millions in  
our currency. In Jesus' time this amount was

greater than the total revenue of a province -  
more than it would cost to ransom a king! The  
man who was forgiven such an incredible  
debt could not, however, bring himself to  
forgive his neighbor a very small debt which  
was about one-hundred-thousandth of his  
own debt. The contrast could not have been  
greater!

**Jesus paid our ransom to set us free from the  
debt of sin**

No offence our neighbour can do to us can  
compare with our own personal debt to God  
for offending him! We have been forgiven an  
enormous debt we could not repay on our  
own. That is why the Father in heaven sent his  
only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who  
freely and willing gave up his life for our sake  
to ransom us from slavery to sin, Satan, and  
death. Paul the Apostle states, "you were  
bought with a price" and that price was Jesus'  
death on the cross. Through the shedding of  
his blood on the cross, Jesus not only brought  
forgiveness and pardon for our offenses, but  
release from our captivity to Satan and  
bondage to sin.

**Set free from futile thinking and sinful living**

The Lord Jesus sets us free from a futile mind  
and way of living in sin and spiritual darkness.  
"You were ransomed from the futile ways  
inherited from your fathers ...with the  
precious blood of Christ". Christ "gave himself  
to redeem us from all iniquity". Iniquity  
describes the futile ways of wrong thinking,  
sinful attitudes and wrong behavior, and  
disregarding or treating God's  
commandments lightly. We have been  
forgiven an enormous debt which we could  
never possibly repay. We owe God a debt of  
gratitude for the mercy and grace he has  
given us in his Son, Jesus Christ.

**Forgiving others is a sacred duty**

If God has shown mercy to us in granting us  
pardon for our sins, then we, in turn, must  
show mercy and forgiveness towards every  
person who has offended us. The willingness  
to forgive those who offend us is a sacred  
duty. If we expect God to pardon us and show  
us his mercy when we sin and disobey his  
commandments, then we must be willing to  
let go of any resentment, grievance, or ill-will  
we feel towards our neighbor. Jesus teaches  
us to pray daily for the grace and strength to  
forgive others in the same measure in which  
God has forgiven us. If we do not show mercy  
and forgiveness to our fellow human beings,  
how can we expect God to forgive us in turn?  
The Apostle James says that "judgment is  
without mercy to one who has shown no  
mercy".

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

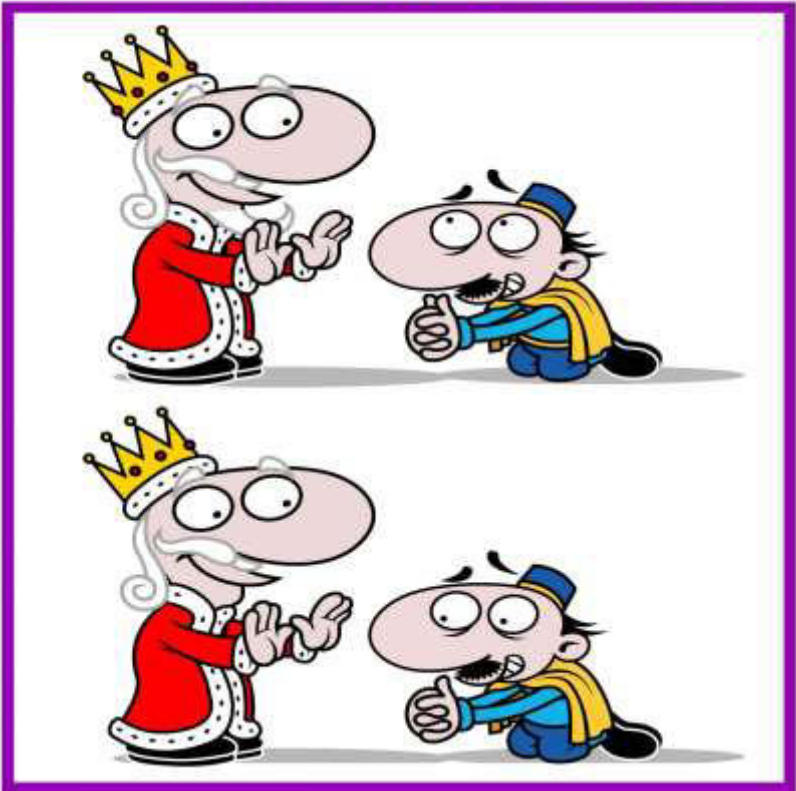


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kqBho4cKvaM>

| Pymble Parish Roster - 19 & 20 September 2026 |                                            |                   |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Sacred Heart<br>(Pymble)                      | Sunday<br>9:30am                           | Sunday<br>6pm     |
| Acolytes                                      | E Leahy                                    | C De Souza        |
| Altar Servers                                 | E Kluina / G Awad                          | W Rusak           |
| Readers                                       | D McGreal                                  | L Joshi           |
| Altar Society                                 | 19 September: Maria H                      |                   |
| Counters                                      | 20 September: P Ward / G Hugh / J Witcombe |                   |
| OLPS<br>(West Pymble)                         | Saturday<br>5:00pm                         | Sunday<br>8:00am  |
| Acolytes                                      | J Pease                                    | M D'Silva         |
| Altar Servers                                 | William & Magdalene                        | Volunteers needed |
| Readers                                       | S Ormes                                    | M Tang            |
| Altar Cloth                                   | 19 September: A Glover                     |                   |

## Children's Corner

Spot the 7 differences between these pictures



## Show Forgiveness

How does God forgive us when we do wrong things?

How can we show forgiveness to others?

Jesus told the following story to show how we need to forgive others. Use the words below to fill in the blanks.

One day a \_\_\_\_\_ gathered his officials to find out how much \_\_\_\_\_ they owed him. One official owed the king fifty million \_\_\_\_\_ coins, but could not pay back what he owed. The king ordered that he, his family and \_\_\_\_\_ be sold to pay back the debt. The official \_\_\_\_\_ for mercy. The king felt sorry for him and set him \_\_\_\_\_. As the official left, he met a man who owed him one hundred silver \_\_\_\_\_. He grabbed the man and said, "Pay me back what you owe me!" The man begged for \_\_\_\_\_ but the official had him thrown in prison. When the other officials found out they told the king. The king was so \_\_\_\_\_ he called the official back and ordered him to be \_\_\_\_\_ until he paid back everything he owed.



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# 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 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

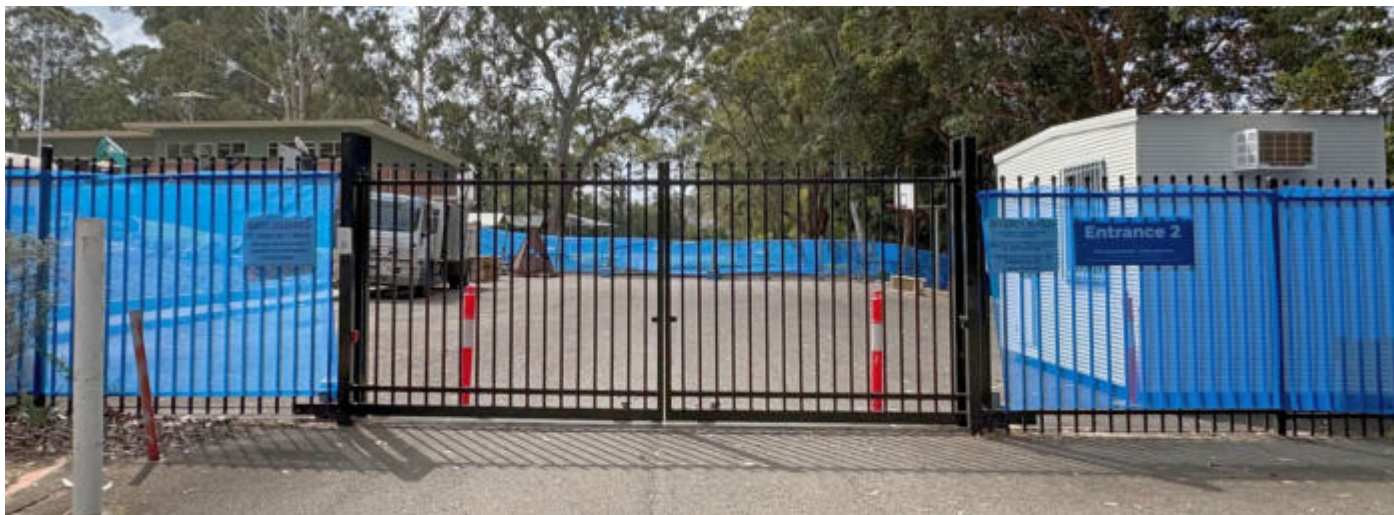
**TELL** us about dangers – and what's being done to protect us

**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.



## Siena Catholic College – Building Works Update

### Important Car Park Information

As our two Parish Primary Schools combine to form Siena Catholic College, the Pymble site is preparing to welcome Years 5–12. A new two-storey modular building will be constructed in the coming months.

Site preparation is now underway, and the following car parking adjustments are in effect:

- **Internal Driveway Access:** Driveway access to the Bobbin Head Road car park from the Bannockburn Road car park is closed.
- **Weekend Parking:** The car park on Bobbin Head Road remains open on weekends.
- **Pedestrian Access:** Pedestrian access from the Bobbin Head Road car park is restricted. Pedestrians will need to walk through the school to reach the church. Please see reverse for access instructions.
- **Construction Zone:** The extended parking section beyond the gate adjacent to the church is now a designated construction site reserved for building works.

These temporary changes reduce the number of parking spaces available near the Sacred Heart Church. To help our adjustment to these changes, please consider:

- Leaving parking spots near the church for those with limited mobility or greater need.
- Parking along Bannockburn Road when attending Mass.
- Carpooling with fellow parishioners.
- Using the limited remaining space for quick passenger drop-off rather than car parking.

We understand these adjustments lessen parking convenience, and further updates may be required as construction progresses. We apologise for the inconvenience, appreciate your patience and cooperation, and invite you to contact the Parish Office with any questions.





**Secondary**  
Bobbin Head Road  
Car Park - church  
access guidance

**Entry**

**Bobbin Head Road Car Park**

**Bannockburn Road**

**Exit**

**School Gate 1**

**Bobbin Head Road**

**School**

**Construction Zone**

**School Gate 2**

**Church**

**Pacific Highway**

**Recommended**  
Bannockburn  
Road parking

Pedestrian access from the secondary Bobbin Head Road Car Park to the church will be via the Sacred Heart School, shown as a yellow dotted line. Enter the school via School Gate 1, walk through the play ground, and exit the school via School Gate 2.