

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 JUBILEE YEAR







O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation, and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.

Amen.

We welcome Fr Justin Torres who will be visiting our Parish this weekend.

Please make Fr Justin welcome.



Pope Leo XIV's official prayer intention for December

For Christians in Conflict

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

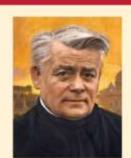
We welcome to Pymble Parish the newest member of our community

Bianca, David & Alice

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.





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.

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Parish Team

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Pastoral care

Salvatorian Fathers

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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: Reconciliation:

Sunday: 9:30 am, 6:00 pm Tuesday - Friday 8:45am Sunday 9:15am, 5:30 pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour 64 Kendall St, West Pymble, NSW, 2073

Weekend: Reconciliation:

Saturday: 9:00 am Saturday 9:30am, 4:45am

Saturday: 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass) Sunday 7:45am

Sunday: 8:00 am (Quiet Mass)

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 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: Kerry Paxton **Telephone:** (02) 7256 2142

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Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Principal: Jodi Jefferson **Telephone:** (02) 7256 2101

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WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Saturday, 13 December

St Lucy, virgin, martyr (Memorial)

9:00am Mass at OLPS with Morning Prayers (Breviary)

5:00pm Mass at OLPS

Sunday, 14 December Third Sunday of Advent

8:00am Mass at OLPS (quiet)

9:30am Healing Mass and Talk at Sacred Heart - Fr Justin Torre

5:30pm Reconciliation at Sacred Heart

6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart

Tuesday, 16 December

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

Wednesday, 17 December

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart - End of Year School Mass

12:00pm Mass at OLPS - End of Year School Mass

Thursday, 18 December

10:00am Healing Mass at Sacred Heart

Friday, 19 December

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart followed by Adoration and Litany to the

Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday, 20 December

9:00am Mass at OLPS with Morning Prayers (Breviary)

5:00pm Mass at OLPS

Sunday, 21 December
Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00am Mass at OLPS (quiet) 9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart

5:30pm Reconciliation at Sacred Heart

6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart

The Rosary is recited after all weekday Masses at Sacred Heart Church and 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:

Daniel de Groen, Diana Tam, Sandra Sinclair, Joe Pereira, John Clark, Ada Yu, Joe Pereira, Anthony Machedo, Graham Lynch, Gilbert Tomlinson, Kevin Moloney, Beulah Erin Wahab, Margaret Therese Eadie, Irene Buckley, Melissa Self, Jim Harrison, Joe Woods

Death Anniversaries:

Elizabeth Megawati Bambang, Joe Dias, Joan Catherine Bernie, Bernardino Castillo, Frances Pettengill, Frieda Nassar, Rosario S. Ortiz, Serofin Peralta Jr, Melinda Ballat Magpayo, Leslie Cashman, Katherine Cashman, Peter Goh, Kwong Tsui Yu, Paula Freeman, Constance & Elwyn Glazier, Judith English, Alfonso Fuente-Marchat, Victor Hugo Aguilera, Justin Whitehorse

Prayers for the sick:

Stan Brataniec, Craig Shepherd, Maria Witebsky, Tom Ryan, Jan Drobczyk, Janusz Czech, Elliot Leahy, Iris Garate-Marchant, Antonios Ghabach, Mrs Mary Sidaway, Pamela Seaman, Joseph Hendryjanto, Margaret Browne

Monthly prayer intention:

This month we pray that we may find new opportunities to serve those in need during Advent as we prepare for the coming of Christ. 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.

Serra Vocations Prayer Calendar-December 2025

Please pray daily for all clergy using the prayer provided on the side. Additionally, say a prayer each day for the priests listed in the calendar below.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 Fr Paul Finucane	2 Fr Paul Durkin	3 Fr Bogdan Skupien Fr Eliseus Shin	4 Fr Chima Ofor	5 Fr Marek Woldan	6 Fr Joshi Naduppura	7 Fr Philip Thortam MSFS
8 Fr Grzegorz (Greg) Skulski SDS	9 Fr Bronislaw (Bronek) Pietrusewicz SDS	10 Fr Ryszard (Richard) Sadowski SDS	11 Fr Zygmunt Smigowski SDS	12 Fr Bill Stevens	13 Fr Harry Kennedy	1.4 Fr Stephen Hamilton
15 Fr Rex Curry	16 Fr Jack Robson	17 Fr Stan Skibicki	18 Fr Robert Brogan	19 Fr Geoff Bugden	20 Sr Marea Ross rsj	21 Sr Josefa Mabini OSA Sr Jenifer Canillas OSA
22 Seminarians Shayne D'Cunha	23 Seminarians Matthew French Tan Nguyen	24 Seminarians Victor Atuhura Huy Tran	25 Fr Robert Crawford	26 Sr Ann Duncan rs	27 Fr Carmelo Sciberas	28 Fr Jim Tierney
29 Fr Clem Hill	30 Fr Terry Johns	31 Sister Damian Lai				

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.



Christmas: Pymble Parish

Pymble Catholic Parish Christmas Events

Saturday, 22 and Sunday, 23 November

Advent Retreat Fr Sam Samuel Introductory talk at all Masses

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Monday, 24 to Friday, 28 November

Advent Retreat Fr Sam Samuel 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

Special homily and talk after Mass

7:00pm Talk then Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament and parish reconciliation

Thursday, 18 December

Healing Mass and

Christmas Celebration for Seniors

10:00am Mass Sacred Heart followed by Morning Tea

Pymble Catholic Parish

Sacred Heart Church

2 Richard Porter Way Pymble NSW 2073 Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church 64 Kendall Street West Pymble NSW 2073



Wednesday, 24 December

Christmas Eve

Sacred Heart

4:30pm Carols

5:00pm Family Mass

9:00pm Mass

11:30pm Carols

Midnight Mass

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

4:30pm Carols

5:00pm Family Mass

Thursday, 25 December

Christmas Day

Sacred Heart

7:45am Christmas Mass

9:30am Christmas Mass Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

9:00am Christmas Mass

Friday, 26 December

Boxing Day Mass

9:00am Sacred Heart

Thursday, 1 January

Solemnity, Mary Holy Mother of God 9:00am Sacred Heart

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SACRED HEART 2025 ROSTERS

Sacred Heart Church is Preparing the 2025 Volunteers Roster We need your help to continue making our parish vibrant and welcoming!

Current Volunteers

If you are currently on the 2024 roster and would like to continue in 2025, please let us know.

New Volunteers Welcome!

Interested in joining? We'd love to have you! There are many ways you can contribute:

- Readers
- Acolytes
- Altar Society
- Counters
- Children's Liturgy
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Music & Projector Team
- Welcome Ministers
- Wardens

How to Sign Up or Confirm

- Speak to one of our parish team members after Mass.
- Contact us via email at office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au
- Call the parish office at 02 9144 2702.

Let's work together to make 2025 a wonderful year for Sacred Heart Church!





PYMBLE MEN'S GROUP

Join us for our end of year celebration with a round of putt-putt golf and burgers after.





Join us for a festive evening of Port & Cake after the 9pm Christmas Eve Mass.

When: Immediately following the 9pm Christmas Eve Mass

Where: Sacred Heart Church

Let's celebrate the birth of our Lord together!

Christmas Eve BBQ Helpers Needed!

After our 5pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church on Christmas Eve, we'll gather for a festive BBQ to celebrate together. To make it a joyful and smooth evening, we're looking for volunteers to lend a hand with cooking, serving, and clean up.

If you can spare some time, your help will make all the difference in creating a welcoming celebration for everyone.

Please contact Rebecca on 0431 186 952 if you're able to help.

Thank you!

Christmas Masses Volunteers

inis festive season, immerse yourself in the joy of our Christmas Masses!

We're seeking volunteers to contribute their time and talents to make this festive season extra special.

If you are interested and willing to help please put your name down on the volunteer sheets which are located at the back of the church.

Readers Eucharistic Ministers Wardens



Musicians Projectionists

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Third Candle - The Candle of Joy

Priest: In the Third Week of Advent, we are called to respond to the gifts and graces we received in our baptism

"Does my life today fulfil the expectations and responsibilities of bearing the name of Christian?" What are we doing for the hungry, the oppressed, the sick, the lonely? Do we truly care about the needs of others? Do we accomplish

cheerfully all that is expected of us in the work place or the classroom?

Meditation: "He will baptise you in the Holy Spirit and in fire." (Luke 3:16)

Light the pink candle.

Priest: Almighty and loving God, Your Son has taught us the way to live as Your children. We were blessed in our baptisms

with special gifts and graces, and still there are times when we find it hard to be all that we should be. We ask for an increased awareness of the needs of others and for the courage to stand up for those who cannot stand up for

themselves. Please, God, help us to live in Your grace that all who know us will know You and Your love.

The Penitential Rite follows



Twenty five years ago, the Salvatorians arrived in Pymble. Over those 25 years, 13 Polish priests have served here living with us in Pymble. We all have memories of those times. We would like to capture some of those memories - photographs or brief comments on your time with our Salvatorians. The intention is that we will publish a short booklet containing a selection of these memories. Can you help?

If you have memorable photographs, or brief stories of your contact with the Salvatorians that you would like to share, then please pass them on to the Parish office.



Please submit electronic material via the link below. Photographs should be JPG or PNG files, and written material should be TXT or Microsoft Word files. Not all submissions will be able to be published.



For further information, please contact the Parish office.

Please send submissions via: tinyurl.com/mr4x5e9r

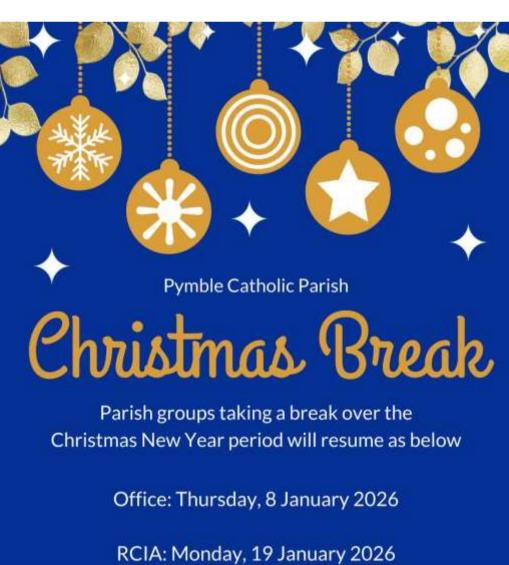
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Are you looking for a new way to give back to the Community?

We have a <u>real shortage of volunteers</u> teaching scripture classes to Catholic children in public schools in our local area. As baptised Catholics, we are called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, and one of the most rewarding ways to fulfil this call is to be part of the Catechist Team at our Parish. Classes run weekly for 30 minutes during term time, and all teaching materials are provided. If you would like more information, please contact the office at info@pymblecatholicparish.org.au.

OFFICE CLOSED

The Office will be closed from 8 December until the end of the month. During this period, if you need assistance please send us an email at **office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au** or give us a call on **9144 2702**. The office will however be opened on Thursday mornings during this time. Thank you for your understanding.



Charismatic Prayer Group: Tuesday, 3 February 2026
Men's Fellowship: Tuesday, 4 February 2026
Bible Study: Friday, 6 February 2026

We wish everyone all the blessings of Christmas

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

First Reading <u>Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10</u>

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy, for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145: 6-10, R. see Is. 35:4

(R.) Lord, come and save us.

- It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed.
 It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
- It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. (R.)
- 3. It is the Lord who loves the just But thwarts the path of the wicked, The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading <u>James 5: 7-10</u>

A reading from the letter of St James

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because

the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Isaiah 61: 1 (Lk 4: 18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 11: 2-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

Gospel Reflection

Meditation: Why did Jesus praise John the Baptist as the greatest person born of a woman and then in the same breath say that those who enter God's kingdom will be greater than John (Matthew 11:11)? John is the last and greatest of the prophets of the old covenant. He fulfilled the essential task of all the prophets - to be fingers pointing to Jesus Christ, God's Anointed Son and Messiah. John prepared the way for the Messiah and he pointed others to Jesus the Messiah at the River Jordan when he exclaimed, Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world (John 1:29)

John saw from a distant what Jesus would accomplish through his death on the cross - our redemption from bondage to sin and death and our adoption as sons and daughters

of God and citizens of the kingdom of heaven. When King Herod tried to silence John by throwing him into prison, John sent his disciples to Jesus after John had heard the reports about Jesus performing signs and wonders and speaking to people about the coming of God's kingdom. John wanted his disciples to hear and see firsthand what Jesus was doing to bring the kingdom of God to those who were receptive and ready to receive his message.

Jesus the Messiah performs the signs of God's kingdom power

Jesus confirmed for John that the miracles and healings which he performed were in direct fulfillment of the Messianic prophecies announced by Isaiah some 700 years previously. Isaiah had prophesied that when the Messiah would come to save his people he would "open the eyes of the blind and the ears of the deaf, the lame would leap, and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy" (Isaiah 35:5). Jesus' miracles are a demonstration of the power of God's kingdom at work in the midst of his people. When God acts to save his people he turns their sorrow and weeping into joy and singing, and their fear and weakness into strength and hope.

The greatness of John's life and witness of the Messiah

When Jesus had answered the disciples of John, he in turn asked them a question. "Why did you go out in the wilderness to see John the Baptist?" "Did you go because you were hungry for the word of the Lord?" Jesus said that John was more than a spokesman for God. John was the faithful witness and friend of the bridegroom who pointed others to the coming of the Messiah in their midst. Jesus contrasted John with the image of a reed shaken by the wind. Unlike a reed which is weak and spineless and can be easily crushed or bruised, John stood as a pillar of strength and truth in the face of opposition and persecution. No demonic force could weaken or crush John in his unswerving trust in God

Lord Jesus, strengthen my trust in your word and my hope in the saving power of your kingdom. Free me from everything that would hold me back from pursuing your kingdom and your will for my life.

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Pymble Parish Roster - 20 & 21 December 2025					
Sacred Heart (Pymble)	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 6pm			
Acolytes	E Leahy	A Wahab			
Altar Servers	Volunteers needed	N Adams			
Readers	D McGreal	M A Bannister			
Altar Society	20 December:				
Counters	21 December: T Scanlan / E Skrodzka / G Hugh				
OLPS (West Pymble)	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 8:00am			
Acolytes	C Parbury	C De Sousa			
Altar Servers	Alonso & Isabela	Volunteers needed			
Readers	A Leung	C Delaney			
Altar Cloth	20 December: N Simpkins				

Children's Corner

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Primary School

On our High School Hub spirituality day, the Senior Learning Hub at OLPS learned about the Beatitudes and what they teach us about being kind and caring people.

We prayed together, listened and danced to hymns which helped us think about our lives and our choices. We reflected about how we can implement the lessons of the Beatitudes into our daily lives. We also wrote our own prayers, which let us share our feelings and what we hope for. The day was calm, meaningful and reflective. It helped us to understand our faith better and reflect on how we can become better followers of Christ.



By Jeremy and Victoria



Draw Jesus bringing the good news to the poor

Jesus told John the Baptist's followers to tell him all they had seen and heard. How did Jesus help the following people?

Blind People

Deaf People

Lame People

Lepers

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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

RESPECT our rights, abilities, contributions, precious gift from God needs and wishes

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

what we need

LISTEN to what we are really saying

dangers and what's being done to protect us

TELL us about

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



