



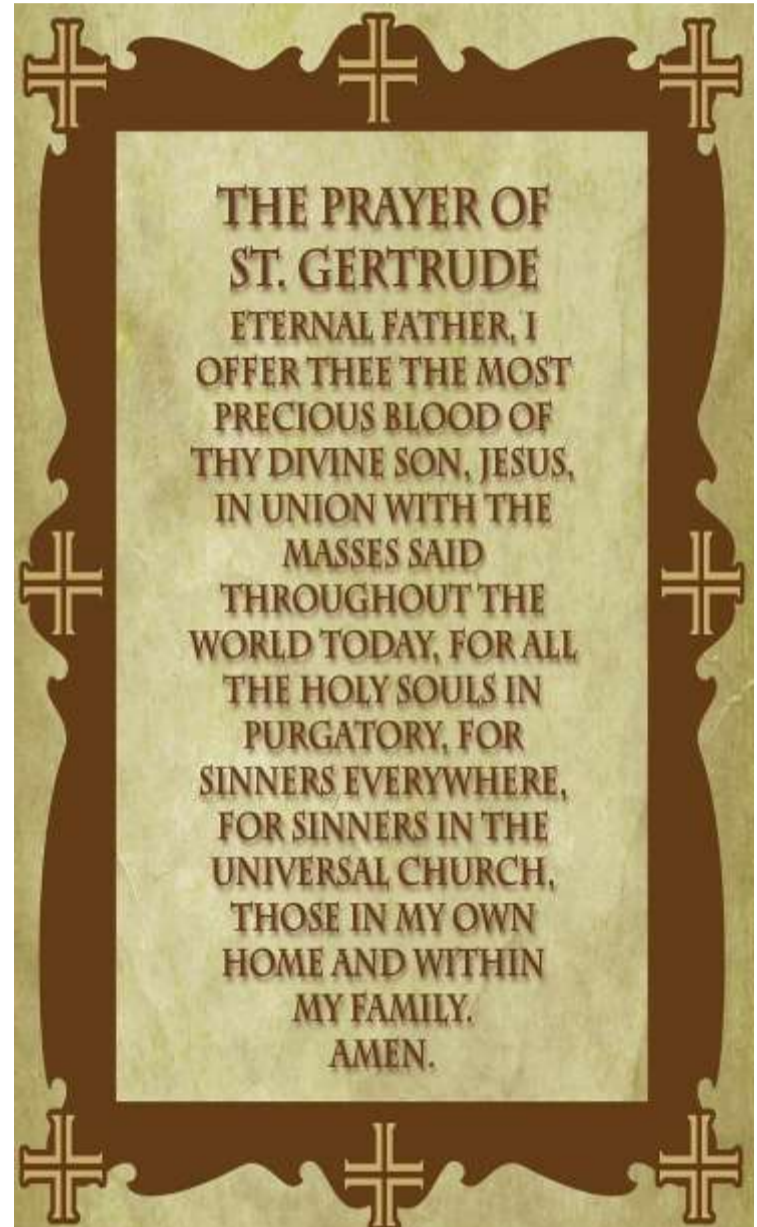
# PYMBLE CATHOLIC PARISH

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.*



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

**Capacity limits**

**Sacred Heart Church: 260  
OLPS Church: 130**

*If you have used this bulletin, please take it home with you*

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November**



**People Who Suffer from Depression**

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

## Contact Us

Please inform the Parish Office if you have recently changed your address, phone number or email.

For Parishioners who give via credit card, please let us know if your credit card has expired or if you have changed your card.

Thank you!



### 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

### Pastoral care

#### Salvatorian Fathers

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Boguslaw Loska SDS

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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:

Saturday (Vigil Mass): 5:30pm

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

**Reconciliation:** Friday 8:30am, 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: 9:00am and 5:00pm (Vigil Mass)

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

**Website:** [www.pymblecatholicparish.org.au](http://www.pymblecatholicparish.org.au)

**Office hours:** Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 4.00pm

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 on [melanie@pymblecatholicparish.org.au](mailto:melanie@pymblecatholicparish.org.au)*

## PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

### SACRED HEART

**Principal:** Mrs Mary Hor

**Telephone:** (02) 94408056

[www.shpddb.catholic.edu.au](http://www.shpddb.catholic.edu.au)

### OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

**Principal:** Mrs Sue Host

**Telephone:** (02) 9498 6060

[www.olpsddb.catholic.edu.au](http://www.olpsddb.catholic.edu.au)



## Pymble Parish COVID Update

Covid restrictions have further eased from this week. Both Sacred Heart and OLPS will be open to all, and in accordance with the health regulations, the vaccination status of our people who attend our churches, or who undertake a ministry in them, will not need to be verified.

The following will apply **until 15 December:**

- The number of people who can attend Mass and other liturgies and services of prayer is based on the **2 sqm principle**. **This will be 260 for Sacred Heart Church, and 130 for OLPS Church.** This applies to funerals and weddings where all attendees are fully vaccinated.
- Congregational singing will not be possible.
- COVID safe practices related to the celebration of our liturgies will be re-introduced including:
  - Avoiding the handling of objects by multiple persons;
  - The Chalice will not be shared; Holy Communion for the Faithful is to be under one species only;
  - The Sign of Peace should only be given by a simple bow or nod of the head;
  - Those who wish to receive Holy Communion on the tongue will be asked to wait until the end of the Communion Procession;
  - **It is essential that anyone visiting our churches use the QR code to register their visit, sanitize, and always wear a mask.**

Please note that Bishop Anthony Randazzo has determined that the Broken Bay Sunday Obligation will remain suspended until 1 December 2021.

From 15 December 2021:

- Congregational singing will be possible at our liturgies.
- There will be no restriction on the use of other parish facilities such as meeting rooms and halls.

We thank you for your patience and unwavering support for our Parish during this time. Please contact the Parish Office on 9144 2702 or [office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au](mailto:office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au) if you have any questions.

## How can we help you?

Our Parish is prepared to assist those parishioners that might need some extra help and support during these difficult times. We are here for you!

Here are some of the things that we could do for you:

- Post letters or small parcels.
- Pick up some groceries and/or medicines.
- Cook a plate for you and drop it at your home.
- Other... please let us know how else we might be able to help you.

**Please contact the Parish office at [office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au](mailto:office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au) or by phone at (02) 9144 2702**



## PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

There is the limit of 260 people at SH Church and 130 people at OLPS Church at any time.

### Sunday, 14 November

#### Vinnies Hamper Appeal

7:45am Mass at Sacred Heart  
9:00am Mass at OLPS  
9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart  
6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart

### Tuesday, 16 November

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart  
4:00pm Parish Consultation Zoom meeting  
8:00pm Rosary online

### Wednesday, 17 November

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

### Thursday, 18 November

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart  
7:30pm Parish Finance Committee meeting

### Friday, 19 November

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart  
10:00am Bible Study on Zoom

### Saturday, 20 November

#### Salvatorian Appeal

9:00am Mass at OLPS  
5:00pm Mass at OLPS  
5:30pm Mass at Sacred Heart

### Sunday, 21 November

#### Feast of Jesus, King of the Universe

7:45am Mass at Sacred Heart  
9:00am Mass at OLPS  
9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart  
6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart

### Tuesday, 23 November

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart  
8:00pm Rosary online

God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.



St Augustine of Hippo  
(354 - 430 AD)

## 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:

John Pacak, Moyra Mitchelmore, Martin Gilsenan, Jaqueline Sweeney, Paula Freeman, Robert Ramsey, Fr James Duck, John English, Charles Pak, Joyce Spark, Christopher Drinkwater, Rudolf Ruhidin Arsyadi, Gwendoline Elizabeth Tregear, Flynn, Dunbaven, Juana Alicia Cortes, John McLeod, Kerry Bowe, Kevin Parsons, Patricia Lenthall, Thomas Vicente, Odette McLeod, Matteo Infante, Stanislaw

### Death Anniversaries:

Kwong Tsui Yu, Bernardino Castillo, Joan Catherine Bernie, Egbert Fernandes, Jim Hussin, Katherine & Les Cashman, Serafin Peralta, Joe Dias, Lois Rae, Peter Yeong Ying Siew, Ron Chandler, Anne Hanna, Salvatore Marando, Ron Chandler, Antonio Celio, Natasha Adora Astono, Daniel Turalakey, Gwendolene Burt, Joseph Lin, Maria Lin, Rose Lin, Paul Pribila, Bernardino Castillo, Suresh Rodri-

### Prayers for the sick:

Peter Goh, Peter Brassil, Pease Family, Joe Pulis, Margaret Day, Juliana Cho, Catherine Haydon, Vincent Tan, Monica Cavanagh, Marietta Tomoe, Kevin Parsons, Marionne MacRitchie, Anthony Hernandez, Steve Barrum, Colleen Hussin, Owen Thomas, Suzanne O'Sullivan, Mel Pegg Weir, Doreen Landers, Aaron Moll, Lloyd Victor, Richard Fillingham, Joanne Fernandes.

### Birthdays this month:

### Weekly prayer intention:

We pray for all the young families of our communities get to know your joy, peace, comfort, and love despite the world's distractions. 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.



## Baptisms at Pymble Parish

If you would like to know or if you have any questions about the Baptism process in our Parish, please contact the Parish office on 9144 2702 or [office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au](mailto:office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au)

Our upcoming Baptism Formation Class will be held on  
**Wednesday 1st December 2021**  
at **7:30pm at the Sacred Heart Presbytery.**

Bookings are essential.



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Keep in touch with us

Register to receive email updates from different groups within the Pymble Parish



**PYMBLE CATHOLIC PARISH**  
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5 November 2021

Dear Parishioners,


In our Parish Bulletin of late August, I provided an update on the plans for development of a portion of the Sacred Heart site. The Expressions of Interest (EOI) campaign has now been finalised and we are at the point of presenting possible development options to the Parish at a further "consultation forum". Given the continuing restrictions in place, this forum will need to take place online via Zoom. It will be held at 4.00 – 5.00 pm on Tuesday 16 November 2021.

All are invited to attend the consultation, so if you wish to attend please contact the parish office [office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au](mailto:office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au) in order to request the zoom link.

As previously foreshadowed, it will be important for the Parish to be in a position to move quickly to formalise the documentation with a preferred developer; given the constraints of the site a prompt decision will minimise the risk of losing the opportunity.

Thank you for your shared interest, enthusiasm and strong desire to sustain our wonderful Parish well into the future, I look forward to seeing those who are able to attend on 16 November.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

  
Fr Boguslaw Loska

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## Annual Salvatorian Seminary Collection 20-21 November 2021

Each year in our Salvatorian Parishes, we ask for support for our Seminary in Poland and in Australia. Your generous contributions will help in the training and the education of our young seminarians and the upkeep of our Seminaries.

Thank you in anticipation for your generosity and God bless you all, Fr. Boguslaw and Fr. Chris

Salvatorian envelopes will be available on the weekend 20-21 November 2021.



## WIN THIS BEAUTIFUL ADVENT HAMPER

### Supporting the Salvatorian Seminaries

buy your tickets after  
mass this weekend  
at Sacred Heart or  
call the Parish Office  
on 9144 2702

Tickets are:  
1 for \$5  
3 for \$10

The raffle will be drawn after the 20/21 November weekend and we will notify the winners by phone.

All funds received will go toward supporting the Salvatorian Seminaries. Please support this worthy cause for our Salvatorian community.

We thank you in advance for your generosity.

### DIVINE RENOVATION AUSTRALASIA VIRTUAL CONFERENCE 2021

*Called to  
Discipleship*

SATURDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2021 | 9:00AM - 12:30PM AEDT



#### Divine Renovation Australasia Virtual Conference 2021

Join the team from Divine Renovation Australasia for a time of prayer, live keynotes, inspiring panel sessions and more in this online Conference.

Moving from a model of maintenance to one of mission can be a challenging venture, and change does not take place overnight. Hear live keynotes from **Fr James Mallon** and **Dr Ralph Martin**, as well as stories of parishes on the Divine Renovation journey and the amazing ways the Holy Spirit moves and impacts the lives of priests, parishioners and the communities around us. Come and be inspired and equipped for the work of parish renewal, along with many others from parishes and dioceses around Australia and New Zealand.

All Clergy, PPC members, ministry leaders and interested parishioners are encouraged to attend. The conference will be relevant to all, whether or not you may be familiar with the Divine Renovation Ministry.

Date: **Saturday 20 November 2021**

Time: 9:00am – 12:30pm

Free registration at: <https://www.divinerenovation.org/dr-aus-called-to-discipleship-conference>

Enquiries: Pina Bernard [pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au) or 0432 682 239



## St Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas and Hamper Appeal

This weekend 13/14 November, marks the launch of the Annual 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 **4/5 December**. For OLPS Parishioners, the hampers are to be left at the back of the Church, whilst the hampers returned to Sacred Heart are to be placed in the Prayer Room.

Please sign the sheet when taking a Hamper Card for tracking purposes. You should also identify the boxes by the hamper number and the Hamper Card itself should be attached to the hamper box.

If your hamper comprises more than one box, be sure to mark boxes, in marking pen, with "1 of 2" and "2 of 2", so that they are not separated.

If you are not able to assist with a hamper, then you are invited to make a cash donation. Envelopes for this purpose are an insert in this week's Parish Bulletin for your convenience. If your details are on the envelope, you will receive a tax deductible receipt.

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

### Christmas Hamper Content Suggestions

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

### Important:

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

**Remember:** If you wish to wrap the hamper please use strong wrapping paper or cellophane so that it does not tear as it is being transported.



## CALL FOR MUSICIANS & SINGERS

Do you play a musical instrument or love to sing? Have you ever thought of joining a choir? Now is the time to give it a go! We are in need of new members for some of our choirs as well as accompanists and cantors to call on to cover for absences.

If you would like to give it a try, please contact our Music Ministry Coordinator Bruno Carbone (brunodcarbone@outlook.com, 0419 498 243) to discuss joining one of our existing choirs or maybe forming your own.



*"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."*  
1 John 1:5

# ADVENT RETREAT

**17th-19th Dec 2021**  
with Fr Roni George VC & Fr Joby George VC

For more info & bookings please contact:  
04 6848 6782 or email: [drcretreatgo@gmail.com](mailto:drcretreatgo@gmail.com)

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WITH COVID SAFETY COMPLIANCE

## NEW ALTAR SERVERS WANTED



We are currently looking at recruiting new altar service members at OLPS & Sacred Heart.

Girls & Boys who have received their First Holy Communion are encouraged to join.

Training will be provided.

Please contact the parish office on 9144 2702 or via email on [info@pymblecatholicparish.org.au](mailto:info@pymblecatholicparish.org.au)

## WORLD YOUTH DAY

This year World Youth Day will be held on Sunday 21st November! Previously celebrated each year on Palm Sunday, the Holy Father has changed the annual celebration to the last Sunday of the liturgical year, being the feast of Christ the King.

Watch this space and Catholic Youth Broken Bay for more information relating to World Youth Day this year and in the future!

*"He is our king. He desires ardently to rule our hearts, because we are children of God."* – St. Josemaria Escriva



# Sacred Heart Church 30th Anniversary Mass

Last weekend, we celebrated the 30th Anniversary of the opening of the Sacred Heart Church building at Pymble with Bishop Anthony Randazzo, Fr Boguslaw and Fr Chris . It was a beautiful celebration where we were able to gather as a Parish, and also gather after Mass for some refreshments.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the evening a special one for all.



6/11/2020

## CELEBRATING SACRED HEART CHURCH'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY



## OLPS Religion in Kindy Term Four

*It has been so lovely to be back in the classroom and to be able to enjoy our Religious learning through play-based learning! The last couple of weeks Kindy have been learning about what it means to be a good neighbour through the parable of the Good Samaritan. We have looked at the story through Godly play to recreate the event with figurines which the children always enjoy, we have explored words from the scripture as archaeologists in the sand pit and we have discussed how it demonstrates the concepts and actions of Mission and Love.*

*We have linked this idea of Mission to the Catholic Mission's Socktober outreach program by comparing our lives to those of children in the poorer parts of Thailand. We learned how those that have less, get very creative with what resources they do have to make toys if they can't afford to buy them. We made a 'sockball' out of recycled materials and enjoyed playing a class game of soccer with it. It is so well made we will be able to play with it again and again!*



**Thank you** for your financial contribution to the support of our Parish Community and its priests - it is very much appreciated. You are invited to help our Parish by committing to the Planned Giving Program. You can find the Planned Giving form in our parish Web site. Hard copies of the form are available at both Churches. [www.pymblecatholicparish.org.au](http://www.pymblecatholicparish.org.au)



## Events and School Engagement Coordinator, Catholic Youth Broken Bay Permanent, full-time Based in Pennant Hills

The Diocese of Broken Bay is seeking to recruit a permanent full-time Events and School Engagement Coordinator.

### About the Role

This role is accountable to the Team Leader – Catholic Youth Broken Bay, and is responsible for engaging with youth, including young people under the age of 18, in their call to missionary discipleship through regional events and other initiatives across the Diocese. The Events and School Engagement Coordinator also develops and implements strategies to strengthen the partnership with Catholic Schools Broken Bay and Diocesan schools, supporting them in their evangelisation efforts.

The role develops, plans, consults, organises and promotes youth and young adult events. The Events and School Engagement Coordinator serves as a point of coordination, logistical support and communication for these activities, ensuring a child-safe and supportive environment.

### About You

A comprehensive understanding and experience in youth events and developing strategies and communications to increase participation in those events will be crucial to your success. You'll be a creative thinker with an ability to communicate with impact.

Previous knowledge or experience in working with Catholic schools and in school evangelisation will be extremely beneficial as well as a commitment to prayer with the understanding that this is integral for effective ministry in a Catholic setting.

We're looking for someone who is extremely organised with the ability to work with minimal supervision. You will deal with a number of stakeholders both internally and externally so you will need to be personable and have the ability to communicate at all levels. You take pride in your professionalism and have a 'can-do' attitude.

The successful applicant must also meet the following criteria:

1. tertiary qualifications in youth ministry, event organisation or minimum 3+ years relevant experience,
2. the right to work in Australia with no limitations, and
3. will be required to undertake a National Police History Check and Working With Children Check.

To obtain a copy of the position description or for further details, please contact [recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au).

If you are interested in applying for this position, please send your CV and a brief cover letter addressing the skillsets required for this role to [recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au). Applications close on **Friday 26 November 2021**.



Sisters of the Good Samaritan  
of the Order of St Benedict

### Position Vacant

The Sisters of the Good Samaritan are seeking to employ a passionate and enthusiastic communications professional in a permanent part-time role (22.5 hours per week) to develop and implement the Congregation's communications strategy, engaging both internal and external stakeholders.

**Applications close on November 26, 2021.**

The role description is available at: [www.goodsams.org.au/2021/11/04/employment-opportunity-2/](http://www.goodsams.org.au/2021/11/04/employment-opportunity-2/)

## Alpha in Broken Bay: Moving into 2022 with Confidence An online event for Alpha teams in the Diocese of Broken Bay



All Alpha teams of the Diocese are warmly invited to an end-of-year gathering to review and celebrate our evangelisation efforts through Alpha during this challenging year, and to look ahead at how to best plan to run great Alphas in 2022. There will be a special focus on ideas for what comes after Alpha to continue the connection with our guests.

Presented by Tania Rimac, Alpha in a Catholic Context NSW Coordinator, and Pina Bernard, Team Leader Parish Renewal & Discipleship

**Date: Thursday 18 November**

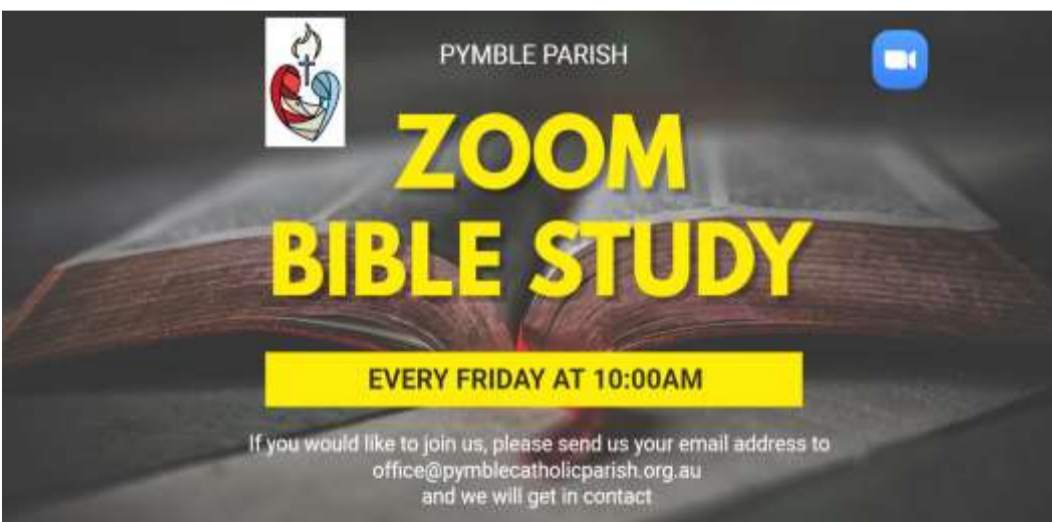
**Time: 7:00pm – 8:15pm**

Register at: <https://bbcatholic.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJludOitqz4sE9VVop--5PDFYxbz4b8Uni-X>

### COVID-19 check-in card

The Service QR Code check in process has a procedure to allow visitors not using phones to carry their own personal COVID-19 check-in card. The card is provided on paper and can be folded to the size of a credit card.

You are able to make your own individual card at home by following the following link: [www.tinyurl.com/sryaxdsb](http://www.tinyurl.com/sryaxdsb). The link will allow you to produce a card and print it at home for use at any Service NSW check-in point. If you have any difficulty producing the card, the Parish Office is available to help.



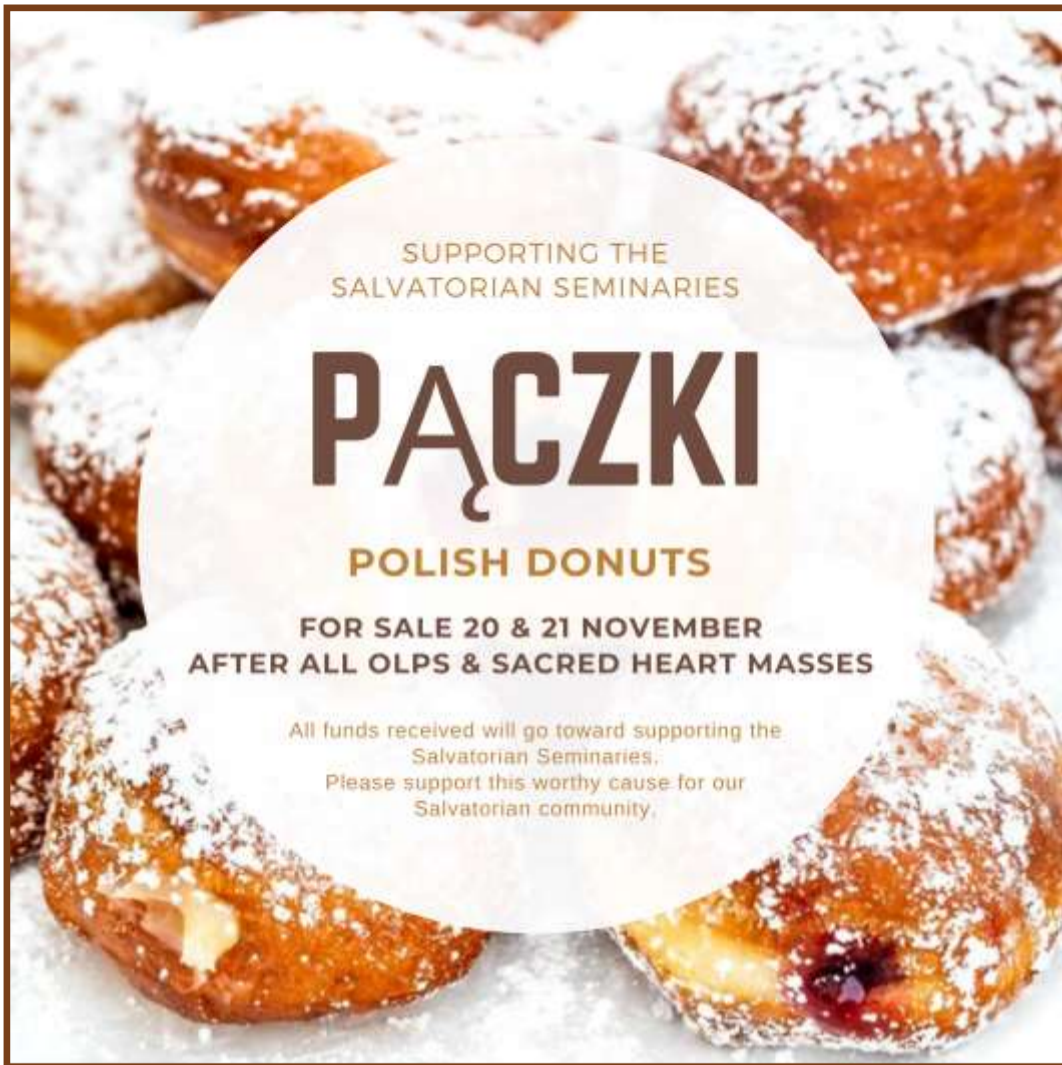
### St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards



Christmas Cards in packs of 10 will be on sale at both Churches this weekend for \$6 a pack. A variety of scenes, associated with Christmas is depicted on each card.

Sending a relative or friend a Christmas card is a great way of celebrating the birth of Jesus.

Payment may be made at the piety store or placed in the poor box.



## This Week's Gospel Reading (Mk 13:24-32)

### Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

This Sunday is the second to last Sunday of our liturgical year. As we approach the end of the Church year, our Gospel invites us to consider Jesus' predictions and teaching about the end of the world. In the context of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words about this are spoken to his disciples as he prepares them for his passion and death.

Before we consider Jesus' words, it is important to note the political backdrop against which many think Mark's Gospel was written. Most scholars concur that Mark wrote his Gospel for Christians living in or near Rome about 30 to 40 years after the death of Jesus. This was a time of political turmoil in Rome. Some Christians experienced persecution by the Romans during the reign of the emperor Nero (about 64 A.D.).

Jewish revolutionaries rebelled against the Romans, which led the Romans to destroy the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 A.D. In this time of political turmoil and persecution, many in Mark's community might have wondered if the end times predicted by Jesus were in fact quite near.

Last Sunday we heard Jesus' observation about the contributions being made to the temple treasury and the example of sacrificial giving that he saw in the poor widow's offering. If we had been reading Mark's Gospel continuously, we would have heard Jesus predict the destruction of the Temple, his teaching about the costs of discipleship, and the woes that will accompany the end times. Finally, we would have heard Jesus instruct his disciples about the need for watchfulness so that they will not be caught unprepared for this final day of judgment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues this teaching by offering his disciples signs to look for that will indicate that the coming of the Son of Man is near. His words and images draw upon Old Testament imagery, especially images found in the Book of Daniel. Next, Jesus offers the lesson of the fig tree, a parable that teaches that if one knows how to read the signs, one can be prepared for the end times. Jesus also teaches, however, that no one knows when the end time will come, except the Father. In the verses that follow this reading in Mark's Gospel, Jesus continues to warn his disciples to be on watch for this end time.

Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us.

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SACRED HEART PARISH FUNDRAISING EVENTS

# SAVE THE FOLLOWING DATES

10 DEC (EVENING) - PARISH FUNDRAISING CONCERT  
19 DEC (AFTER FAMILY MASS) - BBQ FUNDRAISER

**FINAL DETAILS TO BE CONFIRMED**



## Connected in Christ Resource

Each week the Evangelisation Broken Bay team will provide Gospel readings, prayers, reflections and children's activities for families to worship and pray at home.

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/our-faith/prayer-resources/bay-connect>





**Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform**  
**A Third Convocation of Catholics on**  
**Thursday 18 November at 7.30 - 9pm AEDT**  
**By Zoom**

**The Future of Catholicism in Australia**

**Ellen Fanning (ABC's The Drum)** will moderate two 40-minute sessions with Plenary Council members and leading thinkers on the future of Catholicism. The panels will consider these questions and other matters affecting the future of Catholicism in Australia.

**Panellists:**

**Session 1** – All are Plenary Council members

- Claire Victory, National President, St Vincent de Paul Society;
- Francis Sullivan, Chair Catholic Social Services Australia, former CEO, Truth, Justice and Healing Council;
- Dr Nimmi Candappa, Research Fellow, Monash University; and
- Virginia Bourke, Pro-Chancellor designate, Australian Catholic University.

**Session 2** –

- Robert Fitzgerald AM, former Royal Commissioner, Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse,
- Adjunct Professor Susan Pascoe AM, Commission on Methodology, 2023 Synod on Synodality,
- Chairs of Catholic renewal organisations:
  - Dr Eleanor Flynn—Women's Wisdom in the Church
  - Emeritus Professor John Warhurst AO—Concerned Catholics Canberra Goulburn
  - Kevin Liston—South Australian Catholics for an Evolving Church

To register and receive the link to the Zoom, please go to

[www.acccr.com.au](http://www.acccr.com.au): Thurs. 18 November 7.30pm AEDT - gathering from 7.20pm

# #RedWednesday

Red Wednesday is an annual event to remember and pray for all who are persecuted and oppressed for their Christian faith. Churches and public buildings around the world will light up in red to show solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Red Wednesday is an initiative of Aid to the Church in Need.

The Diocese of Broken Bay will mark this occasion with a Red Wednesday Mass. Details are as follows:

**Date: Wednesday 24 November 2021**

**Time: 7:30pm Mass**

**Venue: Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church, 94 Archer St Chatswood**

**Celebrant: Fr David Ranson VG**

Registration for the Mass is essential. Please register at [www.bbcatholic.org.au/redwednesday](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/redwednesday)

The Mass will also be live streamed, and can be accessed from this webpage.

Take a prayer card from the back of the church to join in prayer for Christians persecuted around the world. Please consider supporting the work of Aid to the Church in Need at <https://aidtochurch.org/>



## NOVEMBER MASSES

During the month of November, masses will be offered each day for those whose names have been written on the special "November Mass Envelopes". Please write down the names of your deceased family members and friends clearly and place them in the basket at the back of the Church.

**Envelopes are available at the back of both churches.**



Volunteering at your Parish is a special opportunity to join in Parish Life and share your time and talents with others. There are many different options available for you to consider. Music, flower arranging, youth work, becoming a catechist, reading at mass and many other opportunities to get involved. Many of our parishioners have been involved in various ministries for years and would love to welcome new members.

We are currently in need of more volunteers in the following ministries at both churches:

- Readers and a ministry coordinator for Sacred Heart
- Catechist
- Counters (counting the collection after weekend masses)
- Music
- Projectors
- Children's Liturgy
- Altar Society

If you would like to volunteer or need more information simply contact the parish office at 9144 2702 or via email at [office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au](mailto:office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au)



# Liturgy of the Word

## Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

### Entrance Antiphon

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

### First Reading

**Dan 12:1-3**

#### A reading from the prophet Daniel

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

### Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.**

- O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)
- And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)
- You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness forever. (R.)

### Second Reading

**Heb 10:11-14, 18**

#### A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Be watchful, and pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. Alleluia!*

### Gospel

**Mk 13:24-32**

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.'

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

### Gospel Reflection

#### **The Lord is preparing us for his return**

Jesus told his first disciples that it was for their benefit that he return to his Father in heaven in order for the Holy Spirit to come (John 16:7) and fill the earth with the fire of God's love, truth, and glory. The Lord Jesus in every age fills his people with the power of the Holy Spirit so that each one of us can hear his voice, understand his truth, and sow the seeds of his word - the good news of the Gospel - wherever he sends us. The Lord Jesus is preparing his people for his return - for the day of "tribulation" and "shaking" when he will appear "coming in clouds with great power and glory" (Mark 13:25-26).

The image of a "Son of man coming with the clouds of heaven" is taken from the vision of the prophet Daniel (Daniel 7:13-14). Daniel's vision is a royal investiture of a human king before God's throne. This king, whose authority comes from God, is given power to

rule over "all peoples, nations, and languages" (Daniel 7:14). The kingdom which he comes to establish cannot be broken or destroyed because it is built on the foundation of God's justice, truth, and holiness.

The day of the Lord's return will be unlike any other moment in time, history, and destiny for the human race and our place in God's creation. Then the "stars of heaven will fall and all will be shaken" before the presence of the Lord when he comes. Then the peoples of the earth and their rulers will know who is the true King and Ruler over all.

Jesus' first coming was a rescue mission - to free the human race from slavery to sin and Satan - the father of lies. His second coming will be the final completion of his mission when he will "make all things new" - a new heavens and a new earth - after he has put down the last enemy which is death and restores our lowly bodies to immortality when death will be no more (Daniel 12:2-3).

#### **The sign of the budding fig tree**

What lesson does the Lord Jesus want us to learn from the parable of the budding fig tree? The fig tree was a common and important source of food for the Jews. It bore fruit twice a year, in the autumn and in the early spring. The prophet Joel mentions its fruit-bearing as a sign of favor from the Lord (Joel 2:22). The Talmud (a Jewish commentary and instruction on the Torah or Five Books of Moses) said that the first fruit came the day after Passover. The Jews believed that when the Messiah came he would usher in the kingdom of God at Passover time.

This parable foretells the joy of God's kingdom - the joy of new life and the promise of a new age of peace and blessing. The signs of spring are evident for all who can see. Just so are the signs of God's kingdom. The "budding" of God's kingdom begins first in the hearts of those who are receptive to God's word. Those who trust in God's word will bear the fruits of his kingdom. And what are the fruits of that kingdom? "The kingdom of God ..is righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17).

**Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may radiate the joy of your kingdom and the fire of your love to all I meet and serve. Direct my life to the glory of your name and to the coming of your kingdom.**

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## Pymble Parish Roster 20/21 November 2021

Sacred Heart (Pymble)	Saturday 5.30pm	Sunday 7.45am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 6.00pm
Acolytes	C Parbury	C De Sousa	T McLeod	A Wahab
Altar Servers	<b>Volunteers needed</b>	<b>Volunteers needed</b>	J Cho N Liem	R Samson
Readers	M Collins	J Seymour	B Allen	Youth Mass
Music	L Drinkwater M Drylie	Quiet Mass	E Cho J Whiting	T Sato Youth Choir
Projector	T Antony	C Greedy	M Ortiz	J Duffy
Counters	21 November: J Li / T Scanlan			
Altar Society	20 November: P Awad / R Wahab			
OLPS (West Pymble)	Saturday 5.00pm	Sunday 9.00am		
Acolytes	G Lynch	A Mazzei		
Altar servers	J Carr	B & A Halpin		
Readers	A Carr	L Johnston H Roche		
Music and Projector	E & A Chan	M Mead / K Haddrick		
Altar Cloth	20 November: D Mazzei			
Altar Society	20 November: D Mazzei			

**PLEASE NOTE:** If your name is on the roster but you are not able to attend Mass, please organise someone to replace you or contact the Parish Office. Wherever possible stay 1.5 metres apart, wear a mask and practise good hand hygiene. **Please stay home if you are feeling unwell or if you are experiencing cold or flu symptoms.**

## Children's Corner

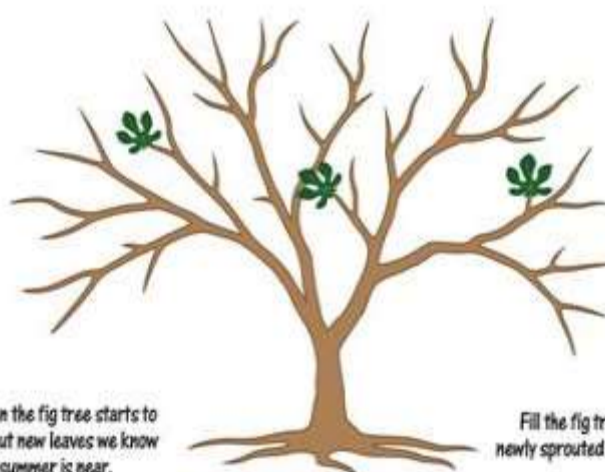
### God will send his angels to gather his chosen ones

#### FIND THE SECRET ANSWER

Help the angel find the hidden answer to the question.... "Who will know when the time is right for Jesus to return?". In the puzzle below, cross out any letter that appears four or more times. Then unscramble the remaining letters to complete the verse below.



B M G S N D V K P Y Z  
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 L O C S B I P L J D P  
 Z U Y L H N G Q A W K  
 ONLY \_\_\_\_\_ KNOWS.



When the fig tree starts to sprout new leaves we know that summer is near.

Fill the fig tree with newly sprouted leaves.

When Jesus returns, God will send his angels to gather his chosen ones. Write down the names of some people you know for the angels to gather.

When the fig tree starts to sprout new leaves, we know that summer is near and it is ready to bear fruit. Write down things you can do to make yourself ready for when Jesus returns.

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