


# PYMBLE CATHOLIC PARISH

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*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**



"You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord."



Matthew 5:33

PROJECT COMPASSION  
LENTEN PRAYER

God of all love,  
We remember that on the night before he died  
Your son, Jesus, prayed  
that his friends 'may all be one.'  
Yet we see so much division in the world.  
War, conflict, violence and hatred  
must all distress you.  
Millions of people suffer  
when they don't have peace and respect.  
They lack the necessities of life: food, water,  
health, education and security.  
We pray that we may all  
**Unite Against Poverty this Lent.**  
May our support for **Project Compassion**  
be a sign to ourselves and others,  
of our hope for a better world.  
This Lent, we pray that our dedication  
to prayer, fasting and almsgiving  
will help restore your vision of justice and peace.  
Guided by the Holy Spirit,  
we pray in Jesus' name,  
**Amen.**


**Baptisms at  
Pymble Parish**



Our upcoming Baptism Formation  
Class will be held on:  
  
**Sunday, 22 February 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  
February**  
  
**For Children with  
Incurable Diseases**  
  
Let us pray that children suffering  
from incurable diseases and their  
families receive the necessary  
medical care and support, never  
losing strength and hope.



**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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Lent

begins next Wednesday on Ash  
Wednesday, as we enter the season  
of prayer, fasting and renewal  
  
Masses at 9am, 7pm @ Sacred Heart  
12pm @ OLPS

**A warm welcome  
to all our  
Parishioners and  
visitors who are  
participating in  
Mass with us this  
weekend.**









WHAT’S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

**Saturday, 14 February**  
***Sts Cyril, monk, and Methodius, bishop (Memorial)***  
9:00am Mass at OLPS with Morning Prayer (Breviary)  
5:00pm Mass at OLPS

**Sunday, 15 February**  
8:00am Mass at OLPS (quiet)  
9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart (Rite of Election for RCIA Candidates)  
10:30am Prayer Ministry at Sacred Heart  
10:30am Senior Servers and Readers Meeting at Sacred Heart  
5:30pm Reconciliation at Sacred Heart  
6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart

**Tuesday, 17 February**  
***The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order (Optional)***  
9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart  
7:00pm Faith Formation: The Mass  
7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group

**Wednesday, 18 February**  
***Ash Wednesday***  
9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart  
12:00pm Mass at OLPS  
7:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart

**Thursday, 19 February**  
9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

**Friday, 20 February**  
9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart followed by Adoration and Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
6:30pm Men’s Dinner at West Pymble Bowling Club

**Saturday, 21 February**  
***Collect of St Peter Damian, bishop, doctor (Optional)***  
9:00am Mass at OLPS with Morning Prayer (Breviary)  
5:00pm Family Mass at OLPS

**Sunday, 22 February**  
***First Sunday of Lent***  
8:00am Mass at OLPS (quiet)  
9:30am Family Mass at Sacred Heart  
2:00pm Rite of Election at Our Lady of the Rosary, Waitara  
5:00pm Lenten Adoration  
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 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:**  
Simon Devitt, Chan Siew Gaik, Douglas Jacks, John Nolem, Cindy Cheung, Teresa Sit, Daisy Chiu, Tom Ryan, Diana Tam, Sandra Sinclair, Joe Pereira, John Clark, Ada Yu, Anthony Machedo, Graham Lynch, Gilbert Tomlinson

**Death Anniversaries:**  
Kerry Oei, Pertiwiningsih Arifiu, Trenna Scanlan, Antonio, Faride, Carlos, Salim, Virginia, Salvadal Younes, David Gardener, Antonio Wahibe, Maio & Paul, Georg, Tony Neily, Antonio, Faride, Carlos, Salim, Virginia & Salvadal Younes, Peter O’Sullivan,

**Prayers for the sick:**  
Sr Gemma & Pamela Seaman, Stan Brataniec, Craig Shepherd, Daniel Fileman, Jan Drobczyk, Janusz Czech, Elliot Leahy

**Monthly prayer intention:**  
This week we pray for peace and unity: We pray for a rejection of all forms of hatred, anti-semitism, and violence. May we build bridges of respect and understanding, rather than walls of fear, ensuring all people can live in safety. 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.

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## Serra Vocations Weekly Prayer Calendar

Please pray for those in formation or already serving the Church

16 February	Fr Biju Jose OSH
17 February	Fr Joy Thomas OSH
18 February	Fr Satheesh Anthony OSH
19 February	Fr Biju Mathew
20 February	Fr Joseph Methanath OSH
21 February	Fr Raphael Kimaro AJ
22 February	Fr Vincent Musindalo AJ

## 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.



## Project Compassion Sunday 14–15 of February 2026

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Your generosity this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.



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You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

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Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty* this Lent.



## FAMILY MASS

will be held at both our Churches next weekend:

**OLPS Saturday 5pm**

**Sacred Heart Sunday 9:30am**

Please join us as we gather together for the new year.

A BBQ or morning tea will follow.



## BICENTENNIAL CLUB



# Men's Dinner

6:30pm Friday  
20 February 2026

A New Year opportunity to catch up, chat and connect with friends old and new.

Buy your own meal and drinks.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, 17 February 2026 to the Parish office.

### Contacts:

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**West Pymble**

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**02 9144 2702**

# PRAYER MINISTRY

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest"  
*Matthew 11:28*

Would you like someone to join with you in prayer? We would love to pray with you and for you.

The Charismatic Prayer Group invite you to join with a Prayer Ministry team of two people who will pray for your intention.

There are no formalities, please come along or stay after Mass and join in prayer in the crying room at Sacred Heart Pymble after the 9:30am Sunday Mass. Prayer sessions are scheduled as required on a third Sunday of the month over the year. The next session is on:

**Sunday, 15 February 2026**

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# ASH Wednesday 18 February 2026

9am @ Sacred Heart

12pm @ OLPS

7pm @ Sacred Heart

"From dust we came, and to dust we shall return.  
May this day remind us to walk with humility and purpose."



# Lenten Holy Hour

ADORATION • PRAYER • MUSIC

Join us for Adoration from 5pm to 6pm every Sunday during Lent before our 6pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Pymble.

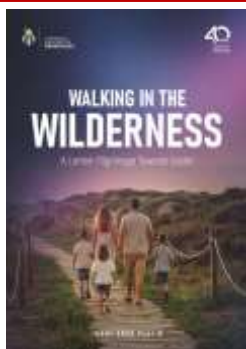
Beginning on Sunday, 22 February and every Sunday until 22 March.

During this hour, the Gospel of the day will be read, followed by questions for personal reflection and prayer. This is a time of private reflection and there will be no discussion or sharing.

We hope you can all join us for this reflective time as we prepare ourselves for the coming Easter.

## Lenten Reflection Booklet 2026

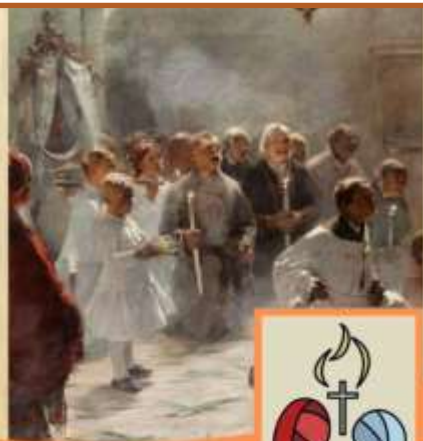
The Diocese has produced a Lenten Reflection Booklet: *Walking in the Wilderness: A Lenten Pilgrimage Towards Easter*, as a companion for our Lenten journey. This resource invites us to enter more deeply into the sacred mystery of our faith and to renew our encounter with Jesus Christ, as we embrace this time of grace, repentance and renewal.



This Booklet is available electronically at [tinyurl.com/4hhbd9mn](https://tinyurl.com/4hhbd9mn), and hard copies are available at Churches from this weekend. Please take a copy and make use of this Lenten resource as we journey through this Lent to Easter.

## LITURGY & LIFE

Unveiling the Mystical Movement of the Mass



### Invitation


You are invited to join our six part Liturgy & Life series **Unveiling the Mystical Movement of the Mass** with Matthew Leonard

### Topics

The series topics include:

- Welling Up To Eternal Life
- Shadow, Image & Reality
- Giving & Receiving
- The Exodus Out of Self
- From Sacrifice to Sacrament
- Preparing to Participate in the Mystery

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### Context

Beyond rites and rubrics, we go below the surface of the liturgy and explore the breathtaking, mystical realities that unite us to Christ and allow us to participate in the Divine Family of God. The series will transform your understanding and participation in the Mass, and provide practical advice to prepare for deeper union with God.

### 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 17 February 2026

### Matthew Leonard

Matthew Leonard is the founder of the Science of Sainthood online program for Catholic formation. He has produced many best-selling series that have been broadcast around the world.



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## Rite of Christian Initiation Rite of Sending



Our Catechumens and Candidates have been busy preparing themselves to being fully received into the Catholic Church since September. This Sunday at the 9:30am Mass, is the Rite of Election.

The Rite of Election is an act of acceptance made by the Church, founded on the election by God in whose name the Church acts. The Bishop will enrol the names of the catechumens in the Book of the Elect based on the testimony of the Parish community in which they have received their catechumenal formation.

The Catechumens (those who are not yet baptised) in our Parish this year are **Charles Jerram, Lachlan Ho-Shon, Sebastian Kabir, Jesse Lourens, Praveena Raman**, and our Candidates (who are already baptised in a non-Catholic Church) are **Bianca Awad, Peter McKendrick**. We pray that they may share with others the joy they have found in their friendship with Jesus. We also pray that during the upcoming Lenten season, that our community may grow in charity and be constant in prayer.

The Rite of Election will take place at Our Lady of the Rosary, Waitara next Sunday, 22 February at 2pm.

## Welcome to 2026 Cocktail

We had a lovely gathering after our OLPS 5pm Vigil last Saturday evening, joined by many from our Parish. Many thanks to the ladies in our Social Committee who put on such a wonderful party for us all! Looking forward to a great 2026!



## SERRA VOCATIONS MINISTRY

**ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT THE  
SHORTAGE OF NEW VOCATIONS AND  
FOR THE WELLBEING OF THOSE ALREADY  
SERVING THE CHURCH?**



**IF YOU ARE, YOU ARE SPECIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND  
OUR VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING  
THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026  
AT SACRED HEART CHURCH PYMBLE  
COMMENCING WITH MASS AT 6.30 PM  
OUR MASS CELEBRANT WILL BE OUR CHAPLAIN  
FATHER ALDRIN VALDEHUEZA, ASSISTANT PRIEST  
AT EPPING/CARLINGFORD PARISH.  
AFTER DINNER FATHER WILL SPEAK TO US  
ABOUT OUR LENTEN JOURNEY  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME, SO PLEASE COME AND SEE.**

*Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians, novices, and for the residence of Joseph House Discernment Centre. Please also pray for the perseverance of existing vocations.*

For catering purposes kindly telephone Anna Leung on **0478 083 116** or email [annayytleung@yahoo.com.au](mailto:annayytleung@yahoo.com.au) or telephone Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email [terry\\_scanlan@bigpond.com](mailto:terry_scanlan@bigpond.com) if you are planning to attend.





# Liturgy of the Word

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf Psalm 30: 3-4

Be my protector, O God,  
a mighty stronghold to save me.  
For you are my rock, my stronghold!  
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

**First Reading** Sirach 15: 15-20

**A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus**

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,  
to behave faithfully is within your power.  
He has set fire and water before you;  
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.  
Man has life and death before him;  
whichever a man likes better will be given him.  
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;  
he is almighty and all-seeing.  
His eyes are on those who fear him,  
he notes every action of man.  
He never commanded anyone to be godless,  
He has given no one permission to sin.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 115: 1-2, 4-5, 17-18 R. v.1

**(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!**

1. They are happy whose life is blameless,  
who follow God's law!  
They are happy those who do his will,  
seeking him with all their hearts. **(R.)**
2. You have laid down your precepts  
to be obeyed with care.  
May my footsteps be firm  
to obey your statutes. **(R.)**
3. Bless your servant and I shall live  
and obey your word.  
Open my eyes that I may consider  
the wonders of your law. **(R.)**
4. Teach me the demands of your statutes  
and I will keep them to the end.  
Train me to observe your law,  
to keep it with my heart. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 2: 6-10

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

We have a wisdom to offer those who have  
reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age,  
it is true, still less of the masters of our age,  
which are coming to their end. The hidden  
wisdom of God which we teach in our  
mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined  
to be for our glory before the ages began. It is  
a wisdom that none of the masters of this age  
have ever known, or they would not have  
crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what  
scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen  
and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind  
of man, all that God has prepared for those  
who love him.

These are the very things that God has  
revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit  
reaches the depths of everything, even the

depths of God.

**Gospel Acclamation** Matthew 11: 25

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and  
earth;  
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries  
of the kingdom.  
*Alleluia!*

**Gospel** Matthew 5: 17-37

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that  
I have come to abolish the Law or the  
Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but  
to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till  
heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one  
little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until  
its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man  
who infringes even one of the least of these  
commandments and teaches others to do the  
same will be considered the least in the  
kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps  
them and teaches them will be considered  
great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper  
than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will  
never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our  
ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone  
does kill he must answer for it before the  
court. But I say this to you: anyone who is  
angry with his brother will answer for it before  
the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he  
will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a  
man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it  
in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your  
offering to the altar and there remember that  
your brother has something against you, leave  
your offering there before the altar, go and be  
reconciled with your brother first, and then  
come back and present your offering. Come to  
terms with your opponent in good time while  
you are still on the way to the court with him,  
or he may hand you over to the judge and the  
judge to the officer, and you will be thrown  
into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get  
out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not  
commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man  
looks at a woman lustfully, he has already  
committed adultery with her in his heart. If  
your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it  
out and throw it away; for it will do you less  
harm to lose one part of you than to have your  
whole body thrown into hell. And if your right  
hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and  
throw it away; for it will do you less harm to  
lose one part of you than to have your whole  
body go to hell.

'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces  
his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I  
say this to you: everyone who divorces his  
wife, except for the case of fornication,  
makes her an adulteress; and anyone who  
marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our  
ancestors: You must not break your oath, but  
must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say  
this to you: do not swear at all, either by  
heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the  
earth, since that is his footstool; or  
by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great  
king. Do not swear by your own head either,  
since you cannot turn a single hair white or  
black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean  
yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than  
this comes from the evil one.'

**Gospel Reflection**

This Gospel reading illustrates very well how  
Matthew understands Jesus as the fulfillment  
of Old Testament expectations and  
prophesies. He has come not to abolish the  
law but to complete it.

The passage is unusually long and covers  
several different areas. The Lectionary  
recognises that this may be too much for  
people and so provides a short form.  
However the shorter version is quite elliptical  
and may prove difficult for the assembly and  
the preacher. The opening sentences of the  
full version are particularly helpful but are  
omitted in the short version. An alternative  
course of action would be to use the full  
version of the text and then to shorten it by  
omitting the last two or three paragraphs. The  
reading of Chapter 5 would normally have  
continued on the Seventh Sunday but this will  
not take place this year because Lent begins  
on Wednesday.

However the text is presented to the  
assembly, it is clear that the demands of the  
gospel are a significant challenge to our  
behaviour and way of living. We are called to  
go beyond the letter of the law.

In tone, the reading should be an  
encouragement rather than an admonition. In  
the first paragraph. 'the man' could be read as  
'the one', and in the third paragraph, 'a man'  
can be pronounced as 'someone'.

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Pymble Parish Roster - 21 & 22 February 2026		
Sacred Heart (Pymble)	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes	C Wawrzyniak	P Adams
Altar Servers	A & T De Souza	W Rusak & W Ng
Readers	Family Mass	L Joshi
Altar Society	21 February: Lent—no flowers	
Counters	22 February: J Witcombe / M Boland / T Scanlan	
OLPS (West Pymble)	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 8:00am
Acolytes	J Pease	C De Sousa
Altar Servers	William & Magdalene	Volunteers needed
Readers	A Leung	Lise Treacy
Altar Cloth	21 February: N Simpkins	

# Children's Corner

Jesus wants us to make peace with those who we have wronged

When someone does wrong things against me, I can make peace with them by....

When I do wrong things against someone, I can make peace with them by....



“When you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.”

Find your way through the maze



## SIENA CATHOLIC COLLEGE OPEN DAYS

**Senior Campus, Pymble**  
**OPEN EVENING** Wednesday 18 March | 4:00pm – 7:00pm  
**OPEN MORNING** – Tuesday 24 March | 9:00am – 10:30am  
Campus address: 1 Bobbin Head Road, Pymble  
• Enrolling now for Year 7 2027/2028 & Kindergarten 2027

**Junior Campus, West Pymble**  
**OPEN MORNING**– Tuesday 17 March | 9:00am – 10:30am  
**OPEN EVENING** – Thursday 26 March | 6:00pm – 7:00pm  
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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.



**"Christ has no hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on this world."**

- attributed to St Teresa of Ávila



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