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Building a Christ-centred community of Love and Mercy

Pymble Parish is under the Pastoral care of the Salvatorian Fathers.



Behold the Lamb of God

*Loving Heavenly Father,
Thank You for sending Jesus as the
true Lamb of God Who has taken
away all my sins.*

*I am so thankful that Jesus died on
the Cross for me, becoming the
only substitute for my sins.*

*In Jesus' name I pray,
AMEN.*



Pymble Parish Office Christmas Break

The Parish Office will reopen
Monday, 16 January 2022 at 8:30am

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A heartfelt thank
you to all of you
dear parishioners
for your Christmas
wishes and gifts. Your generosity
and thoughtfulness is very much
appreciated. You remain in our
prayers. We wish you God's many
blessings for 2023.

Fr Irek and Fr Paul

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January

FOR EDUCATORS

We pray that educators may be credible
witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than
competition and helping the youngest and
most vulnerable above all.



A warm welcome
to all our
Parishioners
who are
celebrating the
Eucharist 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.

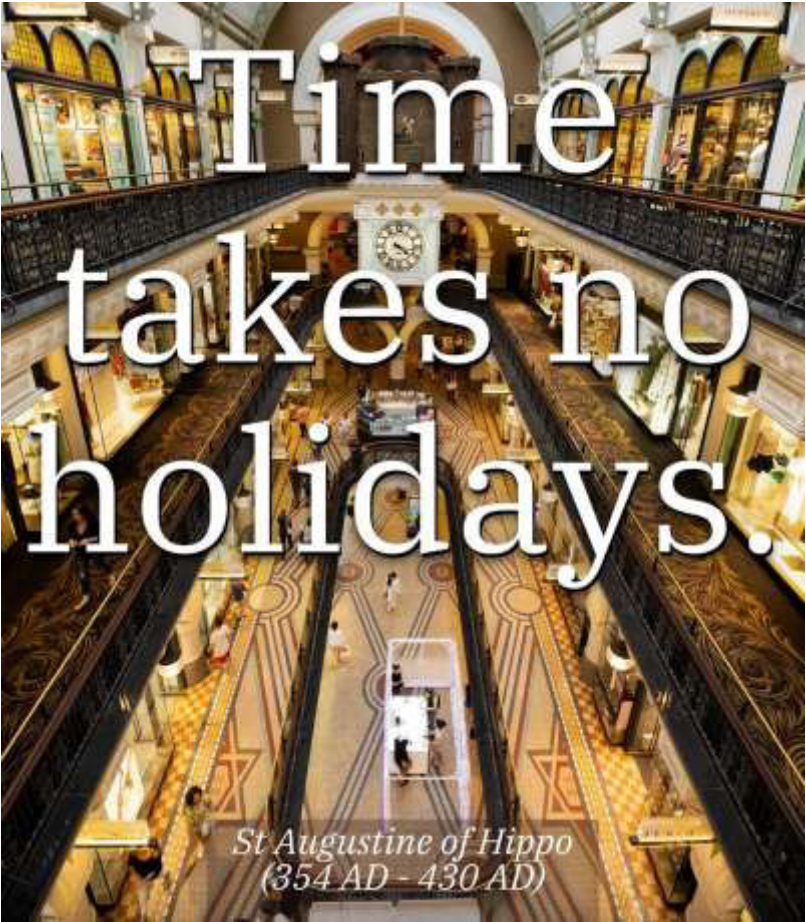
Through the intercession of Blessed Francis Jordan, I pray
to you for my special needs (include your personal
intention). I make this prayer through you, my Saviour, who
lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, forever
and ever. Amen.

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WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, 15 January 7:45am Mass at Sacred Heart 9:00am Family Mass at OLPS 9:30am Family Mass at Sacred Heart 6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart	Friday, 20 January <i>St Fabian, pope, martyr (Optional)</i> <i>St Sebastian, martyr (Optional)</i> 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart with Adoration and Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Tuesday, 17 January 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart	Saturday, 21 January 9:00am Mass with Morning Prayer at OLPS 5:00pm Mass at OLPS 5:30pm Mass at Sacred Heart
Wednesday, 18 January 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart	Sunday, 22 January 7:45am Mass at Sacred Heart 9:00am Mass at OLPS 9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart 6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart
Thursday, 19 January 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart	

The Rosary is recited after all weekday Masses.



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 via email on office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Baptism Formation Classes will resume in February 2023.

Keep in touch with us

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

Thank you for your generous support!

Thank you to all our parishioners who have so generously supported the Parish in the past year. We will always be grateful for your generosity.

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If you have any questions or require any help, please contact the Parish Office.

Pymble Catholic Parish

Christmas Break

Parish groups taking a break over the Christmas New Year period will resume as below

Office: Monday, 16 January 2023
RCIA: Friday, 30 January 2023
Charismatic Prayer Group: Tuesday, 31 January 2023
Mens Fellowship: Thursday, 2 February 2023
Taizé Group: Friday, 3 February 2023
Bible Study: Friday, 3 February 2023
Youth off the Streets: Friday, 17 February 2023

We wish everyone all the blessings of Christmas

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

Recently Deceased: Edith & Harold Burford, Geoff & Dorothy Thomas, Margaret Kime, Silvya Gomez, Peter Pedulla, Nina Gomes, Julian Costa Silva, Maria Elizabeth Miranda, Elaine Giddy, Matthew McFadden, Judith Clubb, Judith English, Monica Steele, Janice Lemon, Michael Schmaedicke, Louisa Garcia, Lisbello Do Rozario, Mary Dunne, Mdm Wei Took Heng, Ranjan Fernando, Lorenta Vida Water.
Death Anniversaries: Bruce McLeod, Tony Awad, Tony Sanchez, Franciszek Lucjan Skrodzki, Les Cashman, Jim Hussin, Jane & David Wilkinson, Maria Karayannis, Yu Tso Kwong Tsui, Paul & George Neily, Salim, Virginia, Carlos & Salvador Younes, Maria Hui, Charles and Joan Bernie, Peter Goh, Ricardo Ramos, Lois Rae, Katherine Cashman, Martin Gilsenan, Jack Chan, John English, Carmel Nola Conway.
Prayers for the sick: Angie, Wendy Tan, Alice Chapman, David Gardener
Weekly prayer intention: This week we pray for Pope Francis, that his pastoral care for the whole human family will inspire the leaders of every nation. 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.



Liturgy of the Word

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First Reading

Is 49: 3, 5-6

A reading from the book of Isaiah

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel,
in whom I shall be glorified';
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
my God was my strength.
And now the Lord has spoken,
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant,
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back
the survivors of Israel;
I will make you the light of the nations
so that my salvation may reach to the ends
of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

- 1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. (R.)
- 2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. (R.)
- 3. In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. (R.)
- 4. Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Cor 1: 1-3

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle,
together with brother Sosthenes, send
greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to
the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are
called to take their place among all the
saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Je-
sus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than
ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ send you grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Word of God became flesh and dwelt
among us.
He enabled those who accepted him
to become the children of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 1: 29-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said,
'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes
away the sin of the world. This is the one I
spoke of when I said: A man is coming after
me who ranks before me because he existed
before me. I did not know him myself, and yet
it was to reveal him to Israel that I came bap-
tising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw
the Spirit coming down on him from heaven
like a dove and resting on him. I did not know
him myself, but he who sent me to baptise
with water had said to me, "The man on
whom you see the Spirit come down and rest
is the one who is going to baptise with the
Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the wit-
ness that he is the Chosen One of God.

Gospel Reflection

Meditation: John calls Jesus the Lamb of God
and thus signifies Jesus' mission as the One
who redeems us from our sins. The blood of
the Passover Lamb (Exodus 12) delivered the
Israelites in Egypt from slavery and death. The
Lord Jesus freely offered up his life for us on
the cross as the atoning sacrifice for our sins
(1 Corinthians 5:7). The blood which he
poured out for us on the cross cleanses, heals,
and frees us from our slavery to sin, and from
the "wages of sin which is death" (Romans
6:23) and the "destruction of both body and
soul in hell" (Matthew 10:28).

John points to Jesus' saving mission - to offer up his life as the atoning sacrifice for our sins

It is significant that John was the son of Zach-
ariah, a priest of Israel who participated in the
daily sacrifice of a lamb in the temple for the
sins of the people (Exodus 29). John recog-
nized that Jesus was the perfect unblemished
lamb offered by the Father in heaven as the
one and only sacrifice that could cancel the
debt of sin, and free us from death and the
destruction of body and soul in hell.

The Holy Spirit reveals who Jesus truly is - the Son of God and Saviour of the world

When John says he did not know Jesus (John
1:31,33) he was referring to the hidden reality
of Jesus' divinity. But the Holy Spirit in that
hour revealed to John Jesus' true nature, such
that John bore witness that this is the Son of
God. How can we be certain that Jesus is truly
the Christ, the Son of the living God? The Ho-
ly Spirit makes the Lord Jesus Christ known to
us through the gift of faith. God gives us his
Spirit as our helper and guide who opens our
hearts and minds to receive and comprehend

the great mystery and plan of God - to unite
all things in his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ
(Ephesians 1:10).

Do you want to grow in the knowledge and
love of Jesus Christ? Ask the Lord to pour his
Holy Spirit upon you to deepen your faith,
hope, and love for God and for the plan he
has for your life.

**Lord Jesus Christ, fill me with the power
of your Holy Spirit and let me grow in the
knowledge of your great love and truth.
Let your Spirit be aflame in my heart that
I may know and love you more fervently
and strive to do your will in all things.**

Daily Quote from the Early Church Fathers:
John points to Jesus' saving mission, by Cyril
of Alexandria (376-444 AD)

"No longer does John need to 'prepare the
way,' since the one for whom the preparation
was being made is right there before his
eyes... But now he who of old was dimly pic-
tured, the very Lamb, the spotless Sacrifice, is
led to the slaughter for all, that he might
drive away the sin of the world, that he might
overturn the destroyer of the earth, that dying
for all he might annihilate death, that he
might undo the curse that is upon us... For
one Lamb died for all (2 Corinthians 5:14),
saving the whole flock on earth to God the
Father, one for all, that he might subject all to
God." (excerpt from the COMMENTARY ON
THE GOSPEL OF JOHN 2.1)

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