



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' 25TH ANNIVERSARY IN PYMBLE



So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. John 9:7

Open Our Eyes Lord

*Lord Jesus,
You saw the man born blind and drew near
with compassion.
You touched his darkness with healing hands
and invited him to walk toward the light.
When others doubted, questioned, and dismissed him,
You remained the One who knew his heart.
You awakened in him a courage that grew stronger
each time he spoke the truth of what You had done.
Open our eyes as You opened his.
Wash away the blindness that keeps us from
recognising Your presence,
from seeing dignity in every person,
from trusting the quiet work of grace unfolding in us.
When we face misunderstanding or judgment,
steady our voices as You steadied his,
so that we may stand in the light without fear.
And like the man who finally saw You clearly
and bowed in faith,
may we too fall before You in worship,
our hearts awakened,
our lives made new.*

Amen.

Baptisms at Pymble Parish



Our upcoming Baptism Formation Class will be held on:

**Sunday, 19 April 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



Pope Leo XIV's official prayer intention for February

For Disarmament and Peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



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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Second Rite of Scrutiny for the Elect this Weekend

We pray especially this weekend for the Elect that they may see the truth of Christ, preferring the folly of the Cross to the wisdom of the world.



Notice to our Weekday Morning Mass Parishioners

Please note that the Carpark at Sacred Heart School will be closed on **Tuesday, 17 March morning**. Apologies for the inconvenience.

Parish Team

Pastoral care

Salvatorian Fathers

Parish Priest: Fr. Ireneusz Czech SDS

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Youtube QR code:



Parish Mass Times

Sacred Heart

2 Richard Porter Way, Pymble NSW 2073

Weekdays:

Tuesday to Friday 9:00am

Rosary: Tuesday to Friday after morning Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday after morning Mass

Weekend:

Sunday: 9:30 am, 6:00 pm

Reconciliation:

Tuesday - Friday 8:45am

Sunday 9:15am, 5:30 pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

64 Kendall St, West Pymble, NSW, 2073

Weekend:

Saturday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 8:00 am (Quiet Mass)

Reconciliation:

Saturday 9:30am, 4:45pm

Sunday 7:45am

Contact details

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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.



First Collection

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.



Second Collection

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Parish Primary Schools

Sacred Heart

Principal: Kerry Paxton

Telephone: (02) 7256 2142

www.shpddb.catholic.edu.au

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Principal: Jodi Jefferson

Telephone: (02) 7256 2101

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Thank You

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Rob and Patrick for their generous work repairing the timber roof damaged by last year's leaks. Their skill and willingness to help have been a real blessing to our parish, and we are deeply grateful for the care they have shown our church.



In appreciation for our Parish's efforts in supporting the youth at the Baxter Youth Justice Centre with Christmas gifts, we have been presented a Certificate of Appreciation. This will be displayed in the Crying Room at Sacred Heart Church. Once again, thank you for your generosity in supporting this wonderful cause. You have truly made a difference to these young men's lives.



SIENA CATHOLIC COLLEGE

OPEN DAYS

Senior Campus, Pymble

WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH | 4:00PM – 7:00PM

TUESDAY 24 MARCH | 9:00AM – 10:30AM

Campus address: 1 Bobbin Head Road, Pymble

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Junior Campus, West Pymble

TUESDAY 17 MARCH | 9:00AM – 10:30AM

THURSDAY 26 MARCH | 6:00PM – 7:00PM

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WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Saturday, 14 March

9:00am Mass at OLPS with Morning Prayer (Breviary) followed by Stations of the Cross
5:00pm Mass at OLPS

Sunday, 15 March

Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00am Mass at OLPS (quiet)
9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart
5:00pm Lenten Adoration at Sacred Heart
6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart (Second Rite Scrutiny for the Elect)

Tuesday, 17 March

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart
7:00pm Faith Formation—Topic: The Mass
7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group at Sacred Heart

Wednesday, 18 March

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart
6:30pm Serra Mass and Meeting at Sacred Heart

Thursday, 19 March

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

Friday, 20 March

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart followed by Stations of the Cross
6:30pm Ladies' Dinner at West Pymble Bicentennial Club

Saturday, 21 March

9:00am Mass at OLPS with Morning Prayer (Breviary) followed by Stations of the Cross
5:00pm Mass at OLPS

Sunday, 22 March

Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00am Mass at OLPS (quiet)
9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart (Third Rite of Scrutiny for the Elect)
5:00pm Lenten Adoration 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

Recently Deceased:

Patrick Martin, Antoni Szczur, 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:

Nancy Dal Cin, Petra & Luciano Dumrique, Rita & David Roach, Patricia Grass, Antonius Djunaidi, Owen Thomas, Kerry Oei, Pertiwiningsih Ariflu, Trena 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 peace in the midst of violence and tragedy in this world. May we have the patience to be understanding, the strength to be forgiving, and the grace to admit when we are wrong. Amen.

If you would like the names of your relatives to be included in the prayer list (anniversary of deaths, recently deceased, illnesses, wedding celebration or anniversaries, birthdays, etc.) please contact the Parish Office by midday each Wednesday. Remember that due to privacy policy, names of the sick can only be put on the bulletin with permission of the immediate family. This list will be updated every month and we would appreciate if we are advised of any updates. Thank you.

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Serra Vocations Weekly Prayer Calendar

Please pray for those in formation or already serving the Church, especially those listed below.

16 March	Fr Jack Robson Sem. Nicholas Gomez
17 March	Fr Stan Skibicki Sem. Joseph Nicholls
18 March	Fr Robert Brogan Sem. Bryce Gonlin
19 March	Fr Geoff Bugden Fr Michael De Stoop
20 March	Sister Marea Ross rsj Sister Ann Duncan rsj
21 March	Sister Josefa Mabini OSA
22 March	Sister Jennifer Canillas OSA

DAILY PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



Heavenly Father, we praise You for Your goodness and thank You for Your gifts. Help us respond to and live out our mission in the Church. Assist all Your people to know their vocation in life and help them to prepare for it. Call many to be priests, deacons and consecrated men and women for Your greater glory, and for the service of Your people. Give those whom You call the grace to respond generously and to persevere faithful. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Fourth Sunday of Lent
14 – 15 March 2026

Life was hard for Manaini and her children living in rural Fiji. With the support from Caritas Australia's partner, FRIEND, she learnt food processing and gardening skills, improving nutrition and creating new income opportunities to support her children's education.



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LAETARE SUNDAY

This Fourth Sunday of Lent, the Church invites us to pause and lift our hearts in hope. Laetare means "Rejoice," reminding us that even in this penitential season, God's grace is already at work, drawing us toward Easter light. Rose-coloured vestments and a softened liturgical tone signal this quiet joy. As we continue our Lenten journey, may this day encourage us to trust in Christ who opens our eyes, restores our hearts, and leads us from darkness into His marvellous light.

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.

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.

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

during Lent

Join us each Friday and Saturday during Lent for the Stations of the Cross as we pause, pray, and draw closer to Christ.

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FRIDAYS AFTER 9AM MASS | SATURDAYS AFTER 9AM MASS

How do we make abortion unthinkable in Australia?

Dr JOANNA HOWE

Join us for this important talk on upholding the dignity of life in our society. Leading Australian pro-life speaker, Dr Joanna Howe, will present "How do we make abortion unthinkable in Australia?"

Our Lady of the Rosary
The Light of Christ Centre
End Yardley Ave, Waitara

20 March 2026
7:30 - 9:30pm

Refreshments provided.
All welcome.



Please register below:
tinyurl.com/ysceu647



Easter Volunteers Needed

If you're able to assist as a Reader, Commentator, Altar Server, Eucharistic Minister or Warden, we would love to hear from you!

Sign-up sheets are available at the back of both Churches this weekend.

We are so grateful for your support!

OLPS Cake Stall

Saturday, 21 March 2026
Phillip Mall, West Pymble
From 8am until sold out

If you are able to help bake, please drop off your baked goods at the stall on the morning. Contact Louise Johnston on 0413 137 534

Seeking a Helping Hand

A parishioner is looking for someone to assist with light house cleaning for 2 hours each week. \$100 per week offered. If you're reliable, friendly, and able to help, please contact the parish office for details.



Ladies Dinner

All ladies of our parish are warmly invited to a relaxed, casual dinner – a chance to unwind, share good food, and enjoy one another's company. A buy you own food and drinks event.

6:30pm, Friday, 20 March 2026

Bicentennial Club

2 Prince of Wales Drive, West Pymble

CONTACT

Louise Johnston - 0413 137 534
Marie D'Alessandri - 0404 893 908

RSVP to the Parish Office by Friday, 13 March 2026

Pymble Catholic Parish | 02 9144 2702



PARISH GOLF DAY

DRESS CODE RULES

Friday, 27 March 2026

North Ryde Golf Club
Twin Road North Ryde
12:30pm Registration
1pm 18 holes \$70
Seniors \$55
6pm Dinner Only

For avid golfers and novices alike. Concluding with an own cost bistro dinner. Please supply your golf handicap and club details. Form your own team or be placed on the day. Everyone welcome. Dinner only partners also welcome.

Booking forms are available at the back of our churches, or RSVP to the Parish office. For further information, please contact Marie D'Allesandri at 04 0489 3908.

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JOELLE MARYN

BECOME THE FIRE

Join us for an evening with Joelle Maryn, actress and author, whose powerful conversion story and message of God's healing love have reached over half a billion people worldwide.

Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral
The Light of Christ Centre,
End of Yardley Ave, Waitara

Wednesday, 18 March 2026
7:30 - 9:30pm

Please register at the link below

tinyurl.com/yjjyeeaj

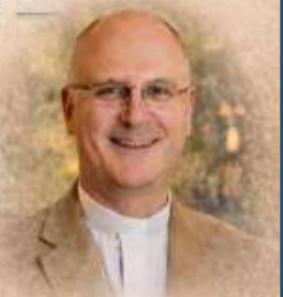


Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood

The Teaching of the Catholic Church on Voluntary Assisted Dying.

A Parish discussion on Voluntary Assisted Dying and the Catholic Response

Guest Speaker:
Very Rev Fr. David Ranson VG



How does our *faith* guide us in times of serious illness and suffering?
What is the difference between euthanasia and compassionate care?
What does the Church teach about dignity, palliative care, and hope at the end of life?

Join us for a thoughtful and respectful discussion exploring the moral, medical, and spiritual dimensions of end-of-life decisions.

Date: Wednesday 18th March 2026

Mass Time: 6:30pm followed by supper & discussion

Venue: Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood



"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for You are with me." – Psalm 23:4



Entrance Antiphon Cf Isaiah

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

First Reading 1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13

A reading from the first book of Samuel

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.'
When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.'
Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22 R. v1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**
2. He guide me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your
staff;
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
In the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading Ephesians 5: 8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Acclamation John 8: 12

*Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

Gospel John 9: 1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 (shorter form)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

Gospel Reflection

This is an amazing saga of healing a blind beggar which keeps looping back upon itself. It moves from Jesus with the disciples, to the neighbours/bystanders, to the Pharisees, to the man's parents, back to the Pharisees, and finally to a personal encounter between Jesus and the man whose sight was given him.

Various themes wind their way through the narrative. There is the question of sin: is the man's blindness caused by sin (the man's or his parents')? Jesus is accused of being a sinner because he has violated the Sabbath – yet his healing power comes from God. The man born blind throws this back at the pharisees who then dismiss him as a sinner.

The question of how this has happened recurs repeatedly. The action is first described and then recounted by the man to both the neighbours and to the pharisees. The 'how' question comes back four times, much to the man's frustration. The reader should not shy away from these repetitions – they reinforce the message.

Most importantly, this is not just a story of a man gaining his physical sight. It is a story of someone who comes to see and understand who Jesus is. At the mid-point of the story, the man born blind can say Jesus is a prophet. Then in the second half, the contrast is developed between the man who has come to see himself as a disciple and the pharisees who refuse absolutely to recognise where Christ has come from. The man witnesses to Jesus' divine origin and is firmly rejected by the pharisees. At the end, in the personal conversation with Jesus, the man is able to say, Lord I believe!

The reading ends with an epilogue on the real meaning of 'seeing'. Those who claim to have spiritual sight do not recognise Jesus. Seeing with the heart is recognising/encountering Jesus as the Christ. This is why it is such a key text in the Lenten journey of both the elect and the baptised. As washing in the Pool of Siloam gave the man his sight; so our washing in the water of the baptismal font gives us insight.

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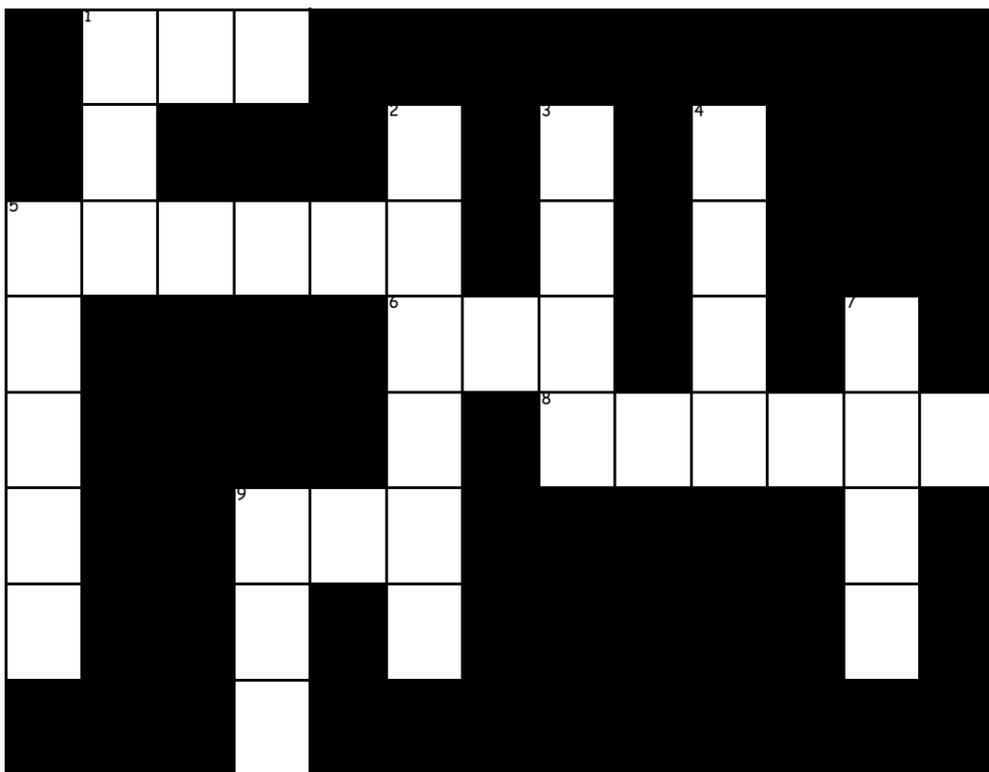
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Pymble Parish Roster - 21 & 22 March 2026

Sacred Heart (Pymble)	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes	N Axalan	P Adams
Altar Servers	G Awad	W Rusak / W Ng
Readers	R Pazniewski	A O'Brien
Altar Society	21 March: Lent—no flowers	
Counters	22 March: M Boland / J Witcombe / C Gwynn	
OLPS (West Pymble)	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 8:00am
Acolytes	J Pease	M D'Silva
Altar Servers	William & Magdalene	Volunteers needed
Readers	D Stephenson	H Roche
Altar Cloth	21 March: A Glover	

Children's Corner

I put my faith in you Jesus

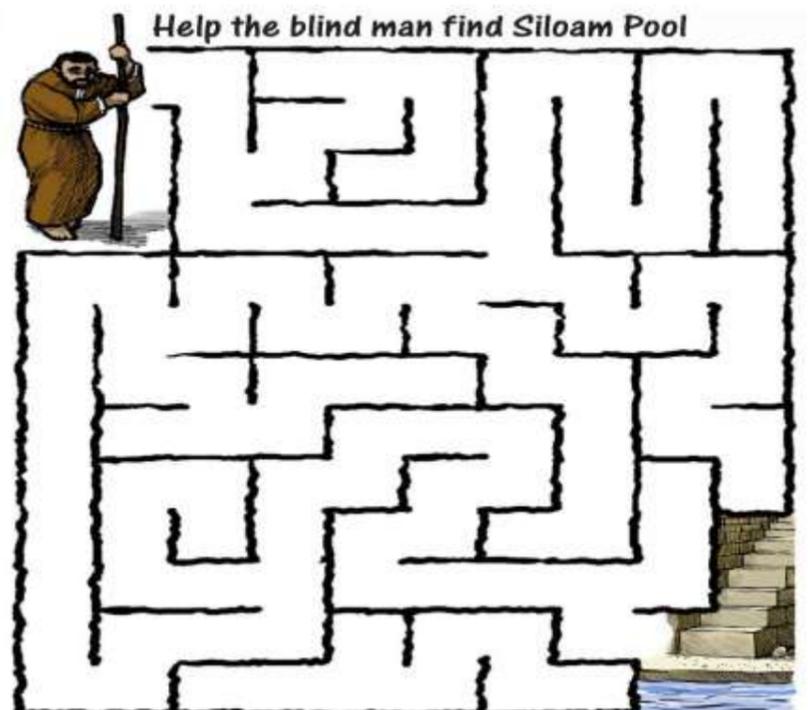


Across

- 1: mother is to daughter as father is to ____
- 5: someone who begs
- 6: singular
- 8: Jesus told the blind man to wash off the mud at _____ Pool
- 9: an adult male human

Down

- 1: look
- 2: grass grows out of the _____
- 3: we see through these
- 4: a place where you can swim
- 5: not able to see
- 7: to clean with water
- 9: dirt mixed with water



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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 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 Avila



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