



PYMBLE CATHOLIC PARISH

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Pymble Parish is under the Pastoral care of the Salvatorian Fathers

CELEBRATING SALVATORIANS' 25TH ANNIVERSARY IN PYMBLE



A Faith that Trusts

Heavenly Father,

Like the Canaanite woman who came to Jesus with unwavering faith, help me to trust in Your mercy even when answers seem delayed. Grant me a humble and persevering heart that never stops seeking You.

Lord Jesus, strengthen my faith, deepen my hope, and remind me that Your love extends to all who call upon You. May I always approach You with confidence, knowing that You hear my prayers and care for my needs.

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, help me to remain faithful and steadfast in every trial.

Amen.

Baptisms at Pymble Parish



Our upcoming Baptism Formation Class will be held on:

**Sunday, 16 August 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
August**

For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.



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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Charismatic Prayer

All Welcome!

7:30pm, Tuesdays
Sacred Heart Church
Meeting Room

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



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: 9:30am, 6:00pm

Reconciliation:

Tuesday - Friday 8:45am

Sunday 9:15am, 5:30pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

64 Kendall St, West Pymble, NSW, 2073

Weekend:

Saturday: 9:00am

Saturday: 5:00pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 8:00am (Quiet Mass)

Reconciliation:

Saturday 9:30am, 4:45pm

Sunday 7:45am

Contact details

Address: 2 Richard Porter Way, Pymble, NSW 2073

Postal address: PO BOX 94 St Ives NSW 2075

Telephone: (02) 9144 2702

Email: office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Website: www.pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Office hours: Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 3:30pm & Friday 9am to 3:30pm

For information about Weddings please contact the Parish Office.
For information about the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Eucharist, please contact Rebecca

Giving at the Parish

The **First Collection** goes to the upkeep of the clergy, Salvatorian Regional Office and the Broken Bay Diocese sustentation funds.

The **Second Collection** goes towards maintaining our Churches and the upkeep of the Parish, supporting the ministries of our Parish (including our Sacramental programs and Catechist work), helping us continue our good works.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



First Collection



Second Collection

Parish Primary Schools

Sacred Heart

Principal: Brenda Timp

Telephone: (02) 7256 2142

www.shpdbb.catholic.edu.au

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Principal: Jodi Jefferson

Telephone: (02) 7256 2101

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PRAYER TO CONTEMPLATION

Prayer, meditation and contemplation





Invitation

You are invited to join our ten part series **Prayer to Contemplation** with David Torkington

Context

With a love and fascination of the spiritual life found in the Early Church, knowing that it is prayer, more than anything else, that is needed in the Church today, David Torkington presents his teaching on prayer, meditation and contemplation in this series Prayer to Contemplation.

Topics

The series topics include:

- Contemplation
- The Morning Offering
- Morning Prayer Blueprint
- Daily Prayer
- Evening Prayer
- Repentance, Prayer and Sacrifice
- Meditation to Contemplation
- How to Meditate
- A Personal Journey
- Back to the Future

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 18 August 2026

David Torkington

Drawing from from Franciscan and Carmelite traditions, David is a prominent spiritual theologian, author, and speaker specialising in prayer, Christian spirituality, and theology.



For further information:

 (02) 9144 2702

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WHAT’S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Saturday, 15 August <i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)</i> 9:00am Mass at OLPS with Morning Prayer (Breviary) 5:00pm Mass at OLPS, followed by Soup and Slice Sunday, 16 August 8:00am Mass at OLPS (quiet) 9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart 10:30am Prayer Ministry at Sacred Heart 10:30am Baptism Formation Class at Sacred Heart 11:30am First Reconciliation & Eucharist Leaders Meeting at Sacred Heart 3:00pm RCIA Information Session at Sacred Heart 6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart, followed by Soup and Slice Tuesday, 18 August 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart 7:00pm Faith Formation at Sacred Heart: Prayer, meditation and contemplation 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group at Sacred Heart Wednesday, 19 August <i>St John Eudes, priest (Optional)</i> 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart Thursday, 20 August <i>St Bernard, abbot, doctor (Memorial)</i> 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart	Friday, 21 August <i>St Pius X, pope (Memorial)</i> 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart followed by Adoration and Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus 10:00am Bible Study 6:00pm Youth Group—High School 7:30pm Youth Group—Young Adults Saturday, 22 August <i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)</i> <i>Presentation Masses</i> 9:00am Mass at OLPS with Morning Prayer (Breviary) 3:00pm First Reconciliation Formation Session #1 at Sacred Heart 5:00pm Mass at OLPS Sunday, 23 August <i>Presentation Masses</i> 8:00am Mass at OLPS (quiet) 9:30am Family Mass at Sacred Heart, followed by Morning Tea 6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart <i>The Rosary is recited after all weekday Masses at Sacred Heart Church and after 9am Saturday Mass at OLPS</i>
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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:

Anne Bolton, Vinod Venkat, Alexander Ross, Troy Schufft, Jerzy Czech, Tatiana Seale, Jan Drobczyk, Lawrence Walter Cooke, Harry Wong, Barbara Tallis, Salvatore Cristaudo, Mohinder Tamana, Margaret Oswald, Maria Palmer, Remigio Ortiz, Elaine Reynolds

Death Anniversaries:

Ranjan Fernando, Roshan Perera, Tony Dixon, Ron Chandler, Clare Rogerson, Ranjan Fernando, Roshan Perera, Manel Perera, Chris Drinkwater, John Makepeace, Antonino Celio, Joseph Lin, Norman Li, William P. Inchoco, Sr, David Michael Bernie, Giuseppe & Antonietta Restifo, Dr Anthony Restifo

Prayers for the sick:

Carol Marriott, Felix Fung, Anny Tsang, Agnes Dazon, José Castro, Kathy (Ya Wen) Sun, Stan Brataniec, Daniel Fileman, 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 daily for those in formation or already serving the Church, especially those listed in our calendar below.	
17 August	Fr Biju Jose OSH
18 August	Fr Joy Thomas OSH
19 August	Fr Satheesh Anthony OSH
20 August	Fr Biju Mathew
21 August	Fr Joseph Methanath OSH
22 August	Fr Raphael Kimaro AJ
23 August	Fr John Pulparambil

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.

Soup & Slice

Join us for a warm cup of soup this weekend after our evening Masses at both Churches



OLPS Church
Saturday, 15/8 after
5pm Mass

Sacred Heart Church
Sunday, 16/8 after
6pm Mass



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CALL FOR SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Have you enjoyed our Soup & Slice evenings, Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day Morning Teas, and other parish events? We'd love to welcome more volunteers to join our Social Committee.

No experience is needed, just enthusiasm and a willingness to connect with others. You might be asked to help with the occasional pot of soup or tray of sandwiches, and you'll always be part of a team. It's a wonderful way to get involved, meet people, and help build our parish community.

For an obligation-free chat, please contact Louise or Marie. We look forward to hearing from you.

Call Louise on 0413 137 534
or Marie on 0404 893 908



Children's Liturgy at Sacred Heart

At our recent Children's Liturgy, after reading the Gospel about the Feeding of the Five Thousand, we discussed how we can share with others the good gifts God has given us.

Thank you to all the children who joined us at Children's Liturgy, and took an active role in our session, making it a fun way to learn about the Gospel.



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!



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Jesuit Mission Bazaar Saturday 12 September!

The Jesuit Mission Bazaar returns on Saturday 12 September 2026 at Saint Ignatius' College Riverview.

For more than 70 years, the Bazaar has brought the community together to raise vital funds supporting Jesuit Mission's life changing work around the world. Mark your calendar and join us for a fantastic day of food, rides, entertainment, games, the famous wine auction and much more.

As we prepare for this year's event, we are also seeking **donations of books and quality bottles of wine** for our popular stalls and auction. Your unwanted items can help transform lives through Jesuit Mission's programs. For donation information and event details, visit jesuitmission.org.au/bazaar.

COMMUNITY MEAL at St Agatha's Catholic Parish

Everyone is welcome, especially those who may be experiencing hardship, social isolation, or would simply appreciate a warm meal and friendly company.

- **Date:** Sunday 30 August
 - **Time:** 11:45am – 2:15pm
 - **Venue:** Martin Hall (St Agatha's Catholic Primary School Hall), 20 Boundary Rd Pennant Hills
- RSVP via QR code or email ppc@stagatha.org.au



St Agatha's SJM Community Meal



Family Mass

Sacred Heart Church

Sunday, 23 August
9:30am Mass, followed by
Morning Tea

All are welcome



Serra International Vocations Ministry

— Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pymble —



GUEST SPEAKER

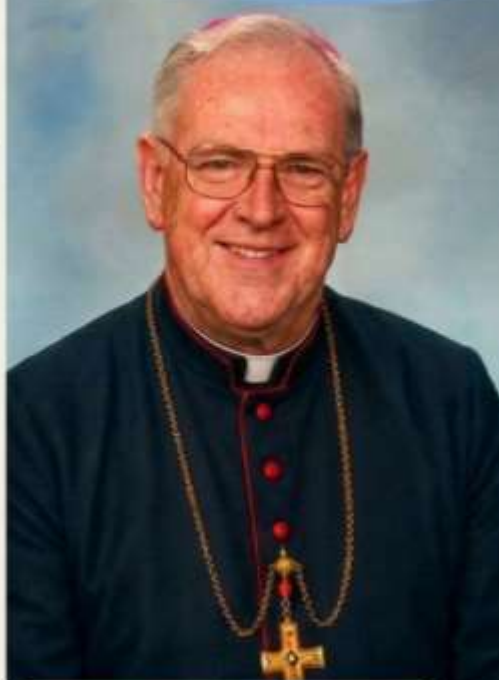
Bishop David Walker
*Pope Leo's Encyclical
"Magnifica Humanitas"*

Bishop David will present an overview of Pope Leo's new encyclical Magnifica Humanitas which calls the Church and the world to rediscover the dignity of the human person, the beauty of truth, and the path of integral development rooted in love, solidarity and authentic human flourishing.

ABOUT THE ENCYCLICAL

The Magnifica Humanitas (Magnificent Humanity) is the first encyclical letter of Pope Leo. It examines artificial intelligence, human dignity, and the future of civilisation. It urges society to ensure that technology serves humanity, rather than reducing people to items to be optimised.

“Everyone is welcome ...
Please come and see.”



DETAILS

- Venue: Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pymble.
- Date: Thursday, 27 August 2026
- Mass & meeting: 7:00pm

RSVP: Terry Scanlan | M. 0438 887 295 | E. terry_scanlan@bigpond.com



PYMBLE PARISH YOUTH GROUP

Welcome to the **Pymble Parish Youth Group** on Friday nights during the school term. We want everyone to get the most out of our community in one of our two groups:

High School Group (Years 6-12): 6pm - 7:30pm
Young Adult Group (18+): 7:30pm - 9pm

Sacred Heart Church Pymble
(Drop-off and pick-up outside the church entrance)

Everyone welcome - Light refreshments every week and occasional favourite food nights—come along, hang out, have fun, and grow with us.

DON'T HESITATE TO BE INVOLVED

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Thinking of becoming a Catholic?

Are you interested in learning about the Catholic faith or becoming Catholic?

We invite you to join in with the Pymble Parish RCIA program for this year. The program is an opportunity for everyone, Catholic and non-Catholic, to understand the Catholic faith in the 21st Century.

You are invited to an **information session** for the 2026/27 RCIA program at the **Sacred Heart Church, Pymble**.

**3pm, Sunday
16 August 2026**

“Our hearts are restless, O Lord, until they rest in you”
St. Augustine

For further information see: tinyurl.com/4j4yz67d

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

There are no costs involved with this program.

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Liturgy of the Word

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Entrance Antiphon Psalm 83: 10-11

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 66: 2-3, 5-6, 8 R.v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

- O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.
(R.)
- Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**
- Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

Second Reading Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4: 23

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 15: 21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, ‘Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.’ But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. ‘Give her what she wants,’ they said ‘because she is shouting after us.’ He said in reply, ‘I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.’ But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. ‘Lord,’ she said ‘help me.’ He replied, ‘It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the house-dogs.’ She retorted, ‘Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master’s table.’ Then Jesus answered her, ‘Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.’ And from that moment her daughter was well again.

Gospel Reflection

Do you ever feel "put-off" or ignored by the Lord?

This passage (Matthew 15:21) describes the only occasion in which Jesus ministered outside of Jewish territory. (Tyre and Sidon were fifty miles north of Israel and still exist today in modern Lebanon.) A Gentile woman, a foreigner who was not a member of the Jewish people, puts Jesus on the spot by pleading for his help. At first Jesus seemed to pay no attention to her, and this made his disciples feel embarrassed. Jesus does this to test the woman to awaken faith in her.

Jesus first tests the woman's faith

What did Jesus mean by the expression "throwing bread to the dogs"? The Jews often spoke of the Gentiles with arrogance and insolence as "unclean dogs" since the Gentiles did not follow God's law and were excluded from God's covenant and favor with the people of Israel. For the Greeks the "dog" was a symbol of dishonor and was used to describe a shameless and audacious woman. There is another reference to "dogs" in Matthew's Gospel where Jesus says to his disciples, "Do not give to dogs what is holy" (Matthew 7:6). Jesus tests this woman's faith to see if she is earnest in receiving holy things from the hand of a holy God. Jesus, no doubt, spoke with a smile

rather than with an insult because this woman immediately responds with wit and faith - "even the dogs eat the crumbs".

Seek the Lord Jesus with expectant faith
Jesus praises a Gentile woman for her faith and for her love. She made the misery of her child her own and she was willing to suffer rebuff in order to obtain healing for her loved one. She also had indomitable persistence. Her faith grew in contact with the person of Jesus. She began with a request and she ended on her knees in worshipful prayer to the living God. No one who ever sought Jesus with earnest faith - whether Jew or Gentile - was refused his help. Do you seek the Lord Jesus with expectant faith?

Lord Jesus, your love and mercy knows no bounds. May I trust you always and pursue you with indomitable persistence as this woman did. Increase my faith in your saving power and deliver me from all evil and harm.

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To access Fr Irek’s homily on YouTube, please scan the QR code or clink on this link:

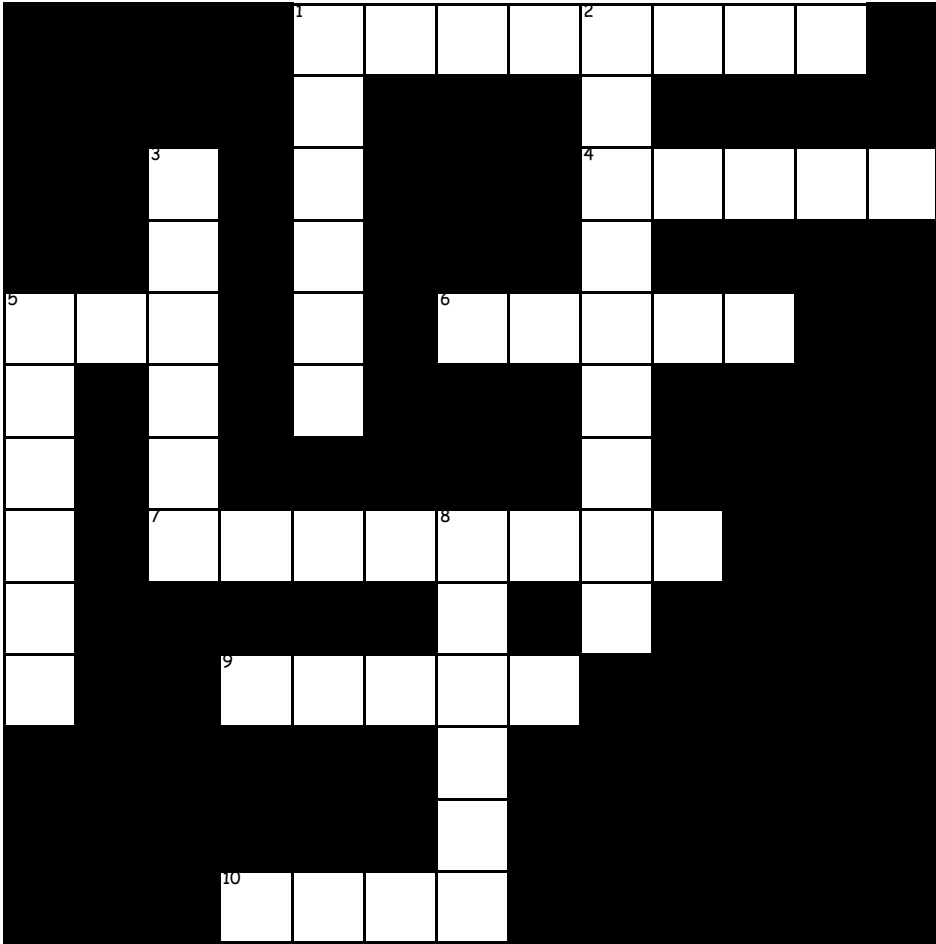


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lCa73s0ohRw>

Pymble Parish Roster - 22 & 23 August 2026		
Sacred Heart (Pymble)	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes	C Wawrzyniak	C De Souza
Altar Servers	A & T De Souza	W Rusak
Readers	Family Mass	N Saber
Altar Society	22 August: Carmel & Judy	
Counters	23 August: P Ward / G Hugh / J Li	
OLPS (West Pymble)	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 8:00am
Acolytes	J Pease	M D'Silva
Altar Servers	Evan	Volunteers needed
Readers	B Nairn	L Johnston / F Barnden
Altar Cloth	22 August: A Glover	

Children's Corner

The woman had much faith



Across

- 1: very young people
- 4: Jesus described the people of Israel as like a flock of lost _____
- 5: a four-legged animal that barks
- 6: belief
- 7: father is to son, as mother is to what?
- 9: the opposite of man
- 10: what we eat

Down

- 1: Jesus spoke to a woman who came from this place
- 2: Jesus' followers
- 3: pleaded
- 5: the woman told Jesus her daughter was full of these
- 8: cured

The Canaanite woman persisted because of her strong belief that Jesus would cure her daughter. Use the words below to find out what Jesus said.



_____ , you have

_____ .

____ your _____

be _____ .

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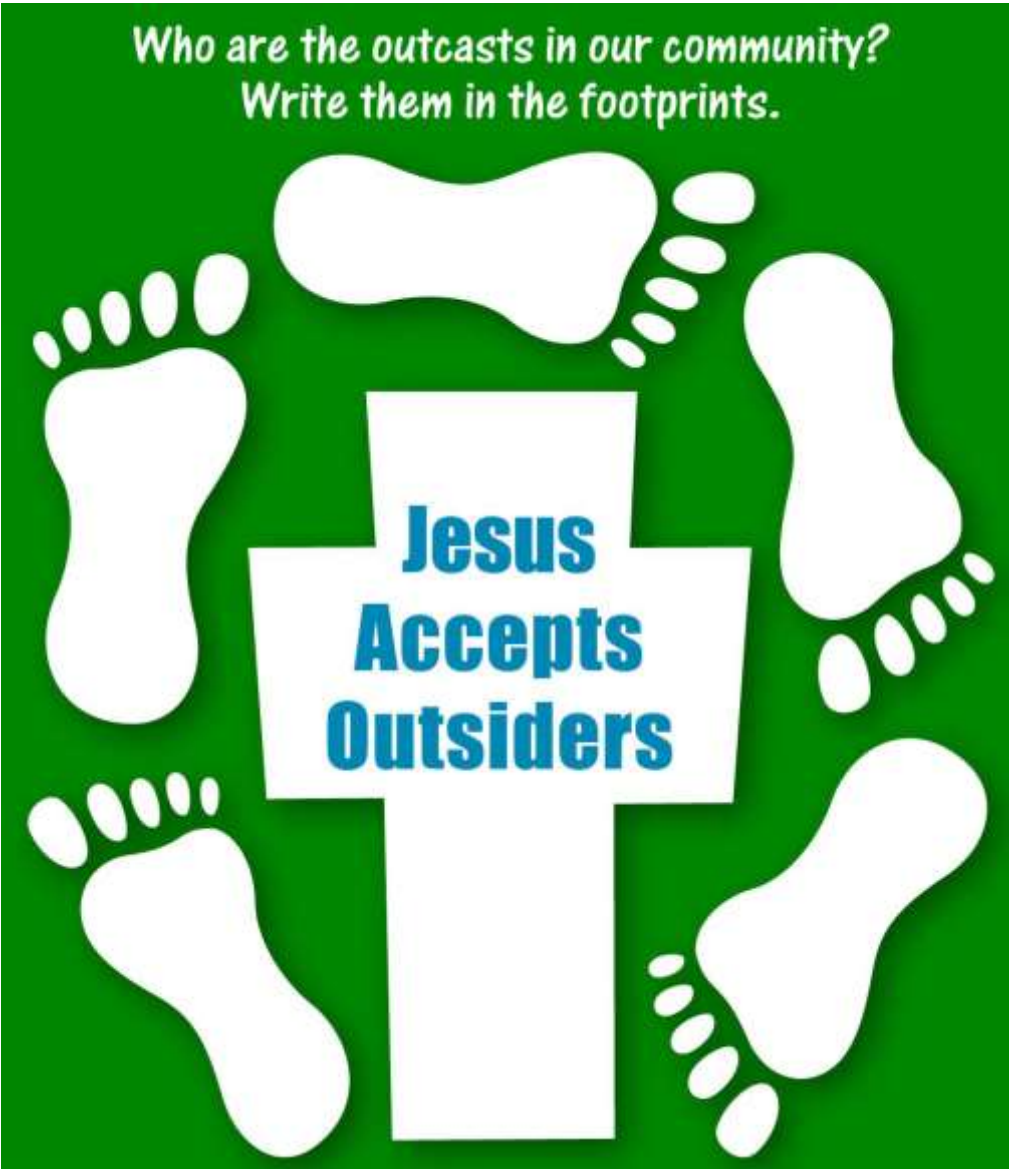
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Parish Safeguarding

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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