



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

He is Risen!



Christ's resurrection is an invitation for us to reject any form of darkness and to rise from the ashes of sin. It is about welcoming a new kind of life Jesus offers to each one of us. Those among us who feel deep within that they are spiritually dead Jesus asks this Easter Day:

*Accept the freedom I offer you.
Accept a new kind of life
I have prepared for you.
You don't have to live in despair
and spiritual misery.*

Those of us who feel disconnected from God and his Church are invited this Easter Sunday to open their hearts for an experience of Jesus' loving presence.

Let us all implore God's forgiveness and rebuild our spiritual life this Easter season. Let us decide to be authentic Christians of the 'Alleluia' song so that we can truly experience peace and joy of the risen Lord.

May Christ's resurrection become a reality in our lives.

Fr Ireneusz Czech SDS

A very Happy Easter and a warm welcome to all our Parishioners



who are celebrating Easter with us this weekend.

Parish Office Closed Monday, 11 April

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, 11 April**. If you require any assistance, please leave a telephone message or drop us an email and we will get back to you on Tuesday. Thank you for your understanding.



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.

www.pymblecatholicparish.org.au



We welcome to Pymble Parish the newest member of our community

Michael Xiao Qing Shao

who will be Baptised, Confirmed and receive the Holy Eucharist during the Easter Vigil at our Parish.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL



HEALTH CARE WORKERS

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

Parish Team

Pastoral care

Salvatorian Fathers

Parish Priest: Fr. Ireneusz Czech 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

Website: www.pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Office hours: Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 4pm &

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

PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

SACRED HEART

Principal: Mrs Mary Hor

Telephone: (02) 94408056

www.shpddb.catholic.edu.au

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

Principal: Mrs Sue Host

Telephone: (02) 9498 6060

www.olpsddb.catholic.edu.au



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. Our upcoming Baptism Formation Class will be held on

Wednesday, 11 May 2022

7:30pm at the Sacred Heart Church

Bookings are essential.

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist 2022 at Pymble Catholic Parish

Preparation for these sacraments will be happening in the coming months.



First Reconciliation services will be in June

First Eucharist services will be in August.



Enrolments are now open at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BWLBU>

Children are eligible to partake in this program if they have been baptised, made their Confirmation, and are in Year 4 or above.

For more details, visit our Parish website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/pymble/sacraments/sacramental-program

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN at Pymble Catholic Parish



This joyous Sacrament will be celebrated on **Sunday, 22 May 2022.**

Enrol at:

www.tinyurl.com/2cauzdce

Children are eligible to partake in the 4-week Confirmation formation program if they have been baptised and are in Year 3 or above.

At Confirmation, the graces received in Baptism are sealed with the reception of the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Go to our Parish website for more details at:

www.tinyurl.com/2p8744as

WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Easter Sunday, 17 April

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

Easter Monday, 18 April

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

Easter Tuesday, 19 April

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

Easter Wednesday, 20 April

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart
 11:00am Mass at Southern Cross

Easter Thursday, 21 April

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

Easter Friday, 22 April

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

Easter Saturday, 23 April

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

Divine Mercy Sunday, 24 April

7:45am Mass at Sacred Heart
 9:00am Mass at OLPS
 9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart
 3:00pm Holy Hour
 6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart
 7:00pm Parish BBQ at Sacred Heart Church

It is a dangerous thing to be satisfied with ourselves.



St Teresa of Ávila
(1515 - 1582)

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:

Ignatius Fernandes, Michael John Hanson, Anthony Abbas, Julie Jillard, Sr Florianna Melinz MSC, Maria Boonjung Kim, Peter Brassil, Zita Leung, Phillip Duggan, Brian Ellis, John Richardson, Rita White, Rita Roache, Orfeo Calacoci, Ivo Felizzi, Fr Manoj Manuel, Kim Boonjung Maria, Br Norman Hart fms, Peter Yeong Ying Siew,

Death Anniversaries:

Ed Rickard, Margaretta Hetty, Lilian Castillo, Sergio Contardo, Anna Lobo, Dawn Prins, Joseph Matthew Lyons, Joseph Francis Sprouster, Luciano Dumrique, Santa Celio, Juliana Eujin Cho, Joe Tumulty, Patricia Grass, Kerry Oei, Amanda Duggan, Antonio Djunaidi, Claire Rickard, Patricia Shepherd, Fr Timothy Cahill, Giuseppe Mario Infante, Trena Scanlan, Terry Gomez, Mary-Ellen Philomena Lyons

Prayers for the sick:

Jeremy Ward, Anna Kowalczyk, David Gardener, Corey Wittenberg

Birthdays this week:

Fr Chris Kowalczyk (18th April)

Weekly prayer intention:

This week we pray for all people suffering in Ukraine and Russia. We pray for women, men and children who are suffering in communities and nations around the world that are devastated by war. Loving Father, we pray for your hope and healing to fill their hearts and minds during these turbulent times.

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.



Keep in touch with us



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

flocknote.com/pymblecatholicparish

A Gift in your Will

Your LEGACY

After providing for family members in your Will, have you ever considered leaving a Gift directly to your local Parish? This is called a **Legacy, Bequest or Gift in Will**.

Over the years, many people who have left a special connection to their Faith have left part of their estate to the Parish. Like a gift to a charity, a Gift in your Will to the Church ensures other members of our community receive the spiritual care and guidance that has been so important to you and your family.

Your PARISH

Many parishes are in need of funding to restore buildings, improve facilities and expand on services for the community. The pastoral outreach that has been important to you will continue for our children, our grandchildren and future generations of Catholics.

If you would like more information on Gifts in Wills, please contact Fr Boguslaw.

Email: fr.boguslaw@pymblecatholicparish.org.au



**Come and Celebrate
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
24 APRIL 2022**

SACRED HEART CHURCH, PYMBLE

St Faustina's Diary (Divine Mercy in My Soul), contains at least 14 passages in which Our Lord is quoted as requesting that a "Feast of Mercy" be formally established in the Church.

We will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet after each Mass during the weekend.

Additionally, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 3pm in the Sacred Heart Church Pymble with an opportunity for Reconciliation.

We will then pray The Chaplet of Divine Mercy before Benediction at 4pm.

Divine Mercy Novena

The Divine Mercy novena prayers were given to St. Faustina through an apparition of our Lord Jesus. Each day has a new petition that seeks God's mercy for different purposes.

The message of Divine Mercy is a powerful and moving way to come closer to Christ.

His mercy is central to our lives and we must continually depend on it and ask for it daily.

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday and goes until Divine Mercy Saturday.

The second Sunday of Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday.

You can join thousands of people in praying the novena this year!

More information and novena on <http://divinemercysunday.com/novena.htm>

How to recite the Chaplet

The Chaplet of Mercy is recited using ordinary rosary beads of five decades. The Chaplet is preceded by two opening prayers from the Diary of Saint Faustina and followed by a closing prayer.

1. Make the Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

2. Optional Opening Prayers

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

(Repeat three times)

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!

3. Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, Amen.

4. Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

5. The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

6. The Eternal Father

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

7. On the 10 Small Beads of Each Decade

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

8. Repeat for the remaining decades

Saying the "Eternal Father" (6) on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" (7) on the following "Hail Mary" beads.

9. Conclude with Holy God (Repeat three times)

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

10. Optional Closing Prayers

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

A Message from Fr Ireneusz & Fr George

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

On this Day of the Lord's victory over death, we would like to wish you all a deep, spiritual and personal experience of the Risen Lord. May His love open your hearts to the gift of new life! Rejoice in the miracle of his Resurrection and let it draw you to new meaning and direction in life. May His peace and joy be present in your homes today and always.

In Christ the Risen Lord.

Fr Ireneusz Czech and Fr George Kolodziej

Provide support to Ukraine and/or displaced people from Ukraine.

You can register to provide specific support for displaced people from Ukraine upon their arrival in Australia, or you can volunteer with a wide range of activities to support Ukraine against Russian invasion.

https://ucnsw.org/provide_help/



As the house of God, we want our Church to look beautiful and to be kept clean. We would be very grateful if you would consider volunteering to help clean the Church.

Many hands make light work, so the more volunteers we have, the more the cleaning work can be shared. All the little things we do can, together, build the Kingdom of God in their own way – for God is present in all things. It can also be an opportunity to meet other parishioners. If you are able to help, please contact the Parish office on 9144 2702.



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

The ACU Centre for Liturgy is offering a new online training program for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, supported by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. Classes start April 27. For further information see our website <http://www.acu.edu.au/centreforliturgy/pastoral-training> or contact the Centre on (02) 9701 4751 or CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au.

Invitation to join the Welcome Ministry



We invite you to join a group of volunteers who will meet and greet parishioners as they enter Church before Mass. Welcome Ministers have an important and essential role to welcome and serve others when we gather as a faith community. While the Church used to have parishioners who carried out this work, this ministry fell away due to the impact of Covid. Studies show that one of the most important elements of a flourishing faith community is the way a community welcome others.

If you would like to become a Welcome Minister, or if you would like to know more, please contact Claudia or Daniela in the Parish office.

FR IRENEUSZ INVITES YOU ALL TO JOIN HIM FOR A Parish BBQ

SUNDAY
APRIL
24

AFTER THE 6PM
MASS AT
SACRED HEART
CHURCH

RSVP BY 21 APRIL FOR CATERING PURPOSES TO
THE PARISH OFFICE ON 9144 2702



POSITION VACANT - Arrupe House Pymble is a small community of retired Jesuits, priests and brothers. An experienced secretary/bookkeeper (MYOB preferred) is required on a permanent part-time basis. The hours are flexible. Please email your CV to Drupathi: arrupehouse@sjasl.org.au

Introducing FORMED: The Catholic Faith. On demand.

As part of a new Parish initiative, the Parish is implementing a parish subscription to FORMED. FORMED is a premier online service providing over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, audio dramas, talks, e-books, and even cartoons for our children. FORMED has content from over 60 apostolates (such as Augustine Institute, Ignatius Press, etc.) with material that is professionally produced, engaging, and solid in its catechism.

All of this material is available to you as a Pymble Parish participant at **no charge**.

You can enjoy FORMED with your computer or tablet or with your TV via the FORMED app using Apple TV or Google Chromecast. You can use your phone and the FORMED app to listen as you commute or do your work. To gain access to all of the Parish FORMED content, please follow:

1. Go to signup.formed.org
2. Enter the parish name "Pymble Catholic Parish"
3. Enter your name and your email address

That's all that is needed. You can access the free FORMED app for your phone by searching for "FORMED Catholic" in your app store.





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Essential Maintenance Activity at Pymble

As we all know, many communities have been subject to some extraordinary weather events in recent times. In some parts of NSW and Queensland, we have seen large area flooding and the destruction of property on more than one occasion over a short period of time.

On a much smaller scale, the Pymble church property has also been subject to water inundation. Unfortunately, this has been exacerbated by our leafy Ku Ring Gai flora about the church which has contributed to our problems. The building itself is mounted close to the ground level and the lower floor of the Presbytery is also mounted close to ground level. When water collects around the building during significant rainfall, it is able to accumulate and enter the building at the lower points of the glazing.

An examination of the building indicates a need to improve water flows around and away from the building, and the removal and control of vegetation close to the building. At the same time, essential maintenance work on the original Presbytery is required.

We have a plan in place to correct these deficiencies. The current remediation schedule is shown below.

Planned Activity

Presbytery:

Painting - \$6,500.

Replacement blinds - estimated about \$4,000.

Replacement air conditioning units - \$3,300.

Carpet cleaning due to water damage:

Music podium, and

Altar, sacristy and crying room - \$3,350.

Gardening:

Pruning overall, and

Tree removal relating to church flooding - \$7,480

A minimum expenditure of \$24,630.

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In addition to this activity, the church building has some ceiling leaks which are under investigation. We are yet to identify the cause of this damage and the scope of any necessary remediation.

Some of these costs may be offset via insurance claims. Even so, a substantial proportion will remain as a cost to the Parish.

This is not insignificant expenditure for the Parish and comes at a difficult time for our community. Many have had their family circumstances affected by the pandemic and Parish income via "at Mass" donations has been reduced because of pandemic closures and protocols.

With your support, we can attend to these essential maintenance tasks. If you are able, please consider making an additional direct donation to help the Parish to defray the cost of this work in addition to general running costs. Specific donations may be made via the Parish Website or by contacting the Parish office.

On behalf of the Parish community, thank you for your continuing support, particularly over the last two difficult pandemic years. Your contributions are an essential part of our Parish life and the maintenance of our Parish assets.

Please contact the Parish office should you require any additional information.

Yours in Christ,



Fr Ireneusz Czech SDS
Parish Priest
Pymble Catholic Parish



Liturgy of the Word

Easter Sunday the Resurrection of the Lord

Year C

Entrance Antiphon

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia,
alleluia

First Reading

Acts 10:34, 37 - 43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' **(R.)**
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
His right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. **(R.)**
3. The stone which the builders rejected has
become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Col 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
Let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Reflection

What did the disciples of Jesus discover on the third day of Jesus' death? On Sunday morning the women who had stood with Jesus when he died upon the cross on Good Friday went to the tomb to pay their last tribute to a dead body. The disciples thought that everything had finished in tragedy. None of Jesus' followers were expecting to see an empty tomb and hear the angel's message, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise" (Luke 24:5-7). The angel urged them to believe that Jesus had indeed risen just as he had promised. This good news was not easy for them to grasp because their hearts were still weighed down with grief and doubt. In wonder they went to share the good news with the other disciples.

Is it any small wonder that it was the women, rather than the apostles, who first witnessed the empty tomb and then the appearance of the resurrected Lord (Matthew 28:8-10; Mark 16:9; John 20:15-18)? Isidore of Seville (560-636 AD), a great teacher and bishop, commented on the significance of the women being the first to hear the good news of the resurrection: "As a woman (Eve) was first to taste death, so a woman (Mary Magdalene) was first to taste life. As a woman was prescient in the fall, so a woman was prescient in beholding the dawning of redemption, thus reversing the curse upon Eve." The first to testify to the risen Lord was a woman from whom Jesus had cast out seven demons.

What is the significance of the stone being rolled away? It would have taken several people to move such a stone. And besides, the sealed tomb had been guarded by soldiers! This is clearly the first sign of the resurrection. Bede (672-735 AD), a renowned scripture commentator from England, wrote: "[The angel] rolled back the stone not to throw open a way for our Lord to come forth, but to provide evidence to people that he had already come forth. As the virgin's womb was closed, so the sepulcher was closed, yet he entered the world through her closed womb, and so he left the world through the closed sepulcher" (from *Homilies on the Gospels* 2,7,24). Peter Chrysologus (400-450 AD), another early church father remarked: "To behold the resurrection, the stone must first be rolled away from our hearts." Do you know the joy of the resurrection?

It is significant that the disciples had to first deal with the empty tomb before they could come to grips with the fact that scripture had foretold that Jesus would die for our sins and then rise triumphant. They disbelieved until they saw the empty tomb. Bede (672-735 AD) explains why the Risen Lord chose to reveal himself gradually to the disciples:

"Our Lord and redeemer revealed the glory of his resurrection to his disciples gradually and over a period of time, undoubtedly because so great was the virtue of the miracle that the weak hearts of mortals could not grasp [the significance of] this all at once. Thus, he had regard for the frailty of those seeking him. To those who came first to the tomb, both the women who were aflame with love for him and the men, he showed the stone rolled back. Since his body had been carried away, he showed them the linen cloths in which it had been wrapped lying there alone. Then, to the women who were searching eagerly, who were confused in their minds about what they had found out about him, he showed a vision of angels who disclosed evidences of the fact that he had risen again. Thus, with the report of his resurrection already accomplished, going ahead of him, the Lord of hosts and the king of glory himself at length appeared and made clear with what great might he had overcome the death he had temporarily tasted." (From *Homilies on the Gospels* 2,9,25)

One thing is certain, if Jesus had not risen from the dead and appeared to his disciples, we would never have heard of him. Nothing else could have changed sad and despairing men and women into people radiant with joy and courage. The reality of the resurrection is the central fact of the Christian faith. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Lord gives us "eyes of faith" to know him and the power of his resurrection. The greatest joy we can have is to encounter the living Lord and to know him personally. Do you celebrate the feast of Easter with joy and thanksgiving for the victory which Jesus has won for you over sin and death?

Lord Jesus Christ, you have triumphed over the grave and you have won new life for us. Give me the eyes of faith to see you in your glory. Help me to draw near to you and to grow in the knowledge of your great love and power.

Pymble Parish Roster 23/24 April 2022

Sacred Heart (Pymble)	Saturday 5.30pm	Sunday 7.45am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 6.00pm
Acolytes	C Parbury	R Shankland	T McLeod	P Adams
Altar Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	N Adams
Music	M Tang M Lulan	Quiet Mass	Volunteers	Youth Choir T Sato
Projector	J Witcombe	C Greedy	M Ordonio	J Duffy
Readers	M Collins	L Treacy	Volunteer	T Meers
Altar Society	23 April:			
Counters	24 April: P Ward / P Meers / Volunteer			
OLPS (West Pymble)	Saturday 5.00pm	Sunday 9.00am		
Acolytes	G Lynch	A Mazzei		
Altar Servers	J Carr	J & A Baldock		
Readers	J Dixon V Mazzei	I Chisholm		
Music and Projector	K & P Rodrigues		M Mead, K Haddrick & D Blahut	
Altar Cloth	2 April: A Glover			
Altar Society	2 April: H Quirke			

Children's Corner

This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice!



What can you do to make people glad today?

Fill in the missing words below to find out what the letters in the boxes spell.

Mary M went to the tomb.

"They have taken the from the tomb", she said.

Peter was a d of Jesus.

The other disciple ran f than Peter.

He saw the strips of cloth lying inside the tomb.

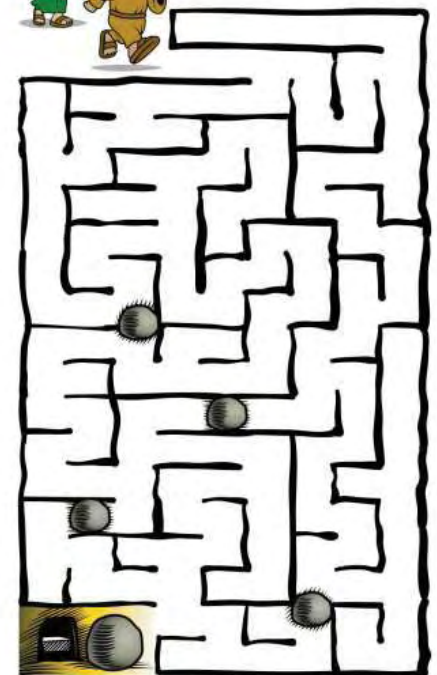
B he did not go in.

When he saw he believed.

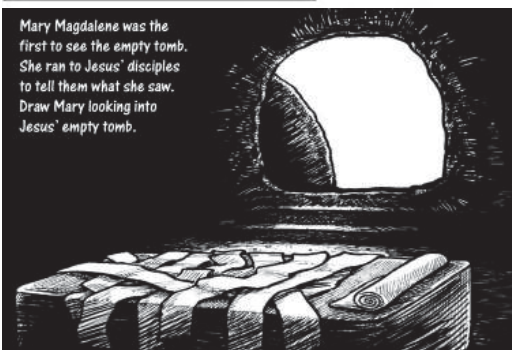
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