

# **PYMBLE CATHOLIC PARISH**

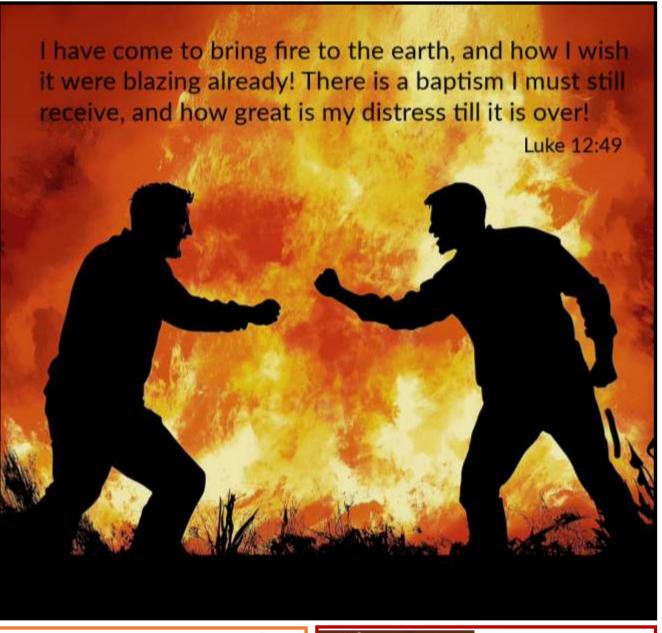
# **SACRED HEART & OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR**

Building a Christ-centred community of Love and Mercy

Pymble Parish is under the Pastoral care of the Salvatorian Fathers

**CELEBRATING JUBILEE YEAR** 





# A Short Prayer for Faithful Courage

Lord Jesus,
You came to set the world ablaze
with truth and love.
Give me courage to follow You,
even when it brings division
or challenge.

Refine my heart with Your fire, and help me stand firm in faith, trusting that Your way leads to life.

Amen.

# Baptisms at Pymble Parish BAPTISM

Our upcoming Baptism Formation Class will be held on:

Sunday, 14 September 2025 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 is:

# For mutual coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

We welcome to Pymble Parish the newest member of our community

Sabina

who will be baptised this weekend at our Parish.

A warm welcome to all our Parishioners and visitors who are participating in Mass 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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# **Parish Team**

Youtube QR code:

# **Pastoral** care

# Salvatorian Fathers

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Ireneusz Czech SDS **Email:** fr.irek@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Youtube: youtube.com/@IreneuszCzech

**Assistant Priest:** Fr. Lukazs Kleczka

# **Parish Staff**

Parish Secretary: Claudia Chen

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Sacramental & CCD Coordinator: Rebecca Lloyd-Jones

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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: Reconciliation:

Sunday: 9:30 am, 6:00 pm Tuesday - Friday 8:45am Sunday 9:15am, 5:30 pm

# Our Lady of Perpetual Succour 64 Kendall St, West Pymble, NSW, 2073

# Weekend: Reconciliation:

Saturday: 9:00 am Saturday 9:30am, 4:45am

Saturday: 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass) Sunday 7:45am

Sunday: 8:00 am (Quiet Mass)

# **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 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:** Kerry Paxton **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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# **Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School**

Kindergarten have been learning about The Assumption of Our Lady, Mary. We learnt that when Mary died, she was taken to heaven, body and soul. To celebrate this special day in our Church, we created watercolour paintings of Mary in heaven.

Kindergarten were asked why they love Religious Education lessons and here are some of their responses.

"It is fun because I get to read the bible and I like exploring the pictures" – Violet

"We get to respond to the presentations creatively and I like painting with water colours and making things with playdough" - Myles

"I like the presentations and we get to listen to the stories and what happened to Jesus" – Kaede

"I like that we get to choose the presentation that we respond to -Mackenzie









# WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Saturday, 16 August

St Stephen of Hungary (Optional)

Mass at OLPS with Morning Prayer (Breviary) 3:00pm First Reconciliation at Sacred Heart

Mass at OLPS followed by soup and slice 5:00pm

Sunday, 17 August

8:00am Mass at OLPS (quiet)

Mass at Sacred Heart (Children's Liturgy) 9:30am 10:30am Prayer Ministry at the Divine Mercy Chapel

5:30pm Reconciliation at Sacred Heart

Mass at Sacred Heart followed by BBQ and soup and slice 6:00pm

Tuesday, 19 August

St John Eudes, priest (Optional)

Mass at Sacred Heart 9:00am 12:00pm Mass at OLPS

Faith Formation: Lectio God at Sacred Heart 7:00pm

7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group

Wednesday, 20 August

St Bernard, abbot, doctor (Memorial)

Mass at Sacred Heart

Men's Mass and Dinner at Sacred Heart 6:30pm

Thursday, 21 August

St Pius X, pope (Memorial)

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

Friday, 22 August

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)

Mass at Sacred Heart followed by Adoration and Litany to the

Sacred Heart of Jesus

10:00am Bible Study

Saturday, 23 August

St Rose of Lima, virgin (Optional)

9:00am Mass at OLPS with Morning Prayer (Breviary)

5:00pm Mass at OLPS

Sunday, 24 August

8:00am Mass at OLPS (quiet) 9:30am Family Mass at Sacred Heart 12:00pm King of Kings at Roseville Cinemas 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 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:**

Dolly McCann, Fr Chris Riley, John Makepeace, Jerald D'Cunha, Philomena De Souza, Celeste Guerrera, Anne Maxworthy, Peter Tansey, Pope Francis, Dianne McGirr

# **Death Anniversaries:**

Keith & Marie Burt, Tony Dixon, Clare Rogerson, Ranjan Fernando, Roshan Perera, Ron Chandler, Chris Drinkwater, William P Inchoco Sr, Antonino Celio, David Michael Bernie, Maria Palmer, Bill Dyer, John McLeod, Paul Pribila, Thelma Lovery, Andrew Patterson

# Prayers for the sick:

Janusz Czech, Elliot Leahy, Iris Garate-Marchant, Antonios Ghabach, Mrs Mary Sidaway, Pamela Seaman, Joseph Hendryjanto, Margaret Browne, Danny Ung

# Weekly prayer intention:

This week We pray for those in our community who are homeless, that they may find shelter, comfort, and hope through the kindness of others and the support of our parish. May we be moved to act with compassion and generosity, and may God's love surround them always.

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.

# Serra Vocations Prayer Calendar-August 2025

Please pray daily for all clergy using the prayer provided on the side. Additionally, say a prayer each day for the priests listed in the calendar below.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1 Fr Roger Delmonte	2 Fr Vitalis Oguh	3 Fr Hien Vu
4 Fr Lucious Choi	5 Fr Peter DeSouza	6 Fr Peter Dowd	7 Fr Biju Matthew Kolkkatil	8 Fr Jose Philip OSH	9 Fr Vincent Nguyen	10 Fr Shansana Samarasinghe OSB
11 Fr Sam French	12 Fr David Ranson VG	13 Fr Anselam Lakra HGN	14 Fr Joey Frez	1.5 Fr Kelvin Lovegrove	16 Fr Biju Jose OSH	17 Fr Joy Thomas OSH
18 Fr Satheesh Anthony OSH	19 Fr Biju Mathew	20 Fr Joseph Methanath OSH	21 Fr Raphael Kimaro AJ	22 Fr Vincent Musindalo AJ	23 Fr Stephen Wayoyi AJ	24 Deacon Rosan Mathew
25 Brother John Verhoeven	26 Fr Tony Kuruvelil Ouseph CFIC	27 Fr Baby Thomas CFIC	28 Fr Raul Balute SOLT	29 Fr Teody Medina SOLT	30 Fr Brian Moloney	31 Fr Stephen Hume

# 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.



# Invitation

You are invited to join our nine part series What do we mean when we say "God"? with Elizabeth Klein

# Topics

The series topics include:

- I Am Who I Am
- . The Lord Our God is One
- . The Likeness of the Glory of the Lord
- · The Love of God
- · Who is Jesus Christ?
- · One God in Three Persons
- . I and the Father Are One
- God is Love
- · Question and Answer

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Misconceptions about God abound, even among Christians, and these misconceptions can become obstacles in our relationship with God. Join Assistant Professor Elizabeth Klein for a study of Scripture that will lead to a clearer awareness of who God is, and equipping you to share with others.

## Join In

Please join in with this opportunity to learn, share your thoughts and to get to know others in our Parish community.

pm alternate Tuesday evenings Sacred Heart Church Pymble Next event 19 August 2025

# Elizabeth Klein

Dr Klein specialises in the writings of St Augustine. She completed her PhD from the University of Notre Dame in 2016, and joined the Augustine Institute in 2017.

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# Is God Calling You to Make a Difference in **Vocations Ministry?**

SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

**THURSDAY 28 AUGUST 2025** 

at Sacred Heart Church Pymble

Commencing with Mass at 6:30pm

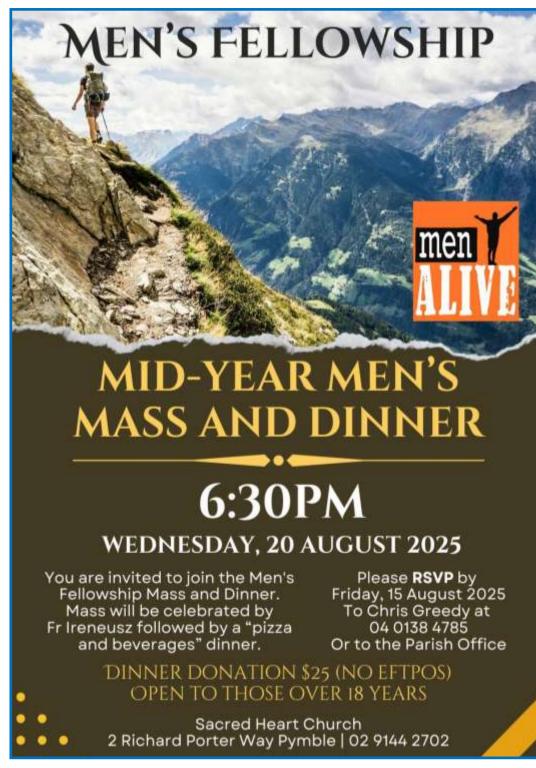
Our Mass Celebrant and Guest Speaker after dinner will be Father Michael Sullivan OSA. His topic will be "Saint Augustine's Confessions".

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 or telephone Terry Scanlan on 0438 887 295 or email terry scanlan@bigpond.com if you are planning to attend.

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!





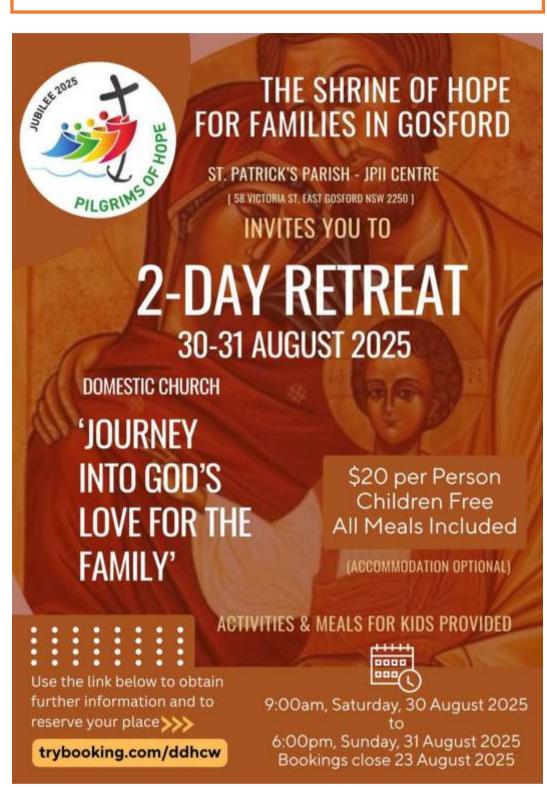
# Join Fr Irek on a Pilgrimage in September

Join Fr Irek and fellow parishioners on a spiritual journey following the footsteps of St Paul!

17 - 28 September, 2025 Greece & Turkey

**For full details,** please collect a flyer from the back of the church or contact the parish office.





# **New Lectern at OLPS Church**

We are so grateful to one of our parishioners from OLPS, who has so generously made and donated to our Church a beautifully hand-made lectern. It is a great addition to our Holy place of worship. Thank you so much!



During the Jubilee Year, we have 'Taize' Holy Hour with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the First Sunday of each month from 5pm to 5:55pm, before our 6pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church. All welcome!



# Thinking of becoming a Catholic?

Welcoming people into the Catholic church — 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 2025/26 RCIA program at the Sacred Heart Church, Pymble.

3pm, Saturday 23 August 2025

'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.

Pymble Catholic Parish

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# BICENTENNIAL CLUB



Ladies of Sacred Heart and Our Lady of Perpetual Succour are invited to join in for casual dinner and drinks at the West Pymble Bicentennial Club



# Ladies Dinner Night

6pm Friday 5 September 2025

An opportunity to catch up, chat and connect with friends old and new. Buy your own meal and drinks.

2 Prince of Wales Drive, West Pymble If you need a lift there please let us know.

Contact: Louise Johnston 0413 137 534.

Please RSVP by Monday, 4 August 2025 to Marie marie@dalla.net.au.

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# Liturgy of the Word Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# 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 <u>Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10</u>

# A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

# Responsorial Psalm Ps 39: 2-4, 18 R. v.14

# (R.) Lord, come to my aid!

- I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. (R.)
- 2. He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay.He set my feet upon a rock and made my footsteps firm. (R.)
- He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God.
   Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord. (R.)
- As for me, wretched and poor, The Lord thinks of me.
   You are my rescuer, my help,
   O God, do not delay! (R.)

# Second Reading Hebrews 12: 1-4

# A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured

the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

# Gospel Acclamation John 10: 27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

# Gospel <u>Luke 12: 49-53</u>

# A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

# **Gospel Reflection**

**Meditation:** Do you want to be on fire for God? Jesus shocked his disciples when he declared that he would cast fire and cause division rather than peace upon the earth. What kind of fire did Jesus have in mind here?

# The fire of God's purifying love and cleansing word

The image of fire in biblical times was often associated with God and with his action in the world and in the lives of his people. God sometimes manifested his presence by use of fire, such as God's revelation to Moses through the burning bush in the wilderness which was not consumed by the flames (Exodus 3:2). God assured the Hebrew people of his continual presence, guidance, and protection for them through the wilderness for forty years with the pillar of fire by night and a pillar of cloud by day (Exodus 13:21-22). The prophet Elijah called down fire from heaven to reveal God's presence and power and to purify the people of false idols (1 Kings 18:36-39). The image of fire was also used as a sign of God's glory (Ezekiel 1:4, 13) and holiness (Deuteronomy 4:24), his protective presence (2 Kings 6:17), and his righteous judgment (Zechariah 13:9) and holy wrath against sin (Isaiah 66:15-16).

Fire is also a sign and symbol of the presence

of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. John the Baptist said that Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire (Matthew 3:11-12 and Luke 3:16-17). When the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the disciples at Pentecost "tongues of fire" appeared above their heads (Acts 2:3). We can see from both the Old and New Testament Scriptures that God's fire purifies and cleanses to make us clean (sins washed away) and holy (fit to offer him acceptable praise and worship), and it inspires a reverent fear (awe in God's presence) and respect (obeying and giving God his due) for God and for his holy word.

# Loyalty unites - division separates

Why did Jesus link fire from heaven with costly division on the earth? Did he expect his followers to take his statement of "father against son and son against father" and "mother against daughter and daughter against mother" literally? Or was he intentionally using a figure of speech to emphasize the choice and cost of following him above all else? Jesus used a typical Hebrew hyperbole (a figure of speech which uses strong language and exaggeration for emphasis) to drive home an important lesson. We often do the same when we want to emphasize something very strongly. Jesus' hyperbole, however, did contain a real warning that the Gospel message does have serious consequences for our lives.

When Jesus spoke about division within families he likely had in mind the prophecy of Micah: a man's enemies are the men of his own household (Micah 7:6). The essence of Christianity is loyalty to Jesus Christ - the Son of God and Saviour of the world - a loyalty that takes precedence over every other relationship. The love of God compels us to choose who will be first in our lives. To place any relationship (or anything else) above God is a form of idolatry.

Lord Jesus, may the fire of your love consume me and transform my life that I may truly desire nothing more than life with you. Fill me with the power of your Holy Spirit that I may always seek to please you and do your will.

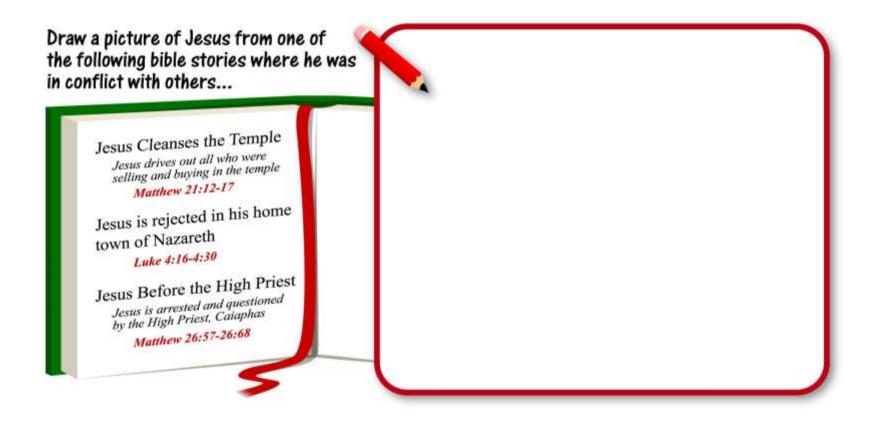
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To access Fr Irek's homily on YouTube, please scan the QR code:



Pymble Parish Roster - 23 & 24 August 2025					
Sacred Heart (Pymble)	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 6pm			
Acolytes	L Hopcroft	J Starnawski			
Altar Servers	Volunteers needed	N Adams			
Readers Family Mass		A O'Brien			
Altar Society	23 August: Susan / Beth				
Counters	24 August: P Ward / G Hugh / M Tang				
OLPS (West Pymble)	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 8:00am			
Acolytes	J Pease	J Walton			
Altar Servers	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed			
Readers	TBC	L Treacy			
Altar Cloth	23 August: P Ryan				

# Children's Corner



Use the words below to find out what Jesus said to his disciples.

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