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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



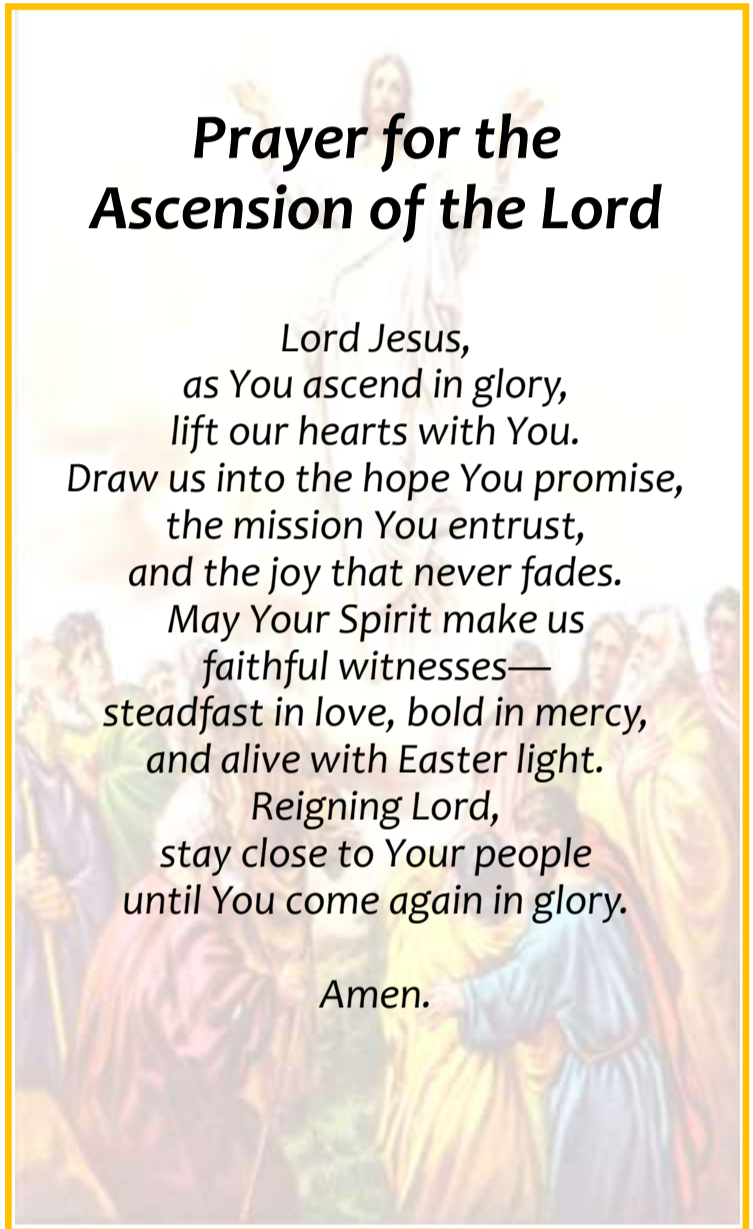
“He withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven.”

Luke 24:51

Prayer for the Ascension of the Lord

Lord Jesus,
as You ascend in glory,
lift our hearts with You.
Draw us into the hope You promise,
the mission You entrust,
and the joy that never fades.
May Your Spirit make us
faithful witnesses—
steadfast in love, bold in mercy,
and alive with Easter light.
Reigning Lord,
stay close to Your people
until You come again in glory.

Amen.



Baptisms at Pymble Parish

Our upcoming Baptism Formation Class will be held on:

Sunday, 21 June 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 May



That Everyone Might Have Food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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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We welcome to Pymble Parish the newest members of our community

Primrose & Harvey

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.



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

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.



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.



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Thank you for your ongoing support.

Parish Primary Schools

Sacred Heart

Principal: Brenda Timp

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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One in Christ. One Community.


Mass of Thanksgiving



with **Most Rev Anthony Randazzo**
Prefect, Dicastery for Legislative Texts
Apostolic Administrator Diocese of Broken Bay

THURSDAY, 28 MAY 2026 7:00PM
THE LIGHT OF CHRIST CENTRE, YARDLEY AVENUE, WAITARA

Mass will be followed by a farewell supper for the Archbishop.



PRAYER MINISTRY

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest"
Matthew 11:28

Would you like someone to join with you in prayer? We would love to pray with you and for you.

The Charismatic Prayer Group invite you to join with a Prayer Ministry team of two people who will pray for your intention.

There are no formalities, please come along or stay after Mass and join in prayer in the crying room at Sacred Heart Pymble after the 9:30am Sunday Mass. Prayer sessions are scheduled as required and generally on a third Sunday of the month over the year. The next session is on:

Sunday, 17 May 2026

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WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Saturday, 16 May

9:00am Mass at OLPS with Morning Prayer (Breviary)
5:00pm Mass at OLPS

Sunday, 17 May

The Ascension of the Lord (Solemnity)

8:00am Mass at OLPS (quiet)
9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart
10:30am Prayer Ministry at Sacred Heart
6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart

Tuesday, 19 May

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart
7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group at Sacred Heart

Wednesday, 20 May

St Bernardine of Siena, priest (Optional)

12:00pm Mass at OLPS
6:30am Serra Mass and Meeting at Sacred Heart

Thursday, 21 May

St Christopher Magallanes, priest, and companions, martyrs (Optional)

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

Friday, 22 May

St Rita of Cascia, religious (Optional)

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart followed by Adoration and Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
10:00am Bible Study

Saturday, 23 May

9:00am Mass at OLPS with Morning Prayer (Breviary)
5:00pm Family Mass at OLPS followed by BBQ

Sunday, 24 May

Pentecost Sunday

8:00am Mass at OLPS (quiet)
9:30am Family Mass at Sacred Heart followed by Morning Tea
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 Christ" (Galatians 6:2). Praying for each other makes us stronger and helps us to grow our faith and Christian love.

Recently Deceased:

Kenneth Rae, Alan Baumgart, Eduardo Malonda, Myrna Malonda, Debbie Fernandes, David Seymour, Patrick Martin, Antoni Szczur, Simon Devitt, Chan Siew Gaik, Douglas Jacks, John Nolem, Cindy Cheung, Teresa Sit, Daisy Chiu

Death Anniversaries:

Patricia Callachor, Andrew Patterson, Kathleen Morrison, Leo Ashmore, Thelma Lovery, Odette McLeod, Roy Freeman, Gwen & Francis Freeman, Zita Leung, Moro Neily, Santa Celio, Lilian Castilo, Rikki Doumit, Sergio Contardo, Joseph Matthew Lyons, Judy Carson, Nancy Dal Cin, Petra & Luciano Dumrique, Rita & David Roach, Patricia Grass, Antonius Djunaidi, Owen Thomas, Kerry Oei

Prayers for the sick:

Kathy (Ya Wen) Sun, 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 daily for those in formation or already serving the Church, especially those listed in our calendar below.	
18 May	Fr Joy Thomas OSH
19 May	Fr Satheesh Anthony OSH
20 May	Fr Biju Mathew
21 May	Fr Joseph Methanath
22 May	Fr Raphael Kimaro AJ
23 May	Fr John Puliparambil
24 May	Fr Stephen Wayoyi AJ

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.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Thank you to everyone who joined us at Mass this weekend as we celebrated Mother's Day.

A heartfelt thank-you as well to the wonderful organisers who prepared the supper and morning tea—your generosity helped our parish share in a beautiful moment of community and gratitude.



40 YEARS

40 Years Celebration and Awards Dinner

Hosted by Most Rev Anthony Randazzo
 Prefect, Dicastery for Legislative Texts
 Apostolic Administrator Diocese of Broken Bay

BOOK BEFORE 18TH OF MAY

The Diocese of Broken Bay is celebrating our 40th Anniversary at our Annual Awards Dinner with Archbishop Anthony Randazzo. Tickets \$150.00 per person or \$1500.00 for table of 10. Dinner, drinks, entertainment, prizes!

When: Friday, 29 May 2026—6:30pm-11pm
 Where: The Epping Club
 45-47 Rawson St, Epping

To book, visit: tinyurl.com/yc37rznr

Join us for Family Mass this Pentecost Sunday

SATURDAY, 23 MAY
 OLPS Church @ 5pm
 BBQ to follow

SUNDAY, 24 MAY
 Sacred Heart Church @ 9:30am
 Morning tea to follow

SERRA INTERNATIONAL

Serra Vocations Ministry MEETING
 Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pymble

Guest Speaker
Father John Puliparambil
A Journey in Faith and Service

Fr John Puliparambil, originally from the Archdiocese of Verapoly, Cochin (Kerala, India), was ordained in 1998 after formation at St Peter's Pontifical Seminary, Bangalore, India. He comes from a family of six children and is blessed with three surviving sisters and one brother. His parents, Xavier and Chinnamma, and his sister Jessy, are now with the Lord.

Fr John has served in parish ministry and family apostolate work in India, contributing to various pastoral roles in the Archdiocese of Verapoly, Cochin.

For the past eight years, he has served in the Diocese of Broken Bay. In Australia, his ministry has included hospital chaplaincy at Hornsby Public Hospital and parish service in Wahroonga, Manly, and Chatswood.

Fr John brings a compassionate and experienced pastoral presence, grounded in faith and committed to accompanying people in their spiritual journey. His desire is to serve, to listen, and to foster communities where the love of Christ is encountered and shared.

Fr John is now the Assistant Priest at Terrigal Catholic Parish.

Event Details
 Venue: Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pymble
 Date: Wednesday, 20th May 2026
 Mass Time: 6.30 p.m. followed by meal & talk
 RSVP: Terry Scanlan 9987 0952 or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com

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FREE EVENT

All Welcome

Mass at 2pm celebrated by Fr Ambrose Owusu-Ansah (Chaplain CCR Parramatta Diocese)
 Speaker Abraham George (The Gospel of Love Community)

Sunday, 24 May 2026, 2pm to 5pm
 Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church
 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes

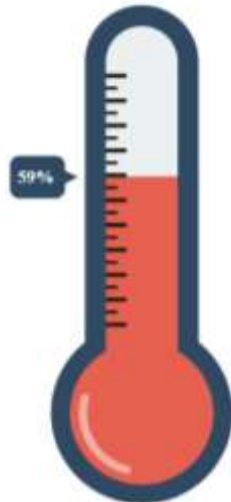
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We've so far reached 59% of our target for our 2025/26 Appeal for the Pastoral Works Fund, so we still need your support!

Every donation - big or small - brings us closer to supporting essential pastoral programs across our diocese. If you haven't yet contributed, now is the perfect time!



Parish Quota: \$49,373
Donated so far: \$19,931.30
Still to raise by the end of May: \$29,351.70
Deadline: 31 May

Scan the QR code below to donate today and help us meet our target! Together, we can make a lasting impact. Thank you for your generous support!

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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!

Pymble Catholic Parish Sacramental Program 2026

First Reconciliation & Eucharist

The **First Reconciliation and Eucharist** program is a combined program, open to children in Year 4 and above, who have made their Confirmation with the Catholic Church.

Registration for the combined program will open 20 July and close on 14 August.

Leaders for Home-based Groups Meeting (First Reconciliation & Eucharist): Sunday, 16 August 2026 at 11:30am

Preparation Classes (First Reconciliation): Saturdays 22 & 29 August at Sacred Heart at 3pm

Presentation Masses (First Reconciliation): Any Mass of 22 & 23 August weekend

No practice for First Reconciliation

First Reconciliation at OLPS: Tuesday, 1 September at 3:15pm

First Reconciliation at Sacred Heart: Saturday, 5 September at 3pm

Leaders for Home-based Groups Meeting (First Reconciliation & Eucharist): Sunday, 16 August 2026 at 11:30am

Preparation Classes (First Eucharist): Saturdays 12 & 19 September at Sacred Heart at 3pm

Presentation Masses (First Eucharist): Any Mass of 12 & 13 September weekend

Practice: Saturday, 17 October at 3pm

First Eucharist at Sacred Heart: Sunday, 18 October at 11:30am

Confirmation

Confirmation is open to children who are in Year 3 and above, and who have been baptised Catholic.

It is anticipated that **Confirmation** will occur in November. However, as Archbishop Anthony Randazzo will be departing for Rome shortly, we are awaiting advice from the Diocese regarding Confirmation arrangements for 2026. The program will be announced in due course.

Registration will open 1 September and close on 16 October.

Preparation for the Sacrament will be during Term 4.

For further information regarding dates and times, please visit our website at pymblecatholicparish.org.au/sacraments/sacramental-program. Please contact the Parish Office if you have any questions.



SILVER Jubilee

You are cordially invited to join in this joyful occasion of thanksgiving and community, celebrating the 25th anniversary of the arrival of the Salvatorians in Pymble.

This Silver Jubilee Mass will be celebrated by **Bishop Emeritus David Walker** and followed by luncheon in the Marian Hall.

9:30am on Sunday, 14 June 2026

Sacred Heart Church
2 Richard Porter Way Pymble

Please **RSVP** by Friday, 5 June 2026 to office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au
Donations of \$10 (or more) per person appreciated to help with costs.

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Entrance Antiphon Acts 1:11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?

This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven

will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 1: 1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 46: 2-3, 6-9 R. see v.6

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
Cry to God, with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **(R.)**
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R.)**
3. God is king of. All the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **(R.)**

Second Reading Ephesians 1: 17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 28: 19, 20

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 28: 16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

Gospel Reflection

Unlike Mark and Luke, Matthew does not mention the ascension of the Lord. He recounts a single encounter between the apostles and the risen Lord. It takes some of them a little time to grasp the astonishing reality of the resurrection: they hesitated.

It is on this occasion that they are given the mission to baptise and teach, to go out and make disciples of all nations. In the first reading, the Acts of the Apostles suggested that their commissioning would come with the release of the Holy Spirit.

Last week, in John's gospel, we heard Jesus tell his apostles that he would not leave them orphans; though they would no longer see him, he would be with them, in them. This is the message of the final sentence in Matthew's gospel: I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.

This is the essential meaning of the Ascension – not that Jesus is leaving them, but that he is present with them in a new and different way.

(c) Sunday Readings & Reflections 2026

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



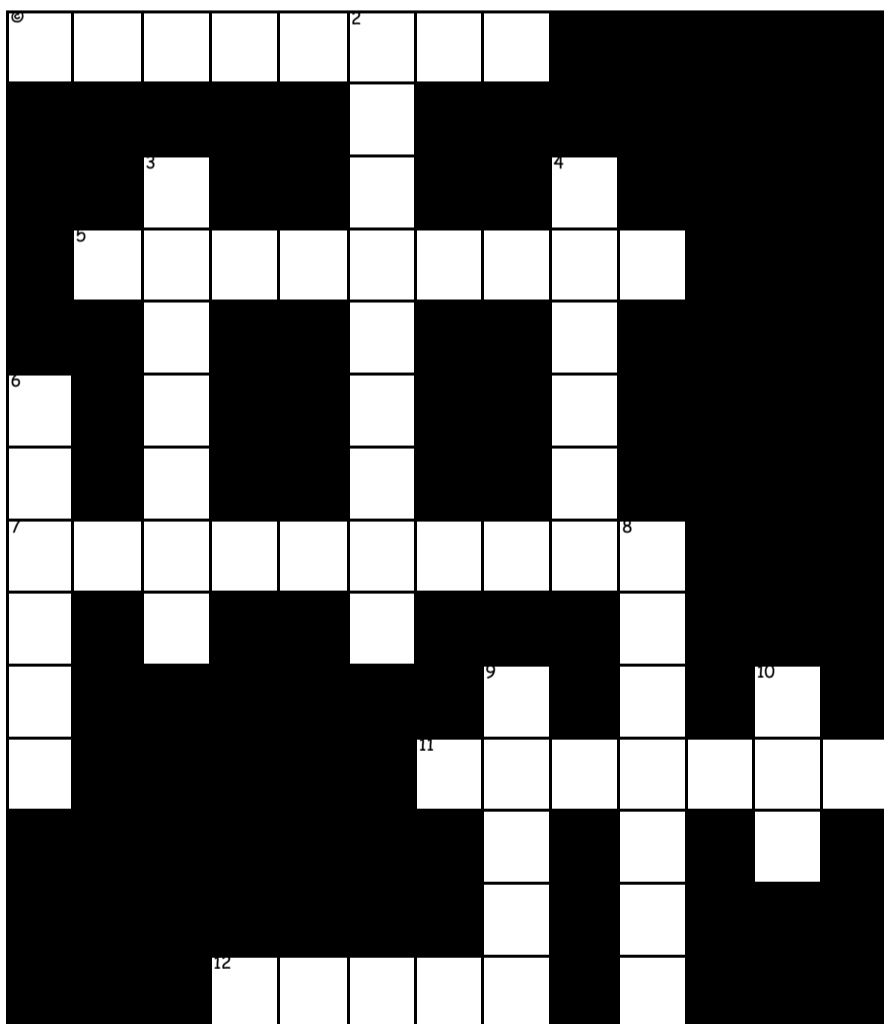
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gCWxdrunMC8>

Pymble Parish Roster - 23 & 24 May 2026

Sacred Heart (Pymble)	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes	C Wawryzniak	P Adams
Altar Servers	X Gonzales & E Shin	S Perera
Readers	Family Mass	E Thomas
Altar Society	23 May: Kim & Jo B	
Counters	24 May: G Hugh / P Ward / M Tang	
OLPS (West Pymble)	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 8:00am
Acolytes	C Parbury	M D'Silva
Altar Servers	Evan	Volunteers needed
Readers	Family Mass	H Roche
Altar Cloth	23 May: A Glover	

Children's Corner

Jesus is given all authority in heaven and earth



Across

- 1: the high place where Jesus told his disciples to meet him
- 5: gave thanks and praise to God
- 7: all things
- 11: large groups of people that belong to different countries
- 12: educate

Down

- 2: power over others
- 3: didn't believe
- 4: God's Kingdom
- 6: the number of disciples who witnessed Jesus' ascension into heaven
- 8: the name of the town where Jesus met his disciples
- 9: our world
- 10: finish

Children's Liturgy at Sacred Heart

On Sunday, our Children's Liturgy session unpacked what Jesus meant when he told the apostles "They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me" (John 14 15-21). We identified ways of showing our love to those around us (including examples of loving actions for Mothers Day) and ways we can express our love to God. We created a small bouquet of actions that demonstrate our love, to serve as a reminder to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love others as ourself.



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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 Avila



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