



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.



In this Challenging Time

Lord Jesus Christ, our true physician and healer, be merciful to us and bring us your aid in these troubled times.

Heal all our sickness and every affliction of your people. Drive out our infirmities of soul and body; free us from all disease and especially from this pestilence. We place in your gentle Heart the elderly, the frail, people with disability, children, young people and families, our indigenous peoples, those who are poor, lonely and isolated. As you walk with us, free them from fear, and give them patience and hope together with our loving care. In your mercy deal also with the causes of our pitiful condition, that in curing our lack of faith and spiritual weakness, you may also remedy our bodily ills. We place our trust in you, the risen Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen



COVID-19 Update

All Public Masses are currently suspended in our Parish for the duration of the lockdown.

During this time, we invite you to join us online this Sunday for the celebration of the Holy Mass which will be celebrated by Fr Boguslaw and Fr Chris.

Find the link for the Mass on-demand anytime on Sunday on our Parish website:

www.pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September *Environmentally Sustained Lifestyle*



We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

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!



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

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Parish Mass Times

Due to the current COVID restrictions all parish masses are currently suspended.

Please visit our parish website for further details

Sacred Heart Church

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

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Friday 8.30am to 1.00pm

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Sacred Heart

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Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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PARISH PRAYER ZONE

May the Father of our Lord Jesus enlighten the eyes of our heart that we may see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Recently Deceased:

Fr James Duck, John English, Charles Pak, Joyce Spark, Christopher Drinkwater, Rudolf Ruhidin Arsyadi, Gwendoline Elizabeth Tregear, Flynn, Dunbaven, Juana Alicia Cortes, John McLeod, Kerry Bowe, Kevin Parsons, Patricia Lenthall, Thomas Vicente, Odette McLeod, Matteo Infante, Stanislaw Kowalczyk, John Ryan, Pamela Campbell, Francisca Macalma.

Death Anniversaries:

Peter Yeong Ying Siew, Ron Chandler, Anne Hanna, Salvatore Marando, Ron Chandler, Antonio Celio, Natasha Adora Astono, Daniel Turalakey, Gwendolene Burt, Joseph Lin, Maria Lin, Rose Lin, Paul Pribila, Bernardino Castillo, Suresh Rodriguez, Thelma Livery, Patricia Callachor, Ed Rickard, Nancy Marrinon, Margaret Harris, Laura Bowe, Ed Rickard, Joseph Francis Sprouster, Ann Cesare & Ida Sartor, Mary Clare Richardson, James O'Rourke, Angus Ross, Mark Correia, Jane Clare Sprouster, Margaretha Hetty, Ann Lilian Castillo, Anna Lobo and Lilian Castillo

Prayers for the sick:

Peter Brassil, Pease Family, Fr Chris Riley, Joe Pulis, Margaret Day, Juliana Cho, Catherine Haydon, Vincent Tan, Monica Cavanagh, Marietta Tomoe, Kevin Parsons, Marianne MacRitchie, Anthony Hernandez, Steve Barrum, Colleen Hussin, Owen Thomas, Suzanne O'Sullivan, Mel Pegg Weir, Doreen Landers, Aaron Moll, Lloyd Victor, Richard Fillingham, Joanne Fernandes.

Birthdays this month:

Weekly prayer intention:

We pray for all the young families of our communities get to know your joy, peace, comfort, and love despite the world's distractions. 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.

Please note that your personal information will be treated in accordance with the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay Privacy Policy.

A copy of the policy can be found on our Website:

www.pymblecatholicparish.org.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 next Baptism Formation Class will be held on **Wednesday 13th October 2021 at 7:30pm at the Sacred Heart Presbytery.** Bookings are essential.

Connected in Christ

Each week the Evangelisation Broken Bay team will provide Gospel readings, prayers, reflections and children's activities for families to worship and pray at home in this extended period of lockdown. You can access via: www.bbcatholic.org.au/news/covid-19-updates/prayer-resources/bay-connect



Pymble Parish Covid Update

As a result of the extended lockdown all Church services and events have been cancelled till further notice.

The Public Health Order allows a priest to go to a house for pastoral care but only the residents of that house can be present.

Funerals can be held at both our Churches, with a maximum of 10 people. In addition to the 10 people attending the service there may also be the celebrant and other people who are necessary for the preparation and conduct of the service.

During this time, please refer to our Parish website for spiritual resources for our time at home: www.pymblecatholicparish.org.au. We have included resources such as Online Mass links, collection of prayers and online resources for digital devotion.

Our Pymble Parish Sunday Mass will be presented as video on demand. We invite you to join in as we pray together.

We ask you to keep praying for this troubled world, and most importantly, know that our parish team is praying for you.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

We thank you for your patience and support during this time. May God bless you all in this time of uncertainty.



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Prayer draws into the soul the Holy Spirit, and raises us to Heaven.



JOIN US IN PRAYING The Rosary ONLINE

WEDNESDAYS @ 10AM
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AT
info@pymblecatholicparish.org.au FOR ZOOM DETAILS



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Pymble Parish needs your support...

We would like to thank all those parishioners who have made contact with us about their weekly donations to the parish.

Given the circumstances we are living in at the moment, we encourage you to donate through the Parish Planned Giving Program - Direct Debit. Alternatively, you can make an online transaction to the Parish.

Online donations or payments may be made to the Parish using BPoint. BPoint is a service of the Commonwealth Bank, ABN 48 123 123 124.

The BPoint service provides a simple way for you to make individual online payments directly to the Pymble Catholic Parish. Payment may be made via any VISA or Mastercard debit or credit card or by any MasterPass digital wallet.

The BPoint facility for our Parish can be found on our website www.pymblecatholicparish.org.au under > Our Parish > Payments > Online Payment.

**God bless your generosity and continuous support.
The Parish team.**



Bay Connect

Our Broken Bay Diocese presents a new program of online events known as "Bay Connect". The program provides a continuing weekly series of regular online activities to converse, reflect and connect spiritually in these difficult times.

The Bay Connect program commences on Monday, 30 August 2021, and includes the following weekly events:

The Chosen Monday
Mondays, 7:30-8:45pm: Join in as we go through the first season of The Chosen TV Series. We will view one episode every Monday, breaking open associated themes and building our knowledge of Jesus in a fresh new way.

Tuesday Night Lights
Tuesdays, 7:00-7:30pm: A place to come together for prayer and to praise God from the setting of our home. All youth, young adults, singles and families, parishioners and clergy are invited.

Humpday Hangout With Br Bernard
Wednesdays, 7:00-7:30pm: Our jolly friar Br Bernard Mary will host a session with time for prayer, "Banger" of the week, casual chat and an entertaining selection of activities. (Banger, an exemplary song.)

Formation Fridays
Fridays, 7:00-8:00pm: An opportunity to get straightforward Catholic information on various aspects of the faith, from the basics to the hot topics, featuring a different guest speaker each week, followed by time for questions and discussion.

We encourage your participation and hope that this program can help, in a new and fresh way, those in our community who are seeking opportunities to come closer to Christ. For further information including an event calendar and to register, please visit Bay Connect via www.bbcatholic.org.au/news/covid-19-updates/prayer-resources/bay-connect



WORLD DAY FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 26 SEPTEMBER

Sunday 26 September is World Day for Migrants and Refugees, where Pope Francis invites us to “journey together towards an ever wider ‘we’.”

As we reflect on our experience of the COVID-19 pandemic, Pope Francis encourages us to build on a shared understanding of our common humanity, “on the truth of ‘we’ that the pandemic has placed before us” which “stands in sharp contrast with the emphasis on the individual that has until now pervaded our times”.

This year, for World Day of Migrants and Refugees let us remember the vast numbers of people who are at any one time traversing our world as migrants and refugees and open our hearts towards an ever wider ‘we’ in our disposition to all people. Go to

<https://www.acmro.catholic.org.au/> for more information and resources, including a Migrant and Refugee Kit.



First Plenary Council Assembly Moving Fully Online

The First Plenary Council Assembly starts Sunday 3 October and we are inviting the community of the church of Broken Bay to an online prayer vigil on Saturday 2 October from 7-7:30pm.



“Listen to what the spirit is saying” has been the theme of this Plenary Council acknowledging the importance of prayer and God’s relationship with His Church. This prayer vigil will call the community to come together as one Church to offer our prayers of support to the Bishop, Members, Delegates, and the whole Assembly gathering. More details to come soon.

Hope Out of Horror – Seeking Refuge in Australia Thursday, 23 September, 7.00pm – 8.00pm

SJ Around the Bay, St Vincent De Paul and Jesuit Refugee Service are hosting a webinar on the refugee crisis. Please see below for a parish bulletin notice which could be included, particularly in the lead up to Migrant and Refugee Sunday on 26 September, 2021.

This is a chance to hear the stories of those seeking Refuge and Asylum in Australia and to join a cry to Canberra to:

1. Offer Permanent Protection to all Refugees
2. Enable access to Family Reunions for Refugees
3. Offer a Safety Net, including Medical and Financial Assistance to those in need of refuge

REGISTRATION FOR THIS EVENT IS ESSENTIAL

To register click on the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/stories-of-hope-and-courage-seeking-refugee-in-australia-tickets-166888717647>



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults 2021/2022

Pymble Parish would like to invite you to this year’s RCIA program. It is an opportunity for everyone, Catholic and Non-Catholic, to review the formation of the Catholic Faith in the 21st Century. Ever wondered what is the value in being a practising Catholic in today’s Church?

In previous years, almost everyone who has attended the sessions has thoroughly enjoyed the interactive lecture experience and the discussion between members. The sessions, run for about 1 to 1.5 hours each week, finishing with tea or coffee and an open discussion. There are about 25 sessions in all and we are hoping to start in September. We take breaks during Christmas and school holidays. The whole course is scheduled to be completed before Easter 2022.

If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office via email office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au or phone (02) 9144 2702. We will respond with dates, agenda and possible session times.

There are no costs involved.

CatholicCare supports are available now

As we enter another week of lockdown you may need some extra support. We are here to help and offer many services for people in need including emergency relief financial supports, homelessness and housing assistance, domestic violence support, counselling including financial counselling, disability and seniors supports and more.



Foster Care Week We need foster carers

A struggle that rarely makes news headlines is that of children and young people in our community who are suffering. Many have been through experiences few of us could begin to fathom and who, without our help, will go through childhood without the love and support of a family. CatholicCare provides

essential support, care and stability for these children and young people often affected by abuse and neglect, to enable them to recover and thrive. The reality is though, we just don’t have enough carers. If you have a spare bedroom and the time to help, you’ll be showing them they haven’t been forgotten. We need carers for babies, right through to kids aged 18 years.

Please visit www.fostering.org.au for more information.



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ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

EVERY FRIDAY AT 10:00AM

If you would like to join us, please send us your email address to office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au and we will get in contact

Broken Bay News

The September issue of Broken Bay News is now available online. This issue features Bishop Anthony's message about looking after your spiritual wellbeing, the new Pastoral Discernment Project on the Central Coast, online parenting help in lockdown, Bishop David Walker's 25th anniversary and so much more. Read it online here:

https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/broken_bay_news_september_2021_issue_211



**Position Vacant -Clergy Administration Officer
Permanent, full-time
Based in Pennant Hills**

The Diocese of Broken Bay is seeking to recruit a permanent full-time Clergy Administration Officer.

This role is accountable to the Executive Officer, Secretariat for Clergy and provides administrative support to the Executive Officer and the Vicar General.

The Clergy Administration Officer is responsible for maintaining clergy records including personnel files & clergy databases, process visa applications, marriage celebrant registrations, clergy private health insurance membership, coordinate clergy vehicle arrangements, administer arrangements for the arrival of international clergy and those departing the Diocese, clergy retirement and deceased estates.

Comprehensive administration experience coupled with excellent organisational skills and an ability to manage priorities will be crucial to your success.

Previous knowledge or experience of clergy administrative requirements including facilitating processes relating to visas, marriage celebrants, private health insurance, deceased estates and funerals will be extremely beneficial. Experience in Immigration processes will be of special advantage.

The successful applicant will have a demonstrated ability to work with minimal supervision while operating with discretion and maintaining strict confidentiality, as well as well-developed relational and rapport building skills.

In addition to the above, the successful applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. tertiary qualifications in office administration, project management or minimum 3+ years relevant experience
2. the right to work in Australia with no limitations, and
3. will be required to undertake a National Police History Check and Working With Children Check.

To obtain a copy of the position description or for further details, please contact recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please send your CV and a brief cover letter addressing the skillsets required for this role to recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au.

Applications close on **Friday 1 October 2021**.

Foundations of Missionary Leadership Course – Sponsorships Available

The Areté Centre for Missionary Leadership offers a Foundations for Missionary Leadership course designed to empower and equip participants through a unique blend of theological knowledge, human development, spiritual formation, and practical skills to be effective missionary leaders in our Australian parishes and communities today. Evangelisation Broken Bay is offering subsidies for parishioners from the Diocese who would like to undertake this Course. For further information about the application process, please contact Pina Bernard on 0432 682 239 or pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au. Applications for sponsorships close 8 October.

A Virtual Open Night, with Areté Director Fr Chris Ryan MGL, along with Archbishop Peter Comensoli and Daniel Ang, will be held on 23 September at 7:30pm.

Further information about the Course and Open Night can be found at www.aretecentre.org

**International Day of
Peace Interfaith
Prayer Service**



All are warmly invited to celebrate the UN

International Day of Peace with an online Interfaith Prayer Service.

When: Tuesday 21 September 2021 at 2.00pm

Where: Zoom - <https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/96010303812>

Occasional address: Rev. Simon Hansford, the Moderator of the Uniting Church in Australia NSW & ACT Synod.

Religious leaders from Aboriginal, Bahai, Brahmakumaris, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Islamic, Jain, Jewish, Mandaeen, Sikh, Sufi and Zoroastrian communities will offer prayers for peace. There will be an opportunity to light a candle for Peace during the service, so please keep a candle and matchbox ready.

Sacred Heart's Vinnies Sleepout at Home

Thank you to families and friends! Your generosity of spirit has helped us to help Vinnies make a difference in people's lives. Thank you, Ruby (5M), for your thoughtful reflection on the experience:

My Experience With The Vinnies Sleep Out.

My experience with the vinnies sleep out showed me that we are so lucky to have what we have, the things we take for granted like, healthy food, clean water, a safe home and a loving family. When I was eating my vinnies snack pack, I was considering what Mrs Stella had said when she told us that this is what homeless people would have for a whole day, when we had our vinnies snack pack just for dinner. When I was participating in the backpack activity I thought that it was terrible that children my age and younger have to do this and only live with limited resources. When I was walking around outside in the cold and dark, I felt scared, lonely and cold, but knowing that some children have to live out here, made me keep going. When I was making cards of hope for the homeless children in Australia, I hoped that my card would show them how amazing they are and that everything will be okay. While I was sleeping, I felt uncomfortable but I knew that my circumstances were so much luckier than homeless children living on the streets. |





Liturgy at home In the absence of Mass

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1. Introductory Rites

Find lyrics to a hymn online, or on YouTube

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Leader: We place ourselves before the Lord, beginning with an act of contrition.

All: My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

2. Gloria

The Gloria is recited on Sundays outside of the Season of Lent and Advent

All: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

3. Liturgy Of The Word

Readings

Readings are found in a Sunday missal. Or on this parish bulletin on the following pages.

Homily

Spend some time in silence, receiving the word of God. If you are in a group you may like to invite others to share the fruits of their reflection.

4. Profession Of Faith

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.

5. Prayers Of The Faithful

Pray for the Church, the world, our leaders, families, those suffering, the sick, the lonely special needs.

<State prayer intention>... Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

All: Merciful God, hear our fervent prayer for all who suffer from the coronavirus. May those who are infected receive the proper treatment and the comfort of your healing presence. May their caregivers, families and neighbours be shielded from the onslaught of the virus. Give solace to those who grieve the loss of loved ones. Protect and guide those who strive to find a cure, that their work may conquer the disease and restore communities to wholeness and health. Help us to rise above fear. Amen.

6. Our Father

Leader: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: 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.

7. Spiritual Communion

Find Prayer below

8. Concluding Rites

Leader: May the Lord bless us, keep us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.

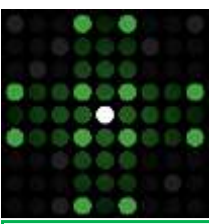
All: Amen.

Finish with a final hymn or pray together a Hail Mary seeking the Blessed Virgin's intercession during this time.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy
Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You
into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into
my heart. I embrace You as
if You were already there and
unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated
from You.
Amen.





Liturgy of the Word

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading Wis 2:12, 17-20

A reading from the book of Wisdom

The godless say to themselves,

'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.

Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.

If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after—we have his word for it.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord upholds my life.

- O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayers;
listen to the words of my mouth (R.)
- For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. (R.)
- But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. (R.)

Second Reading Jas 3:16-4:3

A reading from the letter of St James

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the

desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 9:30-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Gospel Reflection

Whose glory do you seek? There can be no share in God's glory without the cross. When Jesus prophesied his own betrayal and crucifixion, it did not make any sense to his disciples because it did not fit their understanding of what the Messiah came to do. And they were afraid to ask further questions! Like a person who might receive a bad verdict from the doctor and then refuse to ask further questions, they, too, didn't want to know any more. How often do we reject what we do not wish to see? We have

heard the good news of God's word and we know the consequences of accepting it or rejecting it. Ask the Lord to fill you with his Holy Spirit and to inspire within you a reverence for his word and a readiness to obey it.

Do you compare yourself with others?

How ashamed the disciples must have been when Jesus overheard them arguing about who among them was the greatest! We compare ourselves with others and desire their praise. The appetite for glory and greatness seems to be inbred in us. Who doesn't cherish the ambition to be "somebody" whom others admire rather than a "nobody"? Even the psalms speak about the glory God has destined for us. You have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honour (Psalm 8:5).

Jesus made a dramatic gesture by embracing a child to show his disciples who really is the greatest in the kingdom of God. What can a little child possibly teach us about greatness? Children in the ancient world had no rights, position, or privileges of their own. They were socially at the "bottom of the rung" and at the service of their parents, much like the household staff and domestic servants.

Who is the greatest in God's kingdom?

What is the significance of Jesus' gesture? Jesus elevated a little child in the presence of his disciples by placing the child in a privileged position of honour. It is customary, even today, to seat the guest of honour at the right side of the host. Who is the greatest in God's kingdom? The one who is humble and lowly of heart - who instead of asserting their rights willingly empty themselves of pride and self-seeking glory by taking the lowly position of a servant or child.

Jesus, himself, is our model. He came not to be served, but to serve. Paul the Apostle states that Jesus emptied himself and took the form of a servant. Jesus lowered himself and took on our lowly nature that he might raise us up and clothe us in his divine nature.

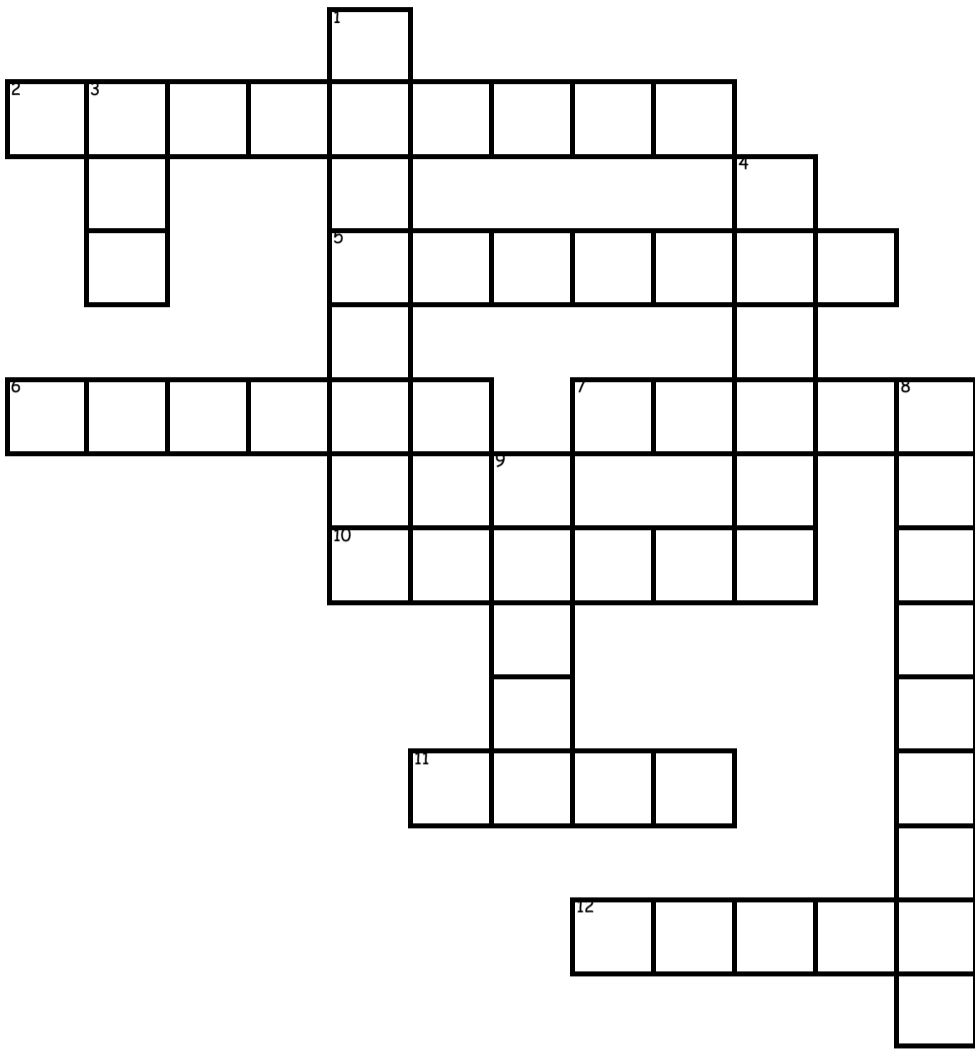
God wants to fill us with his own glory

God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble. If we want to be filled with God's life and power, then we need to empty ourselves of everything which stands in the way - pride, self-seeking glory, vanity, etc. God wants empty vessels so he can fill them with his own glory, power, and love. Are you ready to humble yourself and to serve as Jesus did?
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CHILDREN'S WORKSHEET

Those who serve others are greatest



Across

- 2: Jesus and his disciples went to his home in this place
- 5: Jesus wanted to know what the disciples were _____ about
- 6: Jesus sat down and told the disciples to _____ around him
- 7: Jesus said, 'when you welcome a _____ you welcome me'
- 10: there were this many disciples with Jesus
- 11: Jesus said, 'when you welcome me, you welcome the one who _____ me'
- 12: a type of building people live in

Down

- 1: the disciples argued about which of them was the _____
- 3: this part of your body has a hand and an elbow on it
- 4: the opposite of outside
- 8: these people went with Jesus to his home in Capernaum
- 9: Jesus said, 'If you want the place of honour you must become a slave and _____ others'



The disciples argued about which of them was the greatest. Jesus told them they should concentrate on serving others and that would make them great. Tick the things that help to make someone a good person.

- SHARING**
- TELLING LIES**
- BEING NASTY**
- BEING KIND**
- TRYING YOUR BEST**
- LAUGHING AT OTHERS**
- HELPING OTHERS**
- BEING HONEST**
- BEING SELFISH**



The disciples traveled to Jesus' home and they argued along the way. Help them get to Jesus so he can help them settle their argument.



ARE YOU HOME SCHOOLING AT THE MOMENT?

The Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay has available on-line resources for ongoing faith formation of students partaking home learning. These lessons are designed for specific age groups and cover a vast number of Catholic and Christian topics.

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