



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 SALVATORIANS' 25TH ANNIVERSARY IN PYMBLE



So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd;
and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

Matthew 14:14



Prayer Through the Intercession of St Mary MacKillop

Ever generous God,
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop To live
her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus
Christ, and constant in bringing hope and
encouragement to those who were
disheartened, lonely or needy. With
confidence in your generous providence
and through the intercession of Saint Mary
MacKillop We ask that you grant our
request..... We ask that our faith
and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit
so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may
live with courage, trust and openness. Ever
generous God hear our prayer. We ask this
through Jesus Christ.
Amen

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Baptisms at Pymble Parish



Our upcoming Baptism Formation
Class will be held on:

**Sunday, 16 August 2026
at 10:30am
at Sacred Heart Church**

Bookings are essential, please
contact the Parish office on
9144 2702 or via email on
office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au



**Pope Leo XIV's
official prayer
intention for
August**

For evangelization in the city

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



Prayer for the Intercession of Blessed Francis Jordan

Lord Jesus Christ, Saviour of the world, you called Francis
Mary of the Cross Jordan to be your apostle, to make God
known and loved by all people everywhere, using all the
means your love inspires. You filled him with universal
apostolic zeal, with a deep trust in God's loving providence,
with a profound spirit of prayer, with a sincere devotion to
Mary, Mother of the Saviour, and with the courage to
follow you, even into the mystery of the Cross.

Grant also to me the grace to proclaim the Gospel in this
spirit, and make me an effective apostle in today's world.

Through the intercession of Blessed Francis Jordan, I pray
to you for my special needs (include your personal
intention). I make this prayer through you, my Saviour, who
lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, forever
and ever. Amen.

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We welcome to Pymble Parish
the newest member of
our community

Tahlia

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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Parish Staff

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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:

Sunday: 9:30am, 6:00pm

Reconciliation:

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

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

64 Kendall St, West Pymble, NSW, 2073

Weekend:

Saturday: 9:00am

Reconciliation:

Saturday 9:30am, 4:45pm

Saturday: 5:00pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday 7:45am

Sunday: 8:00am (Quiet Mass)

Contact details

Address: 2 Richard Porter Way, Pymble, NSW 2073

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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.



Second
Collection

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Parish Primary Schools

Sacred Heart

Principal: Brenda Timp

Telephone: (02) 7256 2142

www.shpdbb.catholic.edu.au

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Principal: Jodi Jefferson

Telephone: (02) 7256 2101

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PRAYER TO CONTEMPLATION

Prayer, meditation and contemplation

Invitation

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

Context

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

Topics

The series topics include:

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

Join In

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

7pm alternate Tuesday evenings
Sacred Heart Church Pymble
Next event 4 August 2026

David Torkington

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

For further information:
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PYMBLE CATHOLIC PARISH
2 RICHARD PORTER WAY PYMBLE

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children are welcome to join us at our Children's liturgy at Sacred Heart Church. Children's Liturgy is a great way to engage and nourish the children of our Parish with God's Word.

Our sessions for Term 3 at Sacred Heart will be at our **Sunday 9:30am Masses as follows:**
2, 16 & 30 August
6 & 20 September

Please join us for Children's Liturgy at our Church.

Become a Catechist

Are you looking for ways to share your Catholic faith? We invite all our parishioners to grow their faith and teach a positive message about our loving God to primary or high school children in public schools. CCD Broken Bay provides practical training courses including compulsory safeguarding training to help develop teaching skills and support Catechists to make best use of their own knowledge. Tools and resources are provided and include easy to follow lesson plans to help create enjoyable lessons for all children. For further information and guidance, contact gladys@pymblecatholicparish.org.au.

WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Saturday, 1 August

St Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor (Memorial)

9:00am Mass at OLPS followed by the First Saturday Devotion with Adoration and Prayers for New Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
5:00pm Mass at OLPS, followed by Soup and Slice

Sunday, 2 August

Vocations Awareness Week

8:00am Mass at OLPS (quiet)
9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart
5:00pm Taize with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart, followed by Soup and Slice

Tuesday, 4 August

St John Vianney, priest (Memorial)

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart
7:00pm Faith Formation at Sacred Heart: Prayer, meditation & contemplation
7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group at Sacred Heart

Wednesday, 5 August

Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major (Optional)

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart
12:00pm Mass at OLPS
7:30pm St Vincent De Paul Meeting at Sacred Heart

Thursday, 6 August

The Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast)

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart
6:00pm Parish Finance Committee Meeting at Sacred Heart

Friday, 7 August

St Sixtus II, pope, martyr, and companions, martyrs (Optional)

St Cajetan, priest (Optional)

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart followed by First Friday Devotion with Adoration and Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
10:00am Bible Study
6:00pm Youth Group—High School
7:30pm Youth Group—Young Adults

Saturday, 8 August

CatholicCare Homelessness Appeal

St Mary of the Cross, virgin

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

Sunday, 9 August

8:00am Mass at OLPS (quiet)
9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart
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:

Jerzy Czech, Tatiana Seale, Jan Drobczyk, Lawrence Walter Cooke, Harry Wong, Barbara Tallis, Salvatore Cristaudo, Mohinder Tamana, Margaret Oswald, Maria Palmer, Remigio Ortiz, Elaine Reynolds, Mavis Gladys Mol, Constance Mary Cooke

Death Anniversaries:

Ranjan Fernando, Roshan Perera, Manel Perera, Chris Drinkwater, John Makepeace, Antonino Celio, Joseph Lin, Norman Li, William P. Inchoco, Sr, David Michael Bernie, Giuseppe & Antonietta Restifo, Dr Anthony Restifo, Jerald D’Cunha

Prayers for the sick:

Vinod Venka, Agnes Dazon, José Castro, Kathy (Ya Wen) Sun, Stan Brataniec, Daniel Fileman, Janusz Czech, Elliot Leahy

Monthly prayer intention:

This week we pray for peace and unity: We pray for peace in the midst of violence and tragedy in this world. May we have the patience to be understanding, the strength to be forgiving, and the grace to admit when we are wrong. Amen.

If you would like the names of your relatives to be included in the prayer list (anniversary of deaths, recently deceased, illnesses, wedding celebration or anniversaries, birthdays, etc.) please contact the Parish Office by midday each Wednesday. Remember that due to privacy policy, names of the sick can only be put on the bulletin with permission of the immediate family. This list will be updated every month and we would appreciate if we are advised of any updates. Thank you.

Ask Questions

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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.

3 August	Fr Lucious Choi
4 August	Fr Hien Vu Seminarman Tam Nguyen
5 August	Seminarman Lucas Lopez Rizo
6 August	Fr Peter DeSouza
7 August	Fr Peter Dowd
8 August	Fr Biju Matthew Koikatil OSH
9 August	Fr Bobby Cheriyl OSH

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.

CATENIANS An Invitation

Members of the **Catenian Association** will attend the 9:30am Mass at Pymble on **2 August 2026** to meet with parishioners and introduce their Association.

The Catenian Association is an international association of Catholic laymen committed to their faith, parishes and each other.

Formed in the UK in 1908 it now spans Australia, India and Malta. Our groups are called Circles and there are a number in Australia. Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Adelaide, Cairns, Lismore and Tweed Heads.

Your local Circle is Ku-Ring-Gai. We meet on the second Monday of every month at the Turrumurra Club for a general meeting, prayers and dinner. We have guest speakers and every quarter a Ladies night. Surplus funds are donated to charities.

Social functions include theatre, cinema and short trips.

For a free no obligation introductory dinner please contact:
John White, Membership Officer (04 3985 1910)
Malcolm McEwen, President (04 0932 9707)

Ku-Ring-Gai Circle
The Catenian Association
kuringgai.circle@thecatenians.org.au
www.thecatenians.org.au

Pymble Parish



FIRST RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST PROGRAM 2026

Registration is open at trybooking.com/dofoa

First Reconciliation ✱

Presentation Mass:
Saturday, 22 August or
Sunday, 23 August
any mass, either church

Group Facilitator Session:
Sunday, 16 August
11:30am at Sacred Heart

Preparation Program:
Two formation sessions - parish-based group at Sacred Heart or home-based parent-driven group

1st - parish-facilitated group
Saturday, 22 August, 3pm

2nd - parish-facilitated group
Saturday, 29 August, 3pm

First Reconciliation:
Tuesday, 1 September, 3:15pm
at OLPS
Saturday, 5 September, 3pm at
Sacred Heart

First Eucharist ✱

Presentation Mass:
Saturday, 12 September or
Sunday, 13 September
any mass, either church

Preparation Program:
Two formation sessions - parish-based group at Sacred Heart or home-based parent-driven group

1st - parish-facilitated group
Saturday, 12 September, 3pm

2nd - parish-facilitated group
Saturday, 19 September, 3pm

Practice and Reconciliation:
Saturday, 17 October, 3pm at
Sacred Heart

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

Register now

Further information at www.pymblecatholicparish.org.au



World Youth Day
2027 Pilgrimage



Broken Bay World Youth Day 2027 Pilgrimage

Expressions of Interest Now Open

The 41st World Youth Day will take place in **Seoul, South Korea**, from **August 3-8, 2027**. This is the first global WYD to be held in Asia since 1995 when it was held in the Philippines.

August 3: Opening Mass and city walking tour

August 4-6: Morning catechists (teaching sessions), Youth Festival events, and the Stations of the Cross

August 7: Pilgrimage walk and evening prayer with Pope Leo

August 8: Concluding Mass celebrated by Pope Leo

The Diocese of Broken Bay has now opened Expressions of Interest for its pilgrimage to World Youth Day (WYD27) in Seoul, South Korea.

Young people aged 15 to 35 from across the Central Coast, Northern Beaches, and North Shore—including students from Catholic Schools Broken Bay—are invited to embark on what many past participants describe as the experience of a lifetime.

Young adults and families interested in learning more or securing a spot on this transformative pilgrimage are encouraged to submit an Expression of Interest form online by using this QR code. For more information, please visit our website: bbcatholic.org.au/pymble/news-and-events/parish-news/wyd27-eoi



Trivia Night

What a fun evening it was at Trivia last weekend. Lots of friendly competition and laughs. A huge thank you to our hosts Frank and Joanne for preparing and hosting the evening, and to Marie and Mary for their warm hospitality.



Soup & Slice

Evening Masses This Weekend



OLPS Church
Sat after 5pm Mass

Sacred Heart Church
Sunday after 6pm Mass

Mary MacKillop Feast Day

8 August



Saint Mary MacKillop, Australia's first saint, is remembered each year on 8 August. The date marks the anniversary of her death in 1909 and is observed in Catholic schools, parishes, and communities across Australia.

Saint Mary MacKillop was born in Victoria to Scottish immigrant parents. The eldest of eight children, she spent her early years working to support her family - learning early that dignity and determination are inseparable. At the age of 24, she dedicated her life to God and took the name Mary of the Cross. Alongside Fr Julian Tenison Woods, she opened a school in a disused stable in Penola, South Australia - a deliberate, courageous act to ensure children denied access to education could learn. Other women joined her, and together Mary and Fr Julian founded Australia's first religious order: the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

The Sisters committed themselves to walking with people living in poverty, going wherever the need was greatest, in towns and rural communities across Australia. They didn't wait to be asked, they just went.

Mary faced fierce opposition throughout her life. At one point, she was temporarily excommunicated. In the face of injustice, she modelled extraordinary grace - refusing to speak ill of those who wronged her, while remaining absolutely resolute in her convictions. She led as one of the boldest women of 19th-century Australia, and her determination built the foundations of Catholic education in this country.

Her legacy lives on. And every August, we carry it forward.



CatholicCare
DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

COMBATING HOMELESSNESS TOGETHER

Please donate to CatholicCare's homelessness services across the Diocese. Donor envelopes will be available at Mass 8 & 9 August.



PYMBLE PARISH YOUTH GROUP

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

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

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

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

DON'T HESITATE TO BE INVOLVED

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Thinking of becoming a Catholic?






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

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

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

3pm, Sunday 16 August 2026

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

For further information see: tinyurl.com/4j4yz67d

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

There are no costs involved with this program.

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30 July 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

IDENTIFYING AS CATHOLICS IN THE 2026 CENSUS

As you may be aware, Australia will undertake the national Census this August. This important event provides an opportunity for every person to be counted and for our communities to be better understood and served.

In recent years, some groups have encouraged Australians to identify with a religion only if they are actively practicing, suggesting that those who are less engaged should instead select "No Religion."

As Catholics, we know that the journey of faith is often personal and, at times, complex. While our practice of the faith may vary throughout different seasons of life, many people continue to identify as Catholic because it remains a fundamental part of who they are. Research consistently shows that many Australians who may not attend Mass regularly still regard their Catholic faith as an important part of their identity.

For this reason, I encourage you, when completing your Census, to identify your religion as Catholic if you feel this reflects your faith and identity.

Selecting "Catholic" in the Census is more than a statistical exercise. It helps ensure that the presence and needs of the Catholic community are recognised within Australian society. Census information is used by governments, researchers and community organisations to:

- Plan schools, hospitals and community services;
- Inform the allocation of resources and funding; and
- Better understand the spiritual, cultural and social life of our nation.

An accurate picture of the Catholic community strengthens the Church's ability to advocate for the needs of our people and to continue serving communities across Australia.

Every person who identifies as Catholic helps tell the story of the Church's continuing presence and mission in Australia. Your response contributes to a clearer understanding of the Catholic community, enabling the Church to better serve those in need, support families, educate future generations, and continue proclaiming the hope of the Gospel with confidence.

VERY REV DR DAVID RANSON DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

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The Census will be conducted in August, and every household will receive information about how to complete it, either online or by paper form.

I encourage you to take a few moments to complete the Census prayerfully and accurately. Thank you for your participation and for the many ways you contribute to the life of our parish and the wider community.

Be assured of my prayers for you and your families.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Ranson'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large 'D' and 'R'.

Very Rev Dr David Ranson
Diocesan Administrator of Broken Bay



Liturgy of the Word

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Entrance Antiphon Psalm 69: 2, 6

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading Isaiah 55:1-3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk,
Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?
Listen, listen to me and you will have good
things to eat and rich foods to enjoy.
Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.
With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 144: 8-9, 15-18 R.v.16

(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
And you give them their food in due
time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**
4. Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. **(R.)**

Second Reading Romans 8: 35, 37-39

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God

made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the
mouth of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 14: 13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

Gospel Reflection

God never rests in caring for our needs Jesus never disappointed those who earnestly sought him out. We see a marvelous example of this when Jesus and his twelve disciples got into the boat to seek out a lonely place for some rest along the lake of Galilee, only to discover a crowd of a few thousand people had already gathered in anticipation of their arrival! Did Jesus' disciples resent this intrusion on their plan to rest awhile? Jesus certainly didn't - he welcomed them with open-arms. His compassion showed the depths of God's love and care for his people. Jesus spoke the word of God to strengthen them in faith and he healed many who were sick.

God multiplies the little we have to bring great blessing to others

As evening approached the disciples wanted Jesus to send the people away. Jesus,

instead, commanded his disciples to feed the whole crowd. Why did Jesus expect his disciples to do what seemed impossible - to feed such a large and hungry crowd when there was no adequate provision in sight? Jesus very likely wanted to test their faith and to give them a sign of God's divine intervention and favor for his people. Jesus took the little they had - five loaves and two fish - and giving thanks to his heavenly Father, distributed to all until they were satisfied of their hunger. Twelves baskets full of fish and loaves that were leftover show the overflowing generosity of God's gifts to us - gifts that bring blessing, healing, strength, and refreshment.

Bread from heaven to sustain us on our journey

Jesus' feeding of the five thousand is the only miracle recorded in all four Gospel accounts (Luke 9:10-17, Mark 6:34-44, John 6:51-58, Matthew 14:13-21). What is the significance of this miracle? The miraculous feeding of such a great multitude recalled the miraculous provision of manna in the wilderness under Moses' leadership and intercession for his people (Exodus 16). The daily provision of food for the people of Israel during their forty years of journeying in the barren wilderness foreshadowed the true heavenly bread which Jesus would pass on to his disciples at his last supper meal on the eve of his sacrifice on the cross.

Jesus makes a claim which only God can make: He is the true bread of heaven that can satisfy the deepest hunger we experience (John 6:32-35). The miracle of the multiplication of the loaves, when Jesus said the blessing, broke and distributed the loaves through his disciples to feed the multitude, is a sign that prefigures the superabundance of the unique bread of the Eucharist, or Lord's Supper which sustains us on our journey to the kingdom of heaven.

God multiplies the little we have so we can bring his blessing to others

The feeding of the five thousand shows the remarkable generosity of God and his great kindness towards us. When God gives, he gives abundantly. He gives more than we need for ourselves that we may have something to share with others, especially those who lack what they need. God takes the little we have and multiplies it for the good of others. Do you trust in God's provision for you and do you share freely with others, especially those who lack?

(c) Sunday Readings & Reflections 2026

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



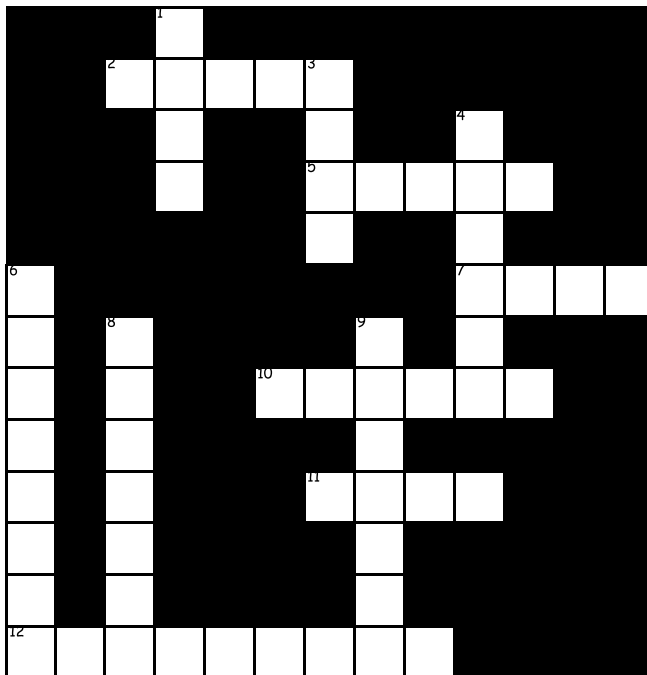
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Pymble Parish Roster - 8 & 9 August 2026

Sacred Heart (Pymble)	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes	M Tang	J Starnawski
Altar Servers	B Loughnan & Volunteer Needed	A & D Perera
Readers	D Fung / W Yu	E Lloyd-Jones
Altar Society	8 August: Raelene & Tracy	
Counters	9 August: M Tang / T Scanlan / J Li	
OLPS (West Pymble)	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 8:00am
Acolytes	J Pease	C De Sousa
Altar Servers	Alonso & Isabella	Volunteers needed
Readers	E & Z Victor	R Millane
Altar Cloth	8 August: A Glover	

Children's Corner

They ate all they wanted



Across

- 2: large villages
 5: a large group of people
 7: running behind time
 10: Jesus fed the people with just five _____ of bread
 11: Jesus fee the people with two of these
 12: Jesus' _____ gave out the food to the crowd

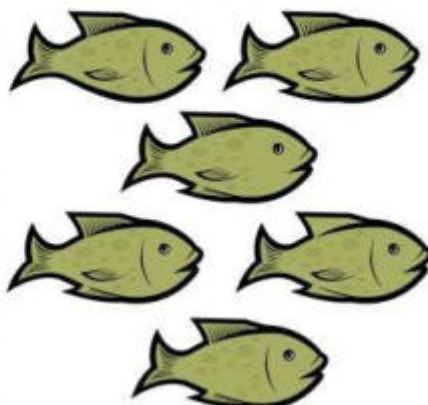
Down

- 1: a vessel that floats on water
 3: in need of healing
 4: there were this many baskets of leftovers
 6: there were more than five _____ people in the crowd
 8: the remaining food was put into these
 9: Jesus crossed this lake in a boat

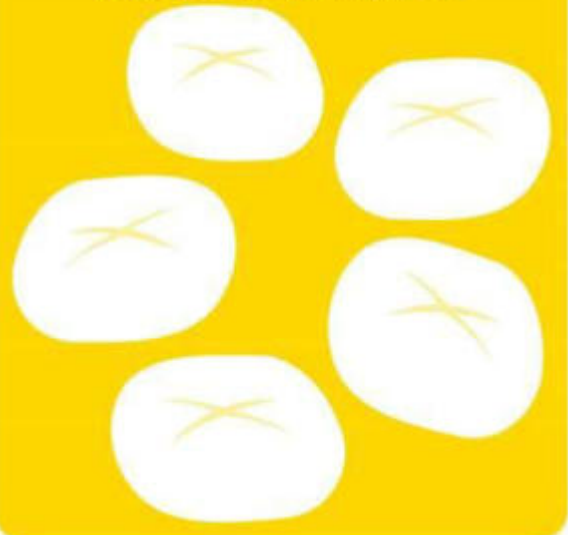


How many words can you make from the letters in LOAVES AND FISH?

Jesus managed to feed thousands of people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. Can you find two of the fish which are the same?



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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.



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