



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.



Prayer on the Epiphany

*Arise, shine, for the Light of the World
has come!*

*Darkness covers the earth and its
people,*

*but the radiance of God's Light
burns away its shadows,*

*illuminates the smallest corner,
and heralds in the start*

of a new dawn,

where hearts no longer fear,

souls might be set free,

and sister shall follow brother,

nation shall follow nation,

and kings and princes bow down in awe

before the one who comes to reign.

Arise, shine, for the Light of the World

has come!

Alleluia!



Pymble Parish Office Christmas Break

The Parish Office will be closed from
Thursday, 23 December 2021 to
Tuesday, 4 January 2022.

The Office will reopen on

**Wednesday, 5 January 2022 at
8:30am.**

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Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January



For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Contact Us

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.

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If you have used this bulletin, please take it home with you

WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, 2 January

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

Tuesday, 4 January

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

Wednesday, 5 January

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

Thursday, 6 January

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

Friday, 7 January

First Friday Sick Visitations
9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

Saturday, 8 January

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

Sunday, 9 January

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



If you would like to make a donation to a charity this season perhaps you would like to consider donating to the Pastoral Works Broken Bay. Donations are distributed to five charities that directly support the people in our Diocese. The five agencies are listed below:

- CatholicCare Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioner Program
- Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD)
- St Lucy's School
- St Edmund's College
- The Ephpheta Centre

The Charitable Works Fund is a 100% tax-deductible appeal that supports five charities which make a difference to the lives of children and families in our Diocese. Envelopes for donations are available at the back of both churches.

Thank you for your kind generosity!

FRIDAY VISITATIONS OF THE SICK FOR THOSE HOUSEBOUND AND IN HOSPITAL

"I was sick and you visited me..."
—Matthew 25:36 MKJV

In January the visitation of the sick will be on **Friday, 7 January 2022**. Fr Boguslaw and Fr Chris will visit all those who are housebound and unable to attend mass due to illness. Please contact the Parish Office via email at **office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au** by Wednesday, 5 January if you wish to have a rostered visit.

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:

Margaret Antoinette Skarbek, Robert Timmins, Betty Borg, Denis Glanville, Peter Goh, Joseph Jacob, Florencia Santa Maria, John Pacak, Moyra Mitchelmore, Martin Gilsenan, Jaqueline Sweeney, Paula Freeman, Robert Ramsey, Fr James Duck, John English, Charles Pak, Joyce Spark, Christopher Drinkwater, Rudolf Ruhidin Arsyadi.

Death Anniversaries:

David Roche, Arthur Wood, José Antonio Sanchez, Wayne Simpkins, Julian Costa Silva, Johnny D'Souza, Franciszek Lucjan Skrodzki, Joan Catherine Bernie, Bernardino Castillo, Joan Catherine Bernie, Egbert Fernandes, Jim Hussin, Katherine & Les Cashman, Serafin Peralta, Joe Dias, Lois Rae, Peter Yeong Ying Siew, Ron Chandler, Anne Hanna.

Prayers for the sick:

Peter Brassil, Pease Family, Joe Pulis, Margaret Day, Juliana Cho, Catherine Haydon, Vincent Tan, Monica Cavanagh, Marietta Tomoe, Kevin Parsons, Marionne 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.

Weekly prayer intention:

This week we pray for Pope Francis, that his pastoral care for the whole human family will inspire the leaders of every nation. 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.



Liturgy of the Word

The Epiphany of the Lord

Year B

Entrance Antiphon

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come:
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and
dominion.

First Reading

Is 60:1-6

A reading from the book of Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has
come,
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,
though night still covers the earth
and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises
and above you his glory appears.
The nations come to your light
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:
all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away
and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart throbbing and full;
since the riches of the sea will flow to you;
the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in thongs will cover you,
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense
and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore
you.**

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. **(R.)**

2. In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **(R.)**

3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea costs
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him. **(R.)**

4. For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Eph 3:2-3. 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

*The revelation means that pagans now share
the same inheritance, that they are parts of the
same body.*

You have probably heard how I have been
entrusted by God with the grace he meant for
you, and that it was by a revelation that I was
given the knowledge of the mystery. This
mystery that has now been revealed through
the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets
was unknown to any men in past generations;
it means that pagans now share the same in-
heritance, that they are parts of the same
body, and that the same promise has been
made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the
gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!
We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.
Alleluia!*

Gospel

Mt 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*We have come from the East to worship the
king.*

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in
Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some
wise men came to Jerusalem from the east.
'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they
asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have
come to do him homage.' When
King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and
so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called to-
gether all the chief priests and the scribes of
the people, and enquired of them where the
Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Ju-
daea,' they told him, 'for this is what the
prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are by no means least among the leaders
of Judah,
for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see
him privately. He asked them the exact date
on which the star had appeared, and sent
them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all
about the child,' he said 'and when you have
found him, let me know, so that I too may go
and do him homage.' Having listened to what
the king had to say, they set out. And there in
front of them was the star they had seen ris-
ing; it went forward and halted over the place
where the child was. The sight of the star
filled them with delight, and going into the
house they saw the child with his mother
Mary, and falling to their knees they did him
homage. Then, opening their treasures, they
offered him gifts of gold and frankincense
and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream
not to go back to Herod, and returned to
their own country by a different way.

Gospel Reflection

If Jesus truly is who he claims to be, the eter-
nal Son of God and Saviour of the world,
then why is he not recognized by everyone
who hears his word and sees his works? John
the Evangelist states that when Jesus came
into the world the world knew him not and
his own people received him not (John 1:10-
11). Jesus was born in obscurity. Only the
lowly shepherds recognized him at his birth.
Some wise men also found their way to
Bethlehem to pay homage to the newborn
King of Israel. These men were not Israelites,
but foreigners. They likely had read and dis-
cussed the Messianic prophecies and were
anxious to see when this Messianic King
would appear. God led them by means of an
extraordinary star across the desert to the
little town of Bethlehem where Jesus was
born.

In their thirst for knowledge of God, the wise
men from the East willingly left everything,
their home and country, in pursuit of that
quest. In their diligent search they were led
to the source of true knowledge - to Jesus
Christ, the Light and Wisdom of God. When
they found the newborn King they humbly
worshiped him and gave him gifts fitting for
a king.

The Lord of the universe who revealed the
star of Bethlehem to the Gentiles of the East
so they could come and worship Jesus, the
Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6) and King of Kings
(Revelations 19:16), gives each one of us the
same light of revelation to recognize and ac-
cept Jesus as our Lord and Saviour. Faith is
an entirely free gift that God makes to us. It
is through the help of the Holy Spirit, who
moves the heart and opens the eyes of the
mind, that we are able to understand, accept,
and believe the truth which God has re-
vealed to us through his Son, Jesus Christ. In
faith, the human will and intellect cooperate
with grace. "Believing is an act of the intel-
lect assenting to the divine truth by com-
mand of the will moved by God through
grace".

To know and to encounter Jesus Christ is to
know God personally. In the encounter of
the wise men with Jesus we see the plan of
God to give his only Son as King and Sav-
iour, not just for the Jewish people but for all
the nations as well. The Lord Jesus came that
both Jew and Gentile might find true and
lasting peace with God. Let us pray today
that Jew and Gentile alike will find the Lord
and Saviour on their journey of life. Do you
bring the light of Jesus Christ to those you
meet through the witness of your life and
testimony?

"Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for bringing
salvation to all the nations. May the gospel
of salvation be proclaimed to every nation
today and to every person on the face of the
earth. Help me to be a good witness of the
joy of the gospel to all I meet."

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As we are expecting more parishioners and their families and friends as well as visitors, these Holidays, could we request that if you are able to volunteer and fill any of the available positions, please arrive to Mass at least 15 minutes before its commencing and let the Priest know that you are available.

Rosters for 2022 will be available by the end of January 2022.

Many thanks for your help!

Pymble Parish Roster 8/9 January 2020

| Sacred Heart (Pymble) | Saturday 5.30pm | Sunday 7.45am | Sunday 9.30am | Sunday 6.00pm |
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| Acolytes | Volunteers needed | Volunteers needed | Volunteers needed | Volunteers needed |
| Music | Volunteers needed | Volunteers needed | Volunteers needed | Volunteers needed |
| Projector | Volunteers needed | Volunteers needed | Volunteers needed | Volunteers needed |
| Readers | Volunteers needed | Volunteers needed | Volunteers needed | Volunteers needed |
| Counters | 9 January: T Scanlan / A Bowe | | | |
| Altar Society | 8 January: C de Sousa / C Heffernan | | | |
| OLPS (West Pymble) | Saturday 5.00pm | Sunday 9.00am | | |
| Acolytes | J Pease | T Ryan | | |
| Altar Servers | Volunteers needed | Volunteers needed | | |
| Music and Projector | Volunteers needed | Volunteers needed | | |
| Altar Cloth | 8 January: N Simpkins | | | |
| Altar Society | 8 January: D Mazzei | | | |

Three Wise Men came from the East to worship the newly born king. They came bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Draw yourself offering a special gift to Jesus.



The three wise men had to search for Jesus. Where are some of the places we can find Jesus in our world today?

Thank you for your financial contribution to the support of our Parish Community and its priests - it is very much appreciated. The First Collection taken up at Mass goes to the Salvatorian Fathers for the financial support of the priests and the Salvatorian Community. The Second Collection taken up at Mass is for the upkeep of the Parish. You are invited to help our Parish by committing to the Planned Giving Program. **Parish Office: 91442702 or info@pymblecatholicparish.org.au**