



PYMBLE CATHOLIC PARISH

SACRED HEART & OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

Building a Christ-centred community of Love and Mercy

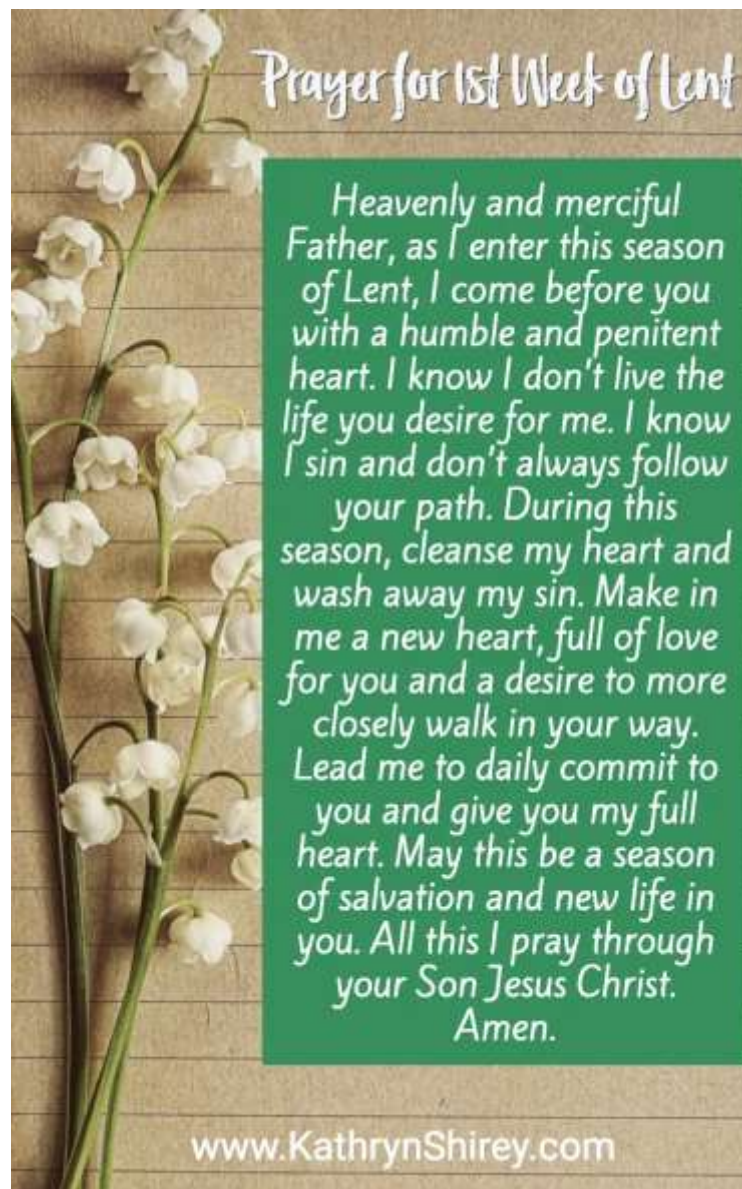
Pymble Parish is under the Pastoral care of the Salvatorian Fathers

CELEBRATING JUBILEE YEAR



There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit,
nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit.
For every tree can be told by its own fruit.

Luke 6:43



Prayer for 1st Week of Lent

Heavenly and merciful
Father, as I enter this season
of Lent, I come before you
with a humble and penitent
heart. I know I don't live the
life you desire for me. I know
I sin and don't always follow
your path. During this
season, cleanse my heart and
wash away my sin. Make in
me a new heart, full of love
for you and a desire to more
closely walk in your way.
Lead me to daily commit to
you and give you my full
heart. May this be a season
of salvation and new life in
you. All this I pray through
your Son Jesus Christ.
Amen.

www.KathrynShirey.com



Baptisms at Pymble Parish

Our upcoming Baptism Formation
Class will be held on:

**Sunday, 2 March 2025
At 10:30am
at Sacred Heart Church**

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

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

FOR FAMILIES IN CRISIS



Let us pray that broken
families might discover
the cure for their wounds
through forgiveness,
rediscovering each other's
gifts, even in their
differences.



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.sds.org.au



We welcome to Pymble Parish
the newest member of
our community

Tommy

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

Email: fr.irek@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Youtube: [youtube.com/@IreneuszCzech](https://www.youtube.com/@IreneuszCzech)

Youtube QR code:



Parish Staff

Parish Secretary: Daniela Foote

Email: daniela@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Assistant Secretary: Claudia Chen

Email: claudia@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Sacramental & CCD Coordinator: Rebecca Lloyd-Jones

Email: rebecca@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

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 and 6:00 pm

Reconciliation:

Tuesday - Friday before Mass

Sunday before the 9.30 am Mass & at 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 9.30 am, 4:45 pm

Sunday 7:45 am

Contact details

Address: 2 Richard Porter Way, Pymble, NSW 2073

Postal address: PO BOX 231 Turramurra NSW 2074

Telephone: (02) 9144 2702

Email: office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Website: www.pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Office hours: Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 4pm & Friday 8.30am to 1pm

For information about Weddings please contact Daniela in the Parish Office.

For information about the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Eucharist, please contact Rebecca at rebecca@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

SACRED HEART

Principal: Kerry Paxton

Telephone: (02) 7256 2142

www.shpdbb.catholic.edu.au

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR


Principal: Jodi Jefferson

Telephone: (02) 7256 2101


The Three Pillars of Lent

REFLECTION, REPENTANCE, RENEWAL


Lent is a time to grow closer to God through the three key pillars:



Prayer: Deepening our relationship with God through personal and communal prayer.



Fasting: Practicing self-discipline by giving up certain comforts to focus on spiritual growth.



Almsgiving: Offering charity and kindness to those in need, reflecting Christ's love for others.

These three pillars guide us in our Lenten journey towards renewal and preparation for Easter.

EASTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

* ACOLYTES

* WARDENS

* ALTAR SERVERS

* READERS


* EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

World Day of Prayer Friday 7th March

At Sacred Heart and OLPS we are proud to be part of the Ecumenical Movement by being part of the Ku-Ring-Gai Interchurch Group. We can show our support through the celebration of the World Day of Prayer.

Each year, different Christian churches host this special prayer event, offering a beautiful opportunity to come together in shared Christian faith and love for humanity.

This one-hour service focuses on praying for a specific country, chosen each year by the Movement. This year we will be praying for the Cook Islands. This year's service will be hosted by **St Andrews Presbyterian Church**, St Ives. Please join us on **Friday, 7th March** from 10am (morning tea) and **11am Prayer Service**. We would greatly appreciate your support at this worthwhile event.



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WHAT’S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, 2 March
Project Compassion Sunday
Catechist Sunday
8:00am Mass at OLPS (Quiet Mass)
9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart
6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart

Tuesday, 4 March
St Casimir (Optional)
9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart
12:00pm Mass at OLPS
7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group

Wednesday, 5 March
Ash Wednesday
9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart
11:40am Mass at OLPS
7:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart

Thursday, 6 March
9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart
with Prayers for New Vocations to
the Priesthood and Religious Life

*The Rosary is recited after all weekday Masses at Sacred
Heart Church & 9am Saturday Mass at OLPS*

Friday, 7 March
Collect of Sts Perpetua and Felicity,
martyrs (Optional)
9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart followed
Stations of the Cross
10:00am Bible Study

Saturday, 8 March
Collect of St John of God, religious
(Optional)
9:00am Mass at OLPS followed by the
First Saturday Devotion with
Adoration and Prayers for New
Vocations to the Priesthood and
Religious Life
9:30am Stations of the Cross
10:00am Serra Lenten Reflection Day
5:00pm Mass at OLPS

Sunday, 9 February
First Sunday of Lent
8:00am Mass at OLPS (Quiet Mass)
9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart (Children’s
Liturgy)
2:00pm Rite of Election at OLOR
6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart

PLANNED GIVING

The First Collection goes to the upkeep of the clergy, Salvatorian Regional Office and the Broken Bay Diocese sustentation funds.

The Second Collection goes towards maintaining our Churches and the upkeep of the Parish, supporting the ministries of our Parish (including our Sacramental programs and Catechist work), helping us continue our good works and loving outreach.

We are so grateful for your ongoing support.

First Collection



Second Collection



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:
Dee Baumgart, Joan O'Donnell, Jane Williams, Jean Allas, Catherine Sanchez, Patsy Purcell

Death Anniversaries:
Rev Dr Joseph Martins, Patricia Grass, Santa Celio, Elizabeth & MK George, Kerry Oei, Trenna Scanlan, Mike Soh Thiam Poh, Orfed Calacoci, Florinda Menezes


Prayers for the sick:
Pamela Seaman, Joseph Hendryjanto, Margaret Browne, Danny Ung

Weekly prayer intention:
This week we pray for the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. 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.

Serra Vocations Prayer Calendar-March 2025						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					1 Fr Teody Medina SOLT	2 Fr Brian Moloney
3 Fr Paul Finucane Fr Paul Durkin	4 Fr Bogdan Skupien Fr Eliseus Shin	5 Fr Chima Ofor Fr Marek Woldan	6 Fr Joshi Naduppura	7 Fr Philip Thottam MSFS	8 Fr Grzegorz (Greg) Skulski	9 Fr Bronislaw (Bronek) Pietrusewicz SDS
10 Fr Ryszard (Richard) Sadowski SDS	11 Fr Zygmunt Smigowski SDS	12 Fr Bill Stephens	13 Fr Harry Kennedy	14 Fr Stephen Hamilton	15 Fr Rex Curry	16 Fr Jack Robson
17 Fr Stan Skibicki	18 Fr Robert Brogan	19 Fr Geoff Bugden	20 Sister Marea Ross rsj Sister Ann Duncan rsj	21 Sister Josefa Mabini OSA	22 Sister Jennifer Canillas OSA	23 Seminarians Shayne D'Cunha
24 Seminarians Matthew French Tan Nguyen	25 Seminarians Victor Atuhura Huy Tran	26 Fr Robert Crawford	27 Fr Carmelo Sciberas	28 Fr Jim Tierney	29 Fr Clem Hill	30 Fr Terry Johns
31 Sister Damian Lai						

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.

Father Ireneusz Czech's Jubilee Year 2025 Homilies Book

We are pleased to announce that hard copies of "Proclaiming the Truth Without Fear" by Fr. Ireneusz Czech, a collection of brief and simple homilies for Liturgical Cycle C, are now available for purchase!

Price: \$50 per copy

All proceeds will go to support Salvatorian seminarians from East Timor in the Salvatorian Australian Region, studying in the Philippines.

Support this important cause and get your copy today from:

Sacred Heart Church Piety Store,
OLPS Sacristy, or the Pymble Parish
Office - 9144 2702



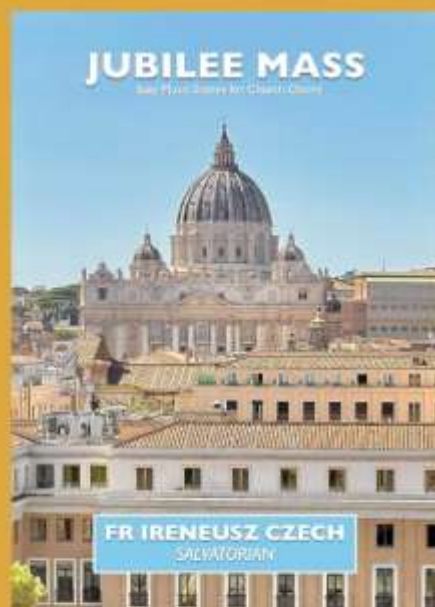
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JUBILEE MASS BY FR IRENEUSZ CZECH SDS

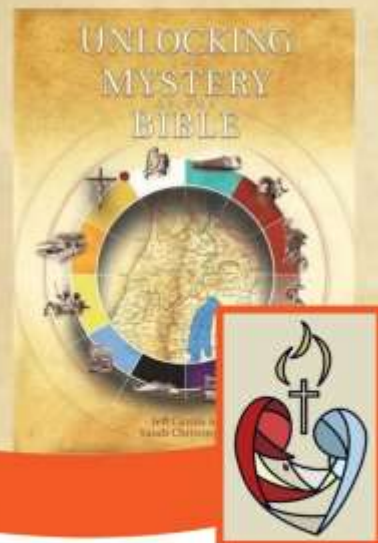
If you're interested in Church music, you may want to consider purchasing Fr. Irek's collection of easy music scores. It features original liturgical music designed to enrich worship during the Jubilee Year 2025

KYRIE (2 VERSIONS) - GLORIA
- PSALMUS - SANCTUS -
PATER NOSTER - AGNUS DEI



Please click on link below for more details:
tinyurl.com/2eteukua

THE BIBLE: Unlocking the mysteries of the Bible



Invitation

You are invited to join our eight part series "Unlocking the mysteries of the Bible" with Jeff Cavins and Sarah Christmyer

Topics

The series topics include:

- Introduction, The Bible Timeline Chart
- Early World
- The Patriarchs
- Egypt and Exodus, Desert Wandering
- Conquest and Judges, Royal Kingdom
- Divided Kingdom, Exile, Return
- Maccabean Revolt (Messianic Fulfillment 1 and 2)

Context

The easiest way to understand the Bible. This program makes the complex simple. It helps uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, the "big picture" of the Bible and what it is all about. The story about the Father's unfailing love for you - a love that you are now called to share with others.

Join In

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

7pm alternate Tuesday evenings
Sacred Heart Church Pymble
Next session 4 March 2025

Jeff Cavins and
Sarah Christmyer



For further information:

(02) 9144 2702

PYMBLE CATHOLIC PARISH
2 RICHARD PORTER WAY PYMBLE



Ash Wednesday
5 March 2025

Ash Wednesday Services will be held at
Sacred Heart Church, Pymble
9am and 7pm
OLPS Church, West Pymble
11:40am

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!

PARISH GOLF DAY

DRESS
CODE
RULES

Friday, 28 March 2025



North Ryde Golf Club
Twin Road North Ryde
12:30pm Registration
1:30pm 18 holes \$115
6pm Dinner Only \$45

For avid golfers and novices alike. Seniors \$100. Concluding with a bistro dinner. Please supply your golf handicap and club details. Form your own team or be placed on the day. Everyone welcome. Dinner only partners also welcome.

Booking forms are available at the back of our churches, or RSVP to the Parish office. For further information, please contact Marie D'Allesandri at 04 0489 3908.

SAVE THE DATE NOW

Pymble Parish
CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

PARISH CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2025

Registration is open at trybooking.com/cyvzn

Candidates must be aged 8 or older

Parent and Candidate Information Session:
Saturday, 22 March
3pm at Sacred Heart

Group Facilitator Session:
Sunday, 23 March
3pm 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, 29 March 3pm or
Sunday, 30 March 10:30am

2nd - parish-facilitated group
Saturday, 5 April 3pm or
Sunday, 6 April 10:30am

Presentation Mass:
Saturday, 5 April or
Sunday, 6 April
any mass, either church

Practice:
Sunday, 4 May
3pm at Sacred Heart

Confirmation Service:
Thursday, 8 May
5:30pm at Sacred Heart

Further information is available at the Parish Web site


Register now

Pymble Catholic Parish | 02 9144 2702

Charismatic Prayer

All Welcome!

7.30pm, Tuesdays
Sacred Heart Church
Meeting Room




aizé

During the Jubilee Year, we will be having Taizé Holy Hour with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the First Sunday of each month from 5pm to 5:55pm, before our 6pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church Pymble.

You are invited to join in the fun with Wine Tasting - Raffles Music - Cocktail Food

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE - ALL WELCOME

Wine & Cheese Evening

6PM-8PM
SATURDAY
15 MARCH 2025

Pay online via the link below
\$10 each
(Code "Wine")

More information:
Marie D'Alesandri
E: marie@dalla.net.au
M: 0404 893 908

tinyurl.com/3nh72ut9

Marian Hall
Sacred Heart Church
1 Bobbin Head Road Pymble

Wine can be ordered on the night for later home delivery





Loreto Normanhurst





Join us for Open Day

Saturday, 15 March 2025

Campus Tours | Presentations | Learning and Extra-curricular Showcase
Meet our Staff and Students | Food Stalls | Farm Animals

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Discover where Loreto Normanhurst can take you.



KIDSPLAY GROUP

TERM 1 AND 2 DATES

Friday Mornings, 9am-10:15am

21 February - Summer

21 March - Harmony Day

4 April - Easter

16 May - Mother's Day

6 June - Dinosaurs

20 June - Winter Wonderful



**Join us at OLPS Primary School
64 Kendall Street, West Pymble**

Suitable for children aged 0+ to starting school

SCAN TO REGISTER



Yes, you can be a Catechist!



Are you looking for a new way to give back to the community?

Have you thought about volunteering?

You may or may not be aware, but there is a shortage of volunteers instructing Catholic children in public schools in our local area.

As baptised Catholics, we are called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and one of the most rewarding ways to fulfil this call is to be part of the parish team of Catechists.

Classes run weekly for 30 minutes in both primary and secondary schools.

If you would like more information, please email

Rebecca@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Notice regarding the Holy Doors

We would like to clarify that the Holy Doors in our parish are symbolic decorations and are not part of the official Jubilee Holy Doors.



For the Jubilee of Mercy in 2015-16, Pope Francis introduced the innovation of Holy Doors at cathedrals around the world for pilgrims to pass through. However, for the Holy Year 2025, Pope Francis is returning to the tradition of having Holy Doors only at the Vatican and in Rome.

The Diocese of Broken Bay does have three official Jubilee Shrines of Hope, each with a focus on different aspects of our faith:

- **Gosford Parish:** A shrine for families, with a relic of Pope Saint John Paul II
- **Chatswood Parish:** A shrine for young people, with a relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis
- **Manly Freshwater Parish:** A shrine for priests and vocations, with a relic of Saint John Vianney

Upcoming Events

Something for Everyone

**Sat 15
Mar**

WINE & CHEESE
OLPS - AFTER 5PM MASS
PRICE TBC

**Fri 21
Mar**

LADIES DINNER
WEST PYMBLE BOWLING CLUB
6:45PM - SELF PAY

**Fri 28
Mar**

GOLF DAY & DINNER
NORTH RYDE GOLF CLUB - 1PM
SELF PAY

**Sun 20
Apr
Easter
Sunday**

**MORNING TEA AND
EASTER EGG HUNT**
OLPS
AFTER 8AM MASS
SACRED HEART
AFTER 9:30AM MASS
GOLD COIN DONATION

**Election
Day**

BBQ & CAKE STALL
SH - ALL DAY

SAVE THE DATE - EVERYONE WELCOME



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Men's Fellowship



The Pymble Men's Group meetings for 2025 are as follows:

First Wednesdays of Each Month

Prayers before the Blessed Sacrament with an opportunity for reconciliation, followed by light supper at Sacred Heart Church 'crying room'

Third Wednesdays of Each Month

Coffee at 'Jack & Co Pymble' followed by SOAP with Topic of Discussion at Sacred Heart Church 'crying room'

Socials and Masses

Mark these dates in your calendar: 30 April | 30 July | 29 October

For more information please contact Chris on crgreedy@hotmail.com

CATECHIST SUNDAY

Morning Tea
2nd March 2025
After the 9.30am Mass

PLEASE JOIN US IN SAYING THANK YOU
TO OUR CATECHISTS AND THE WORK
THEY DO IN SPREADING THE WORD



Lenten Adoration - 5 Weeks



Join us for Adoration during Lent, beginning March 9th.
Every Sunday evening from 5pm to 6pm at
Sacred Heart Church.
During this hour, the Gospel of the day will be read,
followed by questions for personal reflection and prayer.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Children's Liturgy Leaders & Assistants

We're looking for volunteers to help lead or assist with **Children's Liturgy** during the **Saturday Vigil Mass** at **Our Lady of Perpetual Succour**, West Pymble. Sessions will be held on the **first and third Saturdays of each month** during school terms. Your commitment would be just once or twice per term.

Help us share the Gospel with our youngest parishioners! For more information, contact the Parish Office at 9144 2702.



Caritas
AUSTRALIA

PROJECT
COMPASSION

Project Compassion Sunday 1st and 2nd of March 2025

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.



UNITE 
AGAINST
POVERTY
this Lent

Please donate today

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent*.

Pymble Catholic Parish

FAMILY MASS 2025

➡ SACRED HEART CHURCH ➡ 9:30AM

6 APRIL

Hosted by Year 3

25 MAY

Hosted by Year 6

22 JUNE

Hosted by Year 4

27 JULY

Hosted by Year 5

24 AUGUST

Hosted by Year 1

26 OCTOBER

Hosted by Year 2

23 NOVEMBER

Hosted by Kindergarten

PLEASE JOIN US FOR MASS & MORNING TEA
HOSTED BY THE FAMILIES OF SACRED HEART
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Christ - Fellowship - Reflection



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

Parish Safeguarding

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 Daniela Foote 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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Diocese of Broken Bay

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES



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www.catholiccaredbb.org.au

LITURGICAL FORMATION SERIES

Facilitated by Chris Ohlsen

The Art of Celebrating Holy Week
Saturday 15 March

Back to Basics
Saturday 10 May

RCIA: Practical Implications, Liturgical Fundamentals & Ongoing Formation
Saturday 16 August

Rekindle Our Wonder
Saturday 25 October



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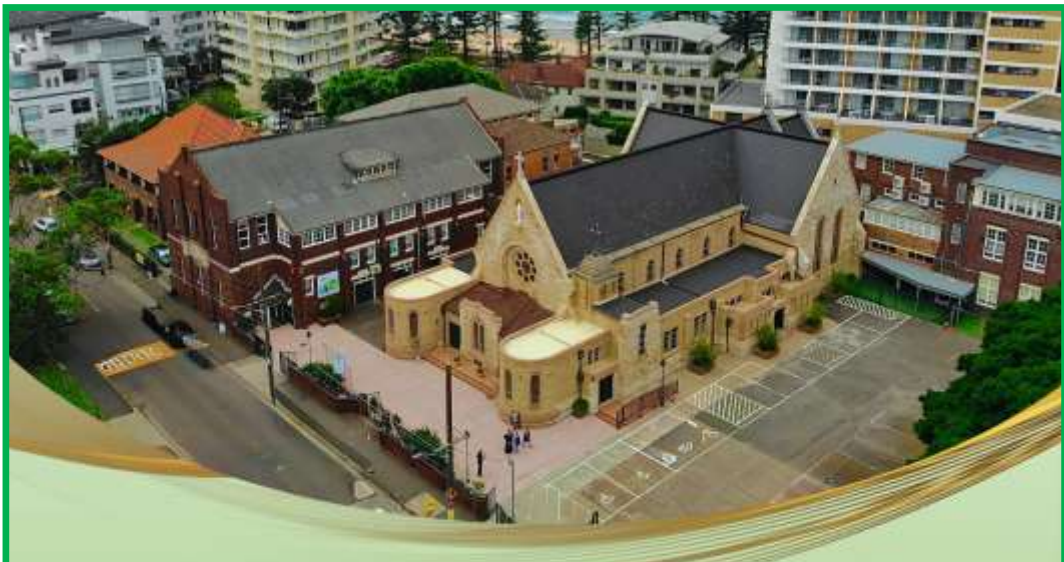
OPEN DAY
SUNDAY 2ND MARCH



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The Shrine of Hope for Priests & Vocations at Mary Immaculate, Manly, invites all the faithful to the:

**INSTALLATION OF THE RELIC OF
ST JOHN VIANNEY**
on
SUNDAY 2 MARCH AT 6:00PM MASS

Join Bishop Anthony Randazzo and the clergy of Broken Bay for this special celebration, including Mass, veneration of the relic, and a blessing.
All parishioners, families, students, and pilgrims are welcome as we entrust our clergy and future vocations to St John Vianney's intercession.

6 Raglan St, Manly, 2095, NSW

RSVP
(02) 9977 5822
manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au



SAVE THE DATE - 4 JUNE 25

Pymble Parish International Food Fair

Join us for a fun and delicious celebration of our diverse community! Bring a dish from your culture, share your culinary traditions, and enjoy the food and fellowship.

We Need Your Help!

If you'd like to donate a dish, please sign up as soon as possible to help us plan for the event and ensure a variety of dishes. We'll be catering based on the number of people attending and the dishes being donated.

Sign up now to donate a dish!
<https://tinyurl.com/yc77jn4m>



A GIFT IN YOUR WILL— YOUR LEGACY

After providing for family members in your Will, have you ever considered leaving a Gift directly to your local Parish? This is called a Legacy, Bequest of Gift in Will.

Over the years, many people who have left a special connection to their Faith have left part of their estate to the Parish. Like a gift to a charity, a gift in your Will to the Church ensures other members of our community receive the spiritual care and guidance that has been so important to you and your family.

YOUR PARISH

Many parishes are in need of funding to restore buildings, improve facilities and expand on services for the community. The pastoral outreach that has been important to you will continue for our children, our grandchildren and future generations of Catholics.

If you would like more information on Gifts in Wills, please contact Fr. Ireneusz.
Email: Fr.ireneusz@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Ask Questions

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Get *Why We're Catholic* - the ONE book you can give ANYONE!

Do you have a question about the Catholic faith? Go to catholic.com and type in your question. You will have the answer straight away.



Liturgy of the Word

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

Entrance Antiphon *Psalm 17: 19-20*

The Lord became my protector.
He brought me out to a place of freedom;
he saved me because he delighted in me.

First Reading *Sirach 27: 4-7*

A reading from the first book of Samuel

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.
The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.
The orchard where the tree grows is judged
on the quality of its fruit,
similarly a man’s words betray what he feels.
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 91: 2-3, 13-16 R v.2*

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord
To make music to your name, O Most High,
To proclaim your love in the morning
And your truth in the watches of the night. **(R.)**
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree
And grove like a Lebanon cedar. **(R.)**
3. Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green, to proclaim
that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **(R.)**

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 15: 54-58*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability,
and when this mortal nature has put on immortality,
then the words of scripture will come true:
Death is swallowed up in victory.
Death, where is your victory?
Death, where is your sting?
Now the sting of death is sin,
and sin gets its power from the Law.
So let us thank God for giving us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers,
never admit defeat;
keep on working at the Lord’s work
always, knowing that, in the Lord,
you cannot be labouring in vain.

Gospel Acclamation *Philippians 2: 15-16*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 6: 39-45*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus told a parable to his disciples,
‘Can one blind man guide another?
Surely both will fall into a pit?
The disciple is not superior to his teacher;
the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher.
Why do you observe the splinter in your brother’s eye
and never notice the plank in your own?
How can you say to your brother,
“Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye,”
when you cannot see the plank in your own?
Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first,
and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter

‘There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit,
nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit.
For every tree can be told by its own fruit:
people do not pick figs from thorns,
nor gather grapes from brambles.
A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart;
a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness.
For a man’s words flow out of what fills his heart.’

Gospel Reflection

Overcoming blind spots in our own lives

The Gospel of Luke was written by a disciple who was trained as a physician.
Luke, with keen insight, portrays Jesus as the good physician and shepherd of souls who seeks out those who desire healing, pardon, and restoration of body, mind, and spirit.
Jesus came to free us from the worst oppression possible - slavery to sin, fear, and condemnation.
Like a gentle and skilful doctor, the Lord Jesus exposes the cancer of sin, evil, and oppression in our lives so we can be set free and restored to wholeness.
A key step to healing and restoration requires that we first submit to the physician who can heal us.
The Lord Jesus is our great Physician because he heals the whole person - soul and body, mind and heart - and restores us to abundant life both now and for the age to come in his everlasting kingdom.

Thinking the best of others

The Lord Jesus wants to heal and restore us to wholeness, not only for our own sake alone.
He also wants us to be his instruments of healing, pardon, and restoration for others as well.
What can hinder us from helping others draw near to Jesus the divine Physician?
The Rabbis taught: "He who judges his neighbour favourably will be judged favourably by God."
How easy it is to misjudge others and how difficult it is to be impartial in giving good judgment.
Our judgment of others is usually "off the mark" because we can't see inside the other person, or we don't have access to all the facts, or we are swayed by instinct and unreasoning reactions to people.
It is easier to find fault in others than in oneself.
A critical and judgmental spirit crushes rather than heals, oppresses rather than restores, repels rather than attracts.
"Thinking the best of other people" is necessary if we wish to grow in love.
And kindness in judgment is nothing less than a sacred duty.

What you give to others will return to you

Jesus states a heavenly principle we can stake our lives on:
what you give to others (and how you treat others) will return to you (Mark 4:24).

The Lord knows our faults and he sees all, even the imperfections and sins of the heart which we cannot recognize in ourselves.
Like a gentle father and a skilful doctor he patiently draws us to his seat of mercy and removes the cancer of sin which inhabits our hearts.
Do you trust in God's mercy and grace?
Ask the Lord to flood your heart with his loving-kindness and mercy that you may only have room for charity, forbearance, and kindness towards your neighbour.

Producing good fruit versus bad fruit in our lives

Why does Jesus set figs and grapes over against thorns and brambles (Luke 6:33-35)?
The fig tree was the favourite of all trees for the people of Palestine.
It symbolized fertility, peace, and prosperity.
Grapes, likewise, produced wine, the symbol of joy.

Thorns and brambles were only good for burning as fuel for the fire.
There's a proverbial saying that you know a tree by its fruit.
Likewise a person will produce good or bad fruit depending on what is sown in the heart.
Charles Read said: "Sow an act and you reap a habit. Sow a habit and you reap a character. Sow a character and you reap a destiny."
Character, like fruit, doesn't grow overnight. It takes a lifetime.

Jesus connects soundness with good fruit.
Something is sound when it is free from defect, decay, or disease and is healthy.
Good fruit is the result of sound living - living according to moral truth and upright character.
The prophet Isaiah warned against the dangers of falsehood: Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness (Isaiah 5:20).
The fruits of falsehood produce an easy religion which takes the iron out of religion, the cross out of Christianity, and any teaching which eliminates the hard sayings of Jesus, and which push the judgments of God into the background and makes us think lightly of sin.

How do we avoid falsehood and bad fruit in our lives?
By being true - true to God, his word, and the grace and help he gives us so we can turn away from evil and wrongdoing.
And that takes character! Those who are true to God know that their strength lies not in themselves but in God who supplies everything we need to live as his disciples.
The Lord strengthens us with the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit - with faith, hope and love, justice, prudence, fortitude and temperance.
And we grow in godly character through exercising the gifts and strength which God supplies.
Do you want to bear good fruit in your daily life?
Allow the Holy Spirit to train you in godliness and the wisdom to distinguish good fruit from bad fruit (1 Timothy 4:7-8, Hebrews 5:14).

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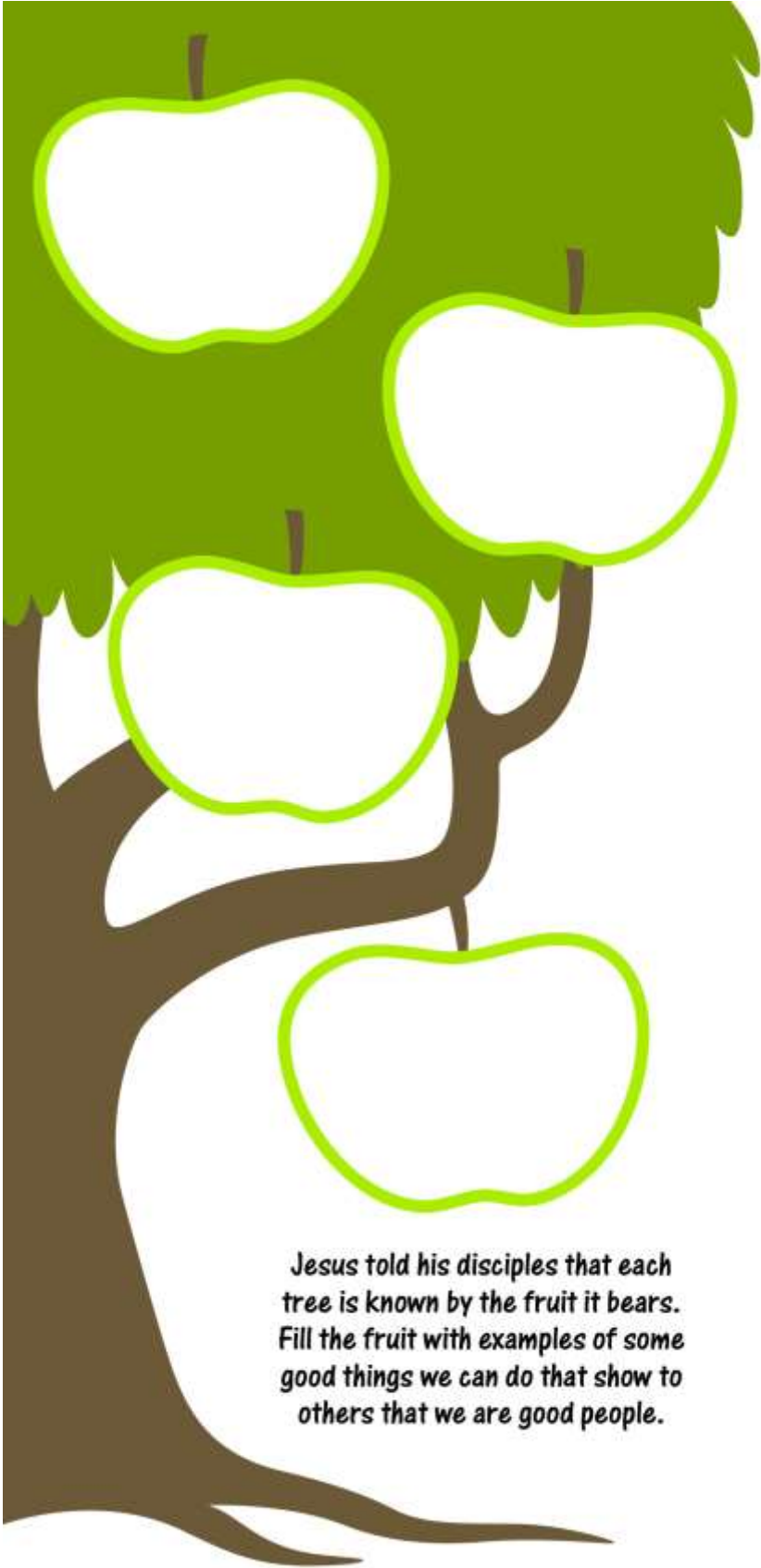
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Sacred Heart (Pymble)	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes		
Altar Servers	Volunteers needed	F Seeto A Perera
Readers	M Dias	R Samson
Altar Society	8 March: Lent—no flowers	
Counters	9 March: C Gwynn / M Tang / G Hugh	
OLPS (West Pymble)	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 8:00am
Acolytes	J Pease	J Walton
Altar Servers	A Pease	E & M Rothemund
Readers	C Keir	C Kipps
Altar Cloth	8 March: A Glover	

Children's Corner



Jesus told his disciples that each tree is known by the fruit it bears. Fill the fruit with examples of some good things we can do that show to others that we are good people.



Fill in the missing words from the list below to see what Jesus said about judging other people.

____ do you see the
 _____ in your
 _____' eye,
 but do not _____ the
 ____ in your own ____?

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How many words can you make from the letters in the word HYPOCRITE?

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9:00am at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

5:00pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Sunday

8:00am at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

9:30am at Sacred Heart

6:00pm at Sacred Heart



"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 Ávila



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