



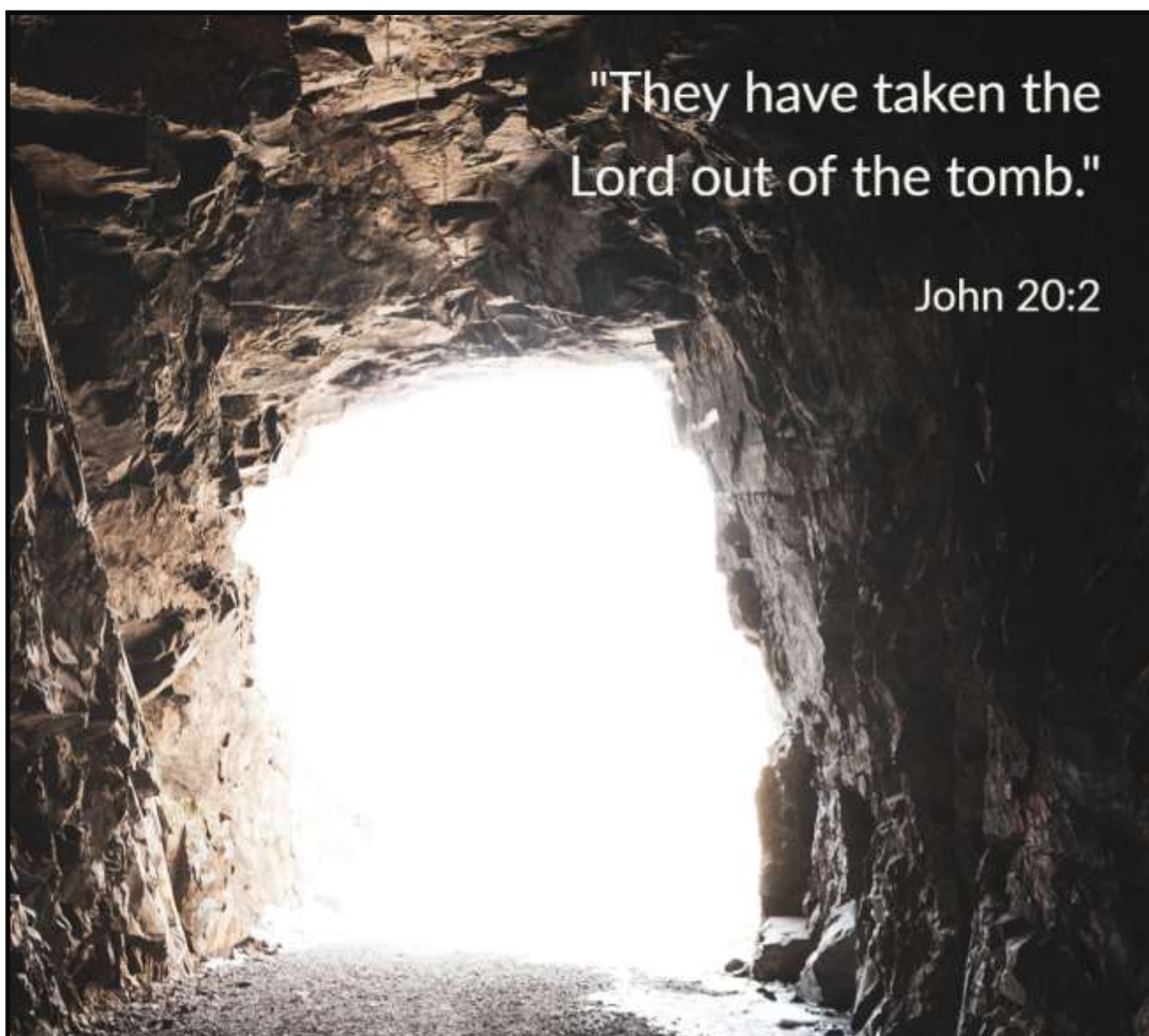
# PYMBLE CATHOLIC PARISH

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**



"They have taken the  
Lord out of the tomb."

John 20:2

## A Prayer of Gratitude

Almighty God,  
Our Heavenly Father

We remember with thanksgiving those who made the  
supreme sacrifice for us and time of war.

We pray that the offering of their lives will not have been  
envying.

We are thankful while they have gone their memory lives on  
as in some way they do too.

We thank you that their sacrifice has enabled us to be able to  
live peaceful and prosperous lives.

May our lives echo that same spirit of sacrifice and  
concern for one and other.

May your grace enable us this day and into the future to  
dedicate ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom, and peace.

Give us the wisdom and strength to build a better world for  
the honoring glory of your name through  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



### Baptisms at Pymble Parish

Our upcoming Baptism Formation  
Class will be held on:

**Sunday, 4 May 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](mailto:office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au)

### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL

FOR THE USE OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES



Let us pray that the use of  
the new technologies will  
not replace human  
relationships, will respect  
the dignity of the person,  
and will help us face the  
crises of our times.



### 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](http://www.sds.org.au)



We welcome to Pymble Parish  
the newest members of  
our community


Jeremy & Gabby

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	
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Parish Mass Times	
<b>Sacred Heart</b> <b>2 Richard Porter Way, Pymble NSW 2073</b>  <b>Weekdays:</b> Tuesday to Friday 9:00am <b>Rosary:</b> Tuesday to Friday after morning Mass <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:</b> Friday after morning Mass  <b>Weekend:</b> Sunday: 9:30 am and 6:00 pm  <b>Reconciliation:</b> Tuesday - Friday before Mass Sunday before the 9.30 am Mass & at 5:30 pm  <b>Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</b> <b>64 Kendall St, West Pymble, NSW, 2073</b>  <b>Weekend:</b> Saturday: 9:00 am Saturday: 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass) Sunday: 8:00 am (Quiet Mass)  <b>Reconciliation:</b> Saturday 9.30 am, 4:45 pm Sunday 7:45 am	
Contact details	
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<p>For information about Weddings please contact Daniela in the Parish Office.</p> <p>For information about the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Eucharist, please contact Rebecca at <a href="mailto:rebecca@pymblecatholicparish.org.au">rebecca@pymblecatholicparish.org.au</a></p>	

PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS
<b>SACRED HEART</b> <b>Principal:</b> Kerry Paxton <b>Telephone:</b> (02) 7256 2142 <a href="http://www.shpdbb.catholic.edu.au">www.shpdbb.catholic.edu.au</a>
<b>OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR</b> <b>Principal:</b> Jodi Jefferson <b>Telephone:</b> (02) 7256 2101 <a href="http://www.olpsdbb.catholic.edu.au">www.olpsdbb.catholic.edu.au</a>



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

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

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

**There are no formalities, please come along or stay after Mass and join in prayer in the crying room at Sacred Heart Pymble after the 9:30am Mass on each 3rd Sunday of the month.**

**Dates for 2025 are: May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21, October 19, November 16, and December 21.**

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**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](mailto:crgreedy@hotmail.com)



WHAT’S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

<b>Friday, 18 April</b> <b>Good Friday</b> 9:30am Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart 11:30am Stations of the Cross at OLPS 3:00pm Passion of the Lord at Sacred Heart 3:00pm Passion of the Lord at OLPS 6:00pm Spanish Good Friday Mass at OLPS	<b>Wednesday, 23 April</b> 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart  <b>Thursday, 24 April</b> 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart 6:00pm Serra Mass & Meeting at Sacred Heart
<b>Saturday, 19 April</b> <b>Easter Saturday</b> 10:00am Blessing of the Easter Food (English) 11:00am Blessing of the Easter Food (Polish) 6:00pm Easter Vigil at OLPS (Spanish) 7:00pm Easter Vigil at Sacred Heart	<b>Friday, 25 April</b> <b>Anzac Day</b> 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart followed by Adoration and Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus 10:00am Bible Study
<b>Sunday, 20 April</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b> 7:45am Mass at Sacred Heart 8:00am Mass at OLPS 9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart	<b>Saturday, 26 April</b> 9:00am Mass at OLPS with Morning Prayer 5:00pm Mass at OLPS
<b>Tuesday, 22 April</b> 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart 7:00pm Faith Formation: The Bible 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group	<b>Sunday, 27 April</b> <b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b> 8:00am Mass at OLPS 9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart 2:00pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour with an opportunity for Reconciliation, Chaplet and Benediction. 6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart

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

# 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:

Grace Calvi, Jannatta Cox, Dee Baumgart, Joan O’Donnell, Jane Williams, Jean Allas, Catherine Sanchez, Patsy Purcell

Death Anniversaries:

Angus Ross, Owen Thomas, Lilian Castillo, Judy Carson, Joseph Matthew Lyons, Armand Marchino, Anju Victor,

Prayers for the sick:

Iris Garate-Marchant, Antonios Ghabach, Mrs Mary Sidaway, Pamela Seaman, Joseph Hendryjanto, Margaret Browne, Danny Ung


Weekly prayer intention:

This week we pray for our catechumens who are preparing for receiving the Sacraments over the Easter Season. 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-April 2025						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1 Bishop Anthony Randazzo	2 Bishop Emeritus David Walker	3 Bishop Emeritus Robert McGuckin	4 Fr Colin Blayney	5 Fr Stephen Hill	6 Fr Timothy Raj MSFS
7 Fr Alex Peter MSFS	8 Fr Vincent Lourduswamy MSFS	9 Fr Michael Belonio OSA	10 Fr Michael Sullivan OSA	11 Fr Jumbin Torres OSA	12 Fr John Zhang OSA	13 Father Van Tu Nguyen OSA
14 Fr Robert Borg	15 Fr Jim McKeon	16 Fr Aldrin Valdehueza	17 Fr Vince Casey Fr John Hill	18 Fr Greg Chee OCD	19 Fr Gerard Moran OCD	20 Fr Sunny Peackal OCD
21 Fr Restituto Ogsimer cs	22 Fr Jose Aliro Gutierrez cs	23 Fr Savino Bernardi cs	24 Deacon Roberto Corpuz	25 Deacon Adrian Gomez	26 Deacon Paul Simmons	27 Deacon Peter McCulloch
28 Deacon Kevin Hale Deacon Kevin McGregor	29 Fr Ireneuz Czech SDS	30 Fr Brendan Lee				

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.



## Enrich Your Faith with these Spiritual Resources by Fr Ireneusz Czech SDS

### 1. Lectio Divina: Lenten Reflections, Year C

A guide through Lent based on the Sunday Gospels using Lectio Divina:  
Read, Meditate, Pray, Contemplate.

Available only on Kindle:  
[www.amazon.com/dp/B0DZ2S4L3C](http://www.amazon.com/dp/B0DZ2S4L3C)



### Lectio Divina: Lenten Reflections, Year C (POLISH)

Available only on Kindle:  
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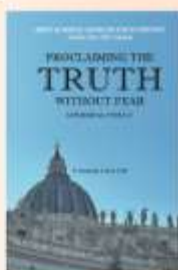


### 2. Proclaiming the Truth Without Fear: Simple Homilies

Brief homilies offering comfort, encouragement, and renewal.

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

Hard Copy available for \$50 at Pymble Catholic Parish Office or via Amazon.  
Also available on Kindle:  
[www.amazon.com.au/dp/B0DR76NP1Z](http://www.amazon.com.au/dp/B0DR76NP1Z)



### 3. Jubilee Mass: Easy Music Scores for Choirs

Original liturgical music for Jubilee Year:  
Kyrie (2 versions), Gloria, Sanctus, Psalmus, Agnus Dei.

Hard Copy available from Pymble Catholic Parish Office for a donation.  
Also available on Kindle:  
[www.amazon.com.au/dp/B0DX6P22Y8](http://www.amazon.com.au/dp/B0DX6P22Y8)



### 4. VIA DOLOROSA: Meditations on the Passion and death of Jesus, incorporating quotes from Blessed Francis Mary of the Cross Jordon (Italian Edition)

The book aims to deepen the readers' faith and foster a closer relationship with Christ the Saviour, providing contemplative insights into the meaning of the Stations of the Cross.

Available only on:  
[www.amazon.com/dp/B0F2HGQXD9](http://www.amazon.com/dp/B0F2HGQXD9)



## Easter Message from Fr Ireneusz

### Alleluia! He is Risen!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With hearts full of joy, I greet you this Easter with the triumphant cry of the Church: *Alleluia! Christ is Risen!*

In the light of the Resurrection, we find renewed hope, peace, and the assurance that love has conquered death. The Resurrection is not only a mystery we celebrate - it is a truth we are called to live and proclaim. Like the disciples at the empty tomb, we are invited to rise with Christ and go forth to share His life-giving message.

As you know I am a member of the Society of the Divine Saviour. Everyday Salvatorian spirituality encourages me, and should encourage you all, to see the face of the Risen Christ in everyone, especially in those who are forgotten, wounded, or searching for hope. We are all called to be apostles of His love, bringing His light into the darkest corners of the world - not just with words, but through acts of compassion, presence, and service. This Easter, may we open our hearts more fully to the Saviour who lives among us. Let us continue to be a community of faith that welcomes, heals, and bears witness to the joy of the Gospel, especially in the context of the Jubilee Year of hope.

On behalf of our parish team, I wish you and your loved ones a blessed and grace-filled Easter. May the Risen Lord walk with you always, and may His peace remain in your hearts.

In the love of the Divine Saviour,

**Fr. Ireneusz Czech SDS** - Parish Priest



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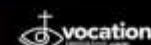
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Mission Broken Bay will once again be subsidising tickets for the Ignite Conference. We will have a total of 100 Broken Bay tickets available. These tickets will be \$162.50, which is 50% off the regular ticket price of \$325. To register for a subsidised ticket, please complete details via this link: [Broken Bay Ignite ticket registration form](#). Successful Applicants will receive their ticket code via email.

# OFFICE CLOSED

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed from  
Friday, 18 April to Monday 21 April (inclusive).

The Parish Office will re-open on Tuesday, 22 April at 8:30am.

Wishing you all a most peaceful and blessed Easter.



## Happy Easter from all of us here at Caritas Australia!

As we celebrate this season of hope and renewal, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your support through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion this Lent.

As we reflect on the Easter message of love, compassion, and new beginnings, we are reminded of the incredible impact your contributions make. Together, we are building a world where no one is left behind.



Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2025 Lenten appeal.

### 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](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) **Or by calling:** 1800 024 413

**Please bring your Project Compassion Boxes to the Office**

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**the boy from milan**

Stories of Carlo Acutis



Antonia



Fabrizio



Mercedes

The future saint who wore sneakers and played video games. This remarkable boy from Milan is far more than his 90s hobbies. He shows how extraordinary love for God leads to extraordinary love for others, love that transforms people and draws them to the heart of Christ.

In "The Boy from Milan" documentary movie, we hear from three people who knew Carlo Acutis. Antonia his mother, Fabrizio his high school teacher, and Mercedes his oncologist. Carlo's story is an inspiration to all of us.

Carlo Acutis is to be canonised on Divine Mercy **Sunday, 27 April 2025** at the Jubilee of Teenagers. The movie will be available on 3 April 2024.

Further information via the link [tinyurl.com/mtsy7u8u](https://tinyurl.com/mtsy7u8u)

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**Sunday, 27 April 2025**

**DIVINE  
MERCY**  
*Sunday*



Divine Mercy Holy Hour with an opportunity for Reconciliation will take place at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, 27 April at 2pm. The Adoration will conclude with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction by 3pm.

## 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.



## IS GOD CALLING YOU TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN VOCATIONS MINISTRY?



**SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING**

**THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025**

**AT SACRED HEART CHURCH**

**2 RICHARD PORTER WAY PYMBLE**

**COMMENCING WITH MASS AT 6.30 PM**

**OUR MASS CELEBRANT AND AFTER DINNER SPEAKER WILL BE FATHER ROBERT BORG, PARISH PRIEST AT THE LAKES PARISH**  
**EVERYONE IS WELCOME, SO PLEASE COME AND SEE.**

Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians, novices, and for the residence of Joseph House Discernment Centre. Please also pray for the perseverance of existing vocations.

For catering purposes kindly telephone Henry or Anna Leung on **0478 083 116** or email [annaytyleung@yahoo.com.au](mailto:annaytyleung@yahoo.com.au) or telephone Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email [terry\\_scanlan@bigpond.com](mailto:terry_scanlan@bigpond.com) if you are planning to attend.



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CAKE STALL**



**ELECTION DAY | 11am–6pm (or until sold out!)**  
Grab a friend and come for an hour, two, or three

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Help us at the Sausage Sizzle or Cake Stall – even just an hour helps!

Sign-up sheets at back of church.







# Liturgy of the Word

## The Resurrection of the Lord

Year C

**Entrance Antiphon** *Cf Psalm 138: 18, 5-6*

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.  
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.  
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge,  
alleluia, alleluia.

**First Reading** *Acts 10:34, 37-43*

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: ‘You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.’

**Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 117: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23*  
*R.v24*

**(R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
For his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say:  
‘His love has no end.’ **(R.)**
2. The Lord’s right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds. **(R.)**
3. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** *Colossians 3: 1-4*

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians**

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

**Sequence**

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.  
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;  
And Christ, the undefiled,  
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.  
Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!  
Life’s own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.  
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.  
The tomb the Living did enclose;  
I saw Christ’s glory as he rose!  
The angels there attesting;  
shroud with grave-clothes resting.  
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.  
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.  
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

**Gospel Acclamation** *1 Corinthians 5: 7-8*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
Let us feast with joy in the Lord.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel** *John 20: 1-9*

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb’ she said ‘and we don’t know where they have put him.’  
  
So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

**Gospel Reflection**

**Meditation:** What did the disciples of Jesus discover on the third day of Jesus’ death? On Sunday morning the women who had stood with Jesus when he died upon the cross on Good Friday went to the tomb to pay their last tribute to a dead body. The disciples thought that everything had finished in tragedy. None of Jesus’ followers were expecting to see an

empty tomb and hear the angel’s message, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise" (Luke 24:5-7). The angel urged them to believe that Jesus had indeed risen just as he had promised. This good news was not easy for them to grasp because their hearts were still weighed down with grief and doubt. In wonder they went to share the good news with the other disciples.

Is it any small wonder that it was the women, rather than the apostles, who first witnessed the empty tomb and then the appearance of the resurrected Lord (Matthew 28:8-10; Mark 16:9; John 20:15-18)? Isidore of Seville (560-636 AD), a great teacher and bishop, commented on the significance of the women being the first to hear the good news of the resurrection: "As a woman (Eve) was first to taste death, so a woman (Mary Magdalene) was first to taste life. As a woman was prescient in the fall, so a woman was prescient in beholding the dawning of redemption, thus reversing the curse upon Eve." The first to testify to the risen Lord was a woman from whom Jesus had cast out seven demons.

What is the significance of the stone being rolled away? It would have taken several people to move such a stone. And besides, the sealed tomb had been guarded by soldiers! This is clearly the first sign of the resurrection. Bede (672-735 AD), a renowned scripture commentator from England, wrote: "[The angel] rolled back the stone not to throw open a way for our Lord to come forth, but to provide evidence to people that he had already come forth. As the virgin’s womb was closed, so the sepulcher was closed, yet he entered the world through her closed womb, and so he left the world through the closed sepulcher" (from Homilies on the Gospels 2,7,24). Peter Chrysologus (400-450 AD), another early church father remarked: "To behold the resurrection, the stone must first be rolled away from our hearts." Do you know the joy of the resurrection?

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have triumphed over the grave and you have won new life for us. Give me the eyes of faith to see you in your glory. Help me to draw near to you and to grow in the knowledge of your great love and power.**

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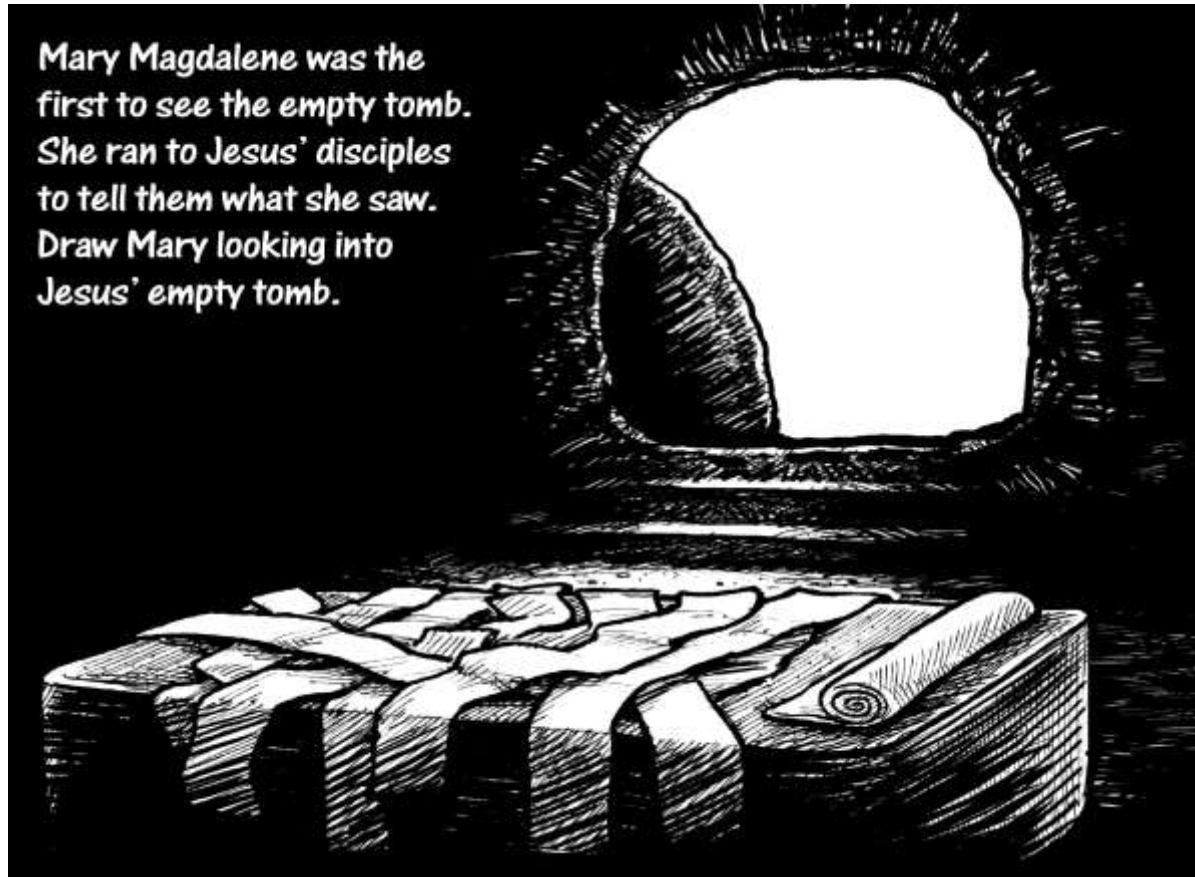
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Pymble Parish Roster 26 & 27 April 2025		
Sacred Heart (Pymble)	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes	L Hopcroft	A Wahab
Altar Servers	A & T De Souza	W Rusak
Readers	E Johnston / V Waggett	N Saber
Altar Society	26 April:	
Counters	27 April: C Gwynn / J Li / T Scanlan	
OLPS (West Pymble)	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 8:00am
Acolytes	J Pease	C De Sousa
Altar Servers	E & Z Victor	D'Silva Family
Readers	L Saba	I Chisholm
Altar Cloth	26 April : P Ryan	

## Children's Corner



**This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice!**

What can you do to make people glad today?

Fill in the missing words below to find out what the letters in the boxes spell.

Mary M

\_\_\_\_\_ went to the tomb.

"They have taken the

\_\_\_\_\_ from the tomb", she said.

Peter was a d

\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.

The other disciple ran f

\_\_\_\_\_ than Peter.

He saw the strips of

\_\_\_\_\_ cloth lying inside the tomb.

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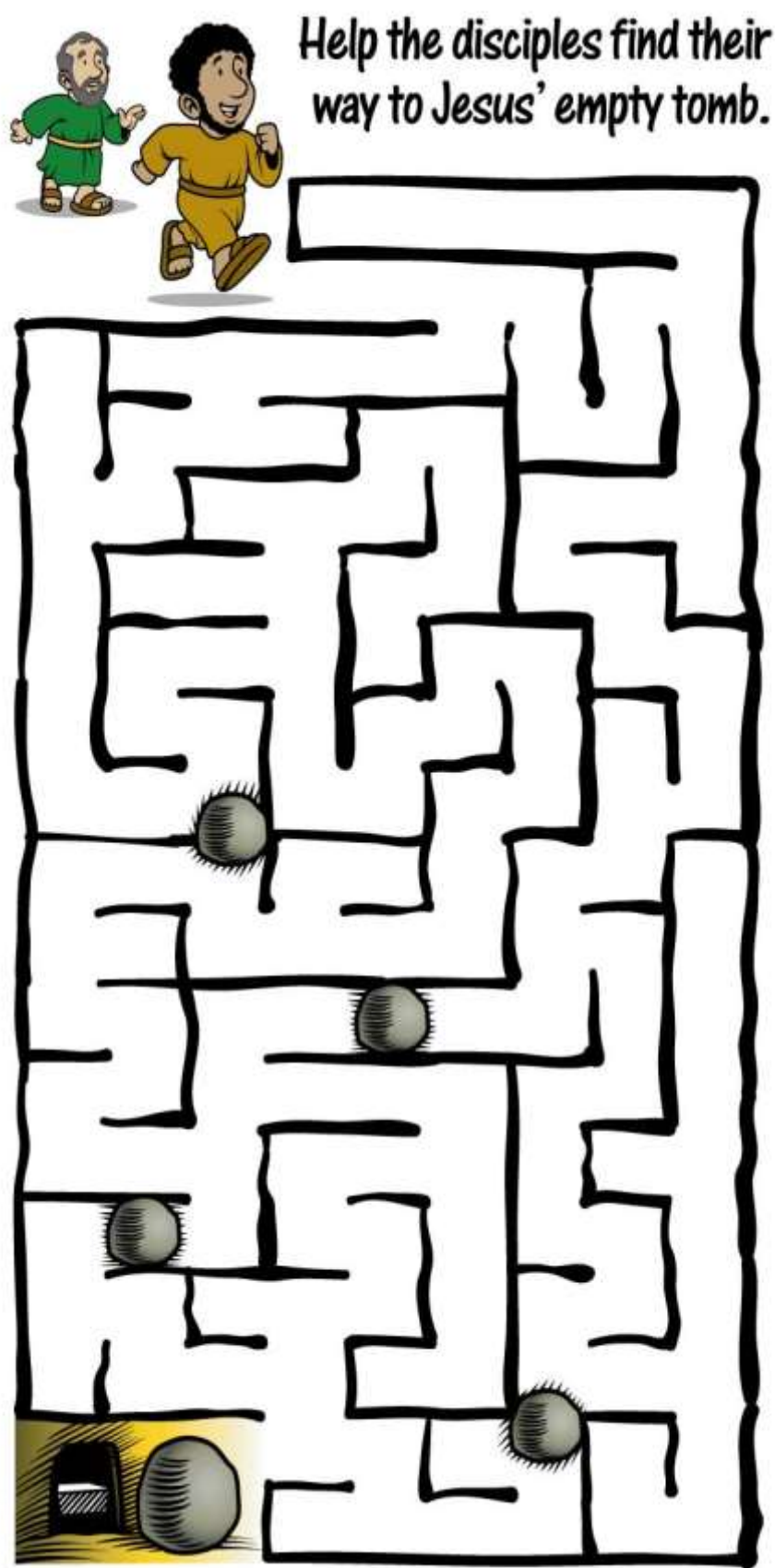
\_\_\_\_\_ he did not go in.

When he saw

\_\_\_\_\_ he believed.

The Scriptures s

\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus would rise to life.





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The Pymble Parish weekend Mass schedule is:

**Saturday**  
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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