



PYMBLE CATHOLIC PARISH

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Building a Christ-centred community of Love and Mercy

Pymble Parish is under the Pastoral care of the Salvatorian Fathers

CELEBRATING JUBILEE YEAR



Advent Prayer

Come, long-expected Jesus.
Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom and power of Your Father and ours.
Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord who enlists me in God's own work for justice.

Come, long-expected Jesus.
Excite in me a hunger for peace:
peace in the world,
peace in my home,
peace in myself.

Come, long-expected Jesus.
Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy.
I seek His will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love.

Come, long-expected Jesus.
Excite in me the joy
and love and peace it is right to bring to the manger of my Lord.
Raise in me, too, sober reverence for the God who acted there,
hearty gratitude for the life begun there,
and spirited resolution to serve the Father and Son.

I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose advent I hail.

Amen

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Please join us in celebrating Christmas at our Churches. Our Mass times are as follows:

Christmas Eve
Wednesday, 24 December

5pm at OLPS
5pm at Sacred Heart
9pm at Sacred Heart
Midnight at Sacred Heart

Christmas Day
Thursday, 25 December

7:45am at Sacred Heart
9am at OLPS
9:30am at Sacred Heart



Pope Leo XIV's
official prayer
intention for
December

For Christians in Conflict

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

A warm welcome
to all our
Parishioners and
visitors who are
participating in
Mass with us this
weekend.



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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Salvatorian Fathers

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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: 9:30 am, 6:00 pm

Reconciliation:

Tuesday - Friday 8:45am

Sunday 9:15am, 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 9:30am, 4:45am

Sunday 7:45am

Contact details

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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.


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.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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Second Collection



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Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Principal: Jodi Jefferson

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PYMBLE PARISH

2026 ROSTERS

We are currently preparing the 2026 Rosters.

We need your help to continue making our Parish vibrant and welcoming!

Current Volunteers

If you are currently on the 2025 roster and would like to continue in 2026, please let us know.

New Volunteers Welcome!

Interested in joining? We'd love to hear from you! There are many ways you can contribute:

- Readers
- Acolytes
- Altar Servers
- Altar Society
- Counters
- Children's Liturgy
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Music & Projector Team
- Welcome Ministers
- Wardens

How to Sign Up or Confirm

- Speak to one of our parish team members after Mass.
- Contact us via email at office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au
- Call the parish office at 02 9144 2702.

Let's work together to make 2026 a wonderful year for our Parish!

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

WHAT’S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Saturday, 20 December
9:00am Mass at OLPS with Morning Prayer (Breviary)
5:00pm Mass at OLPS

Sunday, 21 December
Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:00am Mass at OLPS (quiet)
9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart
6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart

Tuesday, 23 December
Collect of St John of Kanty, priest (Optional)
9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

Wednesday, 24 December
Christmas Eve
5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass at Sacred Heart, followed by a BBQ
5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass at OLPS
9:00pm Christmas Eve Vigil at Sacred Heart

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

Thursday, 25 December
The Nativity of the Lord (Solemnity with octave)
12:00am Midnight Mass at Sacred Heart
7:45am Mass at Sacred Heart
9:00am Mass at OLPS
9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart

Friday, 26 December
Boxing Day
St Stephen, the first martyr (Feast)
9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

Saturday, 27 December
St John, apostle, evangelist (Feast)
9:00am Mass at OLPS with Morning Prayer (Breviary)
5:00pm Mass at OLPS

Sunday, 28 December
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
8:00am Mass at OLPS (quiet)
9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart
5:30pm Reconciliation at Sacred Heart
6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart

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:
Diana Tam, Sandra Sinclair, Joe Pereira, John Clark, Ada Yu, Joe Pereira, Anthony Machedo, Graham Lynch, Gilbert Tomlinson, Kevin Moloney, Beulah Erin Wahab, Margaret Therese Eadie, Irene Buckley, Melissa Self, Jim Harrison, Joe Woods, Waleria Kołodziej

Death Anniversaries:
Elizabeth Megawatu, Joe Dias, Joan Catherine Bernie, Bernardino Castillo, Frances Pettengill, Frieda Nassar, Rosario S. Ortiz, Serofin Peralta Jr, Melinda Ballat Magpayo, Leslie Cashman, Katherine Cashman, Peter Goh, Kwong Tsui Yu, Paula Freeman, Constance &

Prayers for the sick:
Stan Brataniec, Daniel Fileman, Maria Witebsky, Tom Ryan, Jan Drobczyk, Janusz Czech, Elliot Leahy, Iris Garate-Marchant, Antonios Ghabach, Mrs Mary Sidaway, Pamela Seaman, Joseph Hendryjanto, Margaret Browne

Monthly prayer intention:
This month we pray that we may find new opportunities to serve those in need during Advent as we prepare for the coming of Christ. 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-December 2025

Please pray daily for all clergy using the prayer provided on the side. Additionally, say a prayer each day for the priests listed in the calendar below .

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 Fr Paul Finucane	2 Fr Paul Durkin	3 Fr Bogdan Skupien Fr Eliseus Shin	4 Fr Chima Ofor	5 Fr Marek Woldan	6 Fr Joshi Naduppura	7 Fr Philip Thottam MSFS
8 Fr Grzegorz (Greg) Skulski SDS	9 Fr Bronislaw (Bronek) Pietruszewicz SDS	10 Fr Ryszard (Richard) Sadowski SDS	11 Fr Zygmunt Smigowski SDS	12 Fr Bill Stevens	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 Sr Marea Ross rsj	21 Sr Josefa Mabini OSA Sr Jenifer Canillas OSA
22 Seminarians Shayne D'Cunha	23 Seminarians Matthew French Tan Nguyen	24 Seminarians Victor Atuhura Huy Tran	25 Fr Robert Crawford	26 Sr Ann Duncan rsj	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.



Christmas: Pymble Parish

Pymble Catholic Parish Christmas Events

Saturday, 22 and Sunday, 23 November
Advent Retreat Fr Sam Samuel
 Introductory talk at all Masses

Monday, 24 to Friday, 28 November
Advent Retreat Fr Sam Samuel
 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart
 Special homily and talk after Mass
 7:00pm Talk then Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and parish reconciliation

Thursday, 18 December
Healing Mass and Christmas Celebration for Seniors
 10:00am Mass Sacred Heart followed by Morning Tea

Pymble Catholic Parish
Sacred Heart Church
 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble NSW 2073
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church
 64 Kendall Street West Pymble NSW 2073



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Wednesday, 24 December
Christmas Eve
Sacred Heart
 4:30pm Carols
 5:00pm Family Mass
 9:00pm Mass
 11:30pm Carols
 Midnight Mass
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
 4:30pm Carols
 5:00pm Family Mass

Thursday, 25 December
Christmas Day
Sacred Heart
 7:45am Christmas Mass
 9:30am Christmas Mass
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
 9:00am Christmas Mass

Friday, 26 December
Boxing Day Mass
 9:00am Sacred Heart

Thursday, 1 January
Solemnity, Mary Holy Mother of God
 9:00am Sacred Heart

SAVE THE DATE




Cocktail Party



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2026**

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Following 5pm Mass



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Pymble Catholic Parish

Christmas Break

Parish groups taking a break over the Christmas New Year period will resume as below

Office: Thursday, 8 January 2026

RCIA: Monday, 19 January 2026

Charismatic Prayer Group: Tuesday, 3 February 2026

Men's Fellowship: Tuesday, 4 February 2026

Bible Study: Friday, 6 February 2026

We wish everyone all the blessings of Christmas

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!

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Fourth Candle - The Candle of Love



Priest: In the Fourth Week of Advent, we consider Mary's trust in God's promise, her joy in His goodness to her. We ask, "Am I ready to receive and celebrate the coming of the Son of God?" We have considered our relationships, our love of God and God's love for us, and we have responded with an awakened concern for the needs of others. Now we may echo Mary's words:

*"My being proclaims the greatness of the Lord.
My spirit finds joy in God my Saviour."*

Meditation: "Blessed is she who trusted that the Lord's words to her would be fulfilled." (Luke 1:45)

Light the fourth purple candle.

Priest: Almighty and loving God, soon the whole world will celebrate the birth of Your Son, Jesus. Even as we rejoice in our remembrance of His birth at Bethlehem, we find greater comfort in His promise to come again. May our preparations for this wondrous season remain with us, increase in us, and become as much a part of us as our breathing and our heartbeat. Then, may we say, "Come, Lord Jesus, we are ready."

The Penitential Rite follows



**Join us for a festive evening of
Port & Cake after the 9pm
Christmas Eve Mass.**

When: Immediately following the
9pm Christmas Eve Mass
Where: Sacred Heart Church, Pymble

Let's celebrate the birth of our Lord
together!

OFFICE CLOSED

The Office will be closed from 8 December until the end of the month. During this period, if you need assistance please send us an email at office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au or give us a call on **9144 2702**. The office will however be opened on Thursday mornings during this time. Thank you for your understanding.

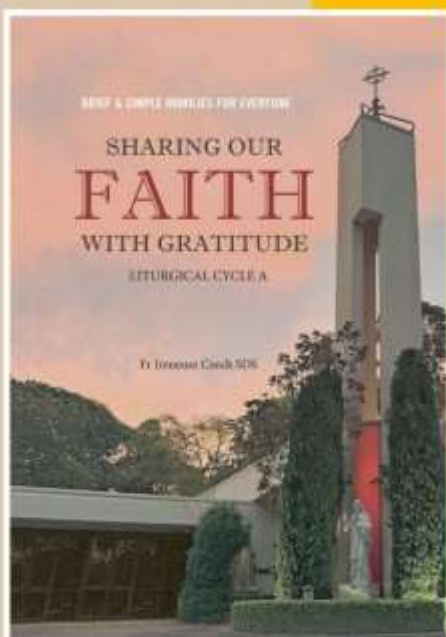


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The Salvatorians in Pymble 25 Year Anniversary

Twenty five years ago, the Salvatorians arrived in Pymble. Over those 25 years, 13 Polish priests have served here living with us in Pymble. We all have memories of those times. We would like to capture some of those memories - photographs or brief comments on your time with our Salvatorians. The intention is that we will publish a short booklet containing a selection of these memories. **Can you help?**

If you have memorable photographs, or brief stories of your contact with the Salvatorians that you would like to share, then please pass them on to the Parish office.



Please submit electronic material via the link below. Photographs should be JPG or PNG files, and written material should be TXT or Microsoft Word files. Not all submissions will be able to be published.



For further information, please contact the Parish office.

Please send submissions via: tinyurl.com/mr4x5e9r

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Liturgy of the Word

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Year A

Entrance Antiphon

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
let the earth be opened and bring forth a
Saviour.

First Reading Isaiah 7: 10-14

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, ‘Ask the Lord
your God for a sign for yourself coming either
from the depths of Sheol or from the heights
above.’ ‘No’, Ahaz answered ‘I will not put the
Lord to the test.’

Then Isaiah said:

‘Listen now, House of David:
are you not satisfied with trying the patience
of men
without trying the patience of my God, too?
The Lord himself, therefore,
will give you a sign.
It is this: the maiden is with child
and will soon give birth to a son
whom she will call Immanuel,
a name which means “God-is-with-us”.’

Responsorial Psalm Ps 23: 1-6 R. see vv 7, 10

(R.) Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

1. The Lord’s is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. (R.)
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the
Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure
heart,
who desires not worthless things. (R.)
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R.)

Second Reading Romans 1: 1-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has
been called to be an apostle, and specially
chosen to preach the Good News that God
promised long ago through his prophets in the
scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God, who,
according to the human nature he took, was a
descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ
our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the
spirit of holiness that was in him, was
proclaimed Son of God in all his power
through his resurrection from the dead.
Through him we received grace and our
apostolic mission to preach the obedience of
faith to all pagan nations in honour of his

name. You are one of these nations, and by his
call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then,
who are God’s beloved in Rome, called to be
saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ send grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 1: 23

Alleluia, alleluia!
A virgin will give birth to a son;
His name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 1: 18-24

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His
mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but
before they came to live together she was
found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.
Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour
and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to
divorce her informally. He had made up his
mind to do this when the angel of the Lord
appeared to him in a dream and said,
‘Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take
Mary home as your wife, because she has
conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She
will give birth to a son and you must name him
Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his
people from their sins.’ Now all this took place
to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through
the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son
and they will call him Emmanuel,

a name which means ‘God-is-with-us’.
When Joseph woke up he did what the angel
of the Lord had told him to do: he took his
wife to his home.

Gospel Reflection

Mary was found to be with child of the Holy
Spirit
Mary had to face an enormous challenge to
her faith and trust in God and to the faith of
her family and Joseph, the man she chose to
marry. She was asked to assume a burden of
tremendous responsibility. It had never been
heard of before that a child could be born
without a natural father. Mary was asked to
accept this miraculous exception to the laws
of nature. That required faith and trust in God
and in his promises. Second, Mary was not yet
married. Pregnancy outside of wedlock was
not tolerated in those days. Mary was only
espoused to Joseph, and such an engagement
had to last for a whole year. She was asked to
assume a great risk. She could have been
rejected by Joseph, by her family, by all her
own people. Mary knew that Joseph and her
family would not understand without
revelation from God. She nonetheless believed

and trusted in God's promises.

Joseph believed the angel's message "that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit"

Joseph, a just and God-fearing man, did not
wish to embarrass or punish his espoused
wife, Mary when he discovered that she was
pregnant. To all appearances she had broken
their solemn pledge to be faithful and chaste
to one another. Joseph, no doubt took this
troubling matter to God in prayer. He was not
hasty to judge or to react with hurt and anger.
God rewarded him not only with guidance and
consolation, but with the divine assurance
that he had indeed called Joseph to be the
husband of Mary and to assume a mission
that would require the utmost faith,
confidence, and trust in Almighty God. Joseph
believed in the divine message to take Mary
as his wife and to accept the child in her
womb as the promised Messiah.

A model of faith for us

Like Mary, Joseph is a model of faith for us.
He is a faithful witness and servant of God's
unfolding plan of redemption. Are you ready
to believe in the promises of God, even when
faced with perplexing circumstances and
what seems like insurmountable problems?
God has not left us alone, but has brought us
his only begotten Son, our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ. Let us celebrate Christmas, the
feast of the Incarnation, with joyful hearts and
let us renew our faith and hope in God and in
his redeeming work.

*Lord Jesus, you came to save us from sin and
the power of death. May I always rejoice in
your salvation and trust in your divine plan for
my life*

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Pymble Parish Roster - 27 & 28 December 2025		
Sacred Heart (Pymble)	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes	C Wawrzyniak	C De Souza
Altar Servers	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed
Readers	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed
Altar Society	27 December:	
Counters	28 December: P Ward / M Tang	
OLPS (West Pymble)	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 8:00am
Acolytes	J Pease	I Chisholm
Altar Servers	Evan	Volunteers needed
Readers	E & Z Victor	M Walz
Altar Cloth	27 December: P Ryan	

Children's Corner

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School



Kindergarten students have been very excited to be learning about the birth of Jesus and Christmas. This week, we focused on a story about some visitors Jesus had, soon after he was born. Some people call them the three Kings or the three wise men. We called them the Magi. These photo shows our figurines and how we re-enact the Bible. We explored the story of the wise men as they followed the star until it stopped over the place where the baby Jesus was. When the men went into the house and saw the child with Mary, his mother, they knelt and worshiped him. They took out their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh and gave them to him. Prayer and play based learning help the students’ understanding and faith development.



One night, an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream. What were some of the things the angel told Joseph?

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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.

"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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