



PYMBLE CATHOLIC PARISH

SACRED HEART & OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

Building a Christ-centred community of Love and Mercy

Pymble Parish is under the Pastoral care of the Salvatorian Fathers

CELEBRATING SALVATORIANS' 25TH ANNIVERSARY IN PYMBLE



"Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

Matthew 16:13



You are the Christ

Heavenly Father,
as Peter proclaimed that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God,
help me to recognise and confess Him with
faith and courage.

Strengthen Your Church
upon the foundation of this truth,
and guide me to trust
in Your wisdom each day.

Lord Jesus,
You gave Peter the keys of the Kingdom.
Open my heart to Your grace,
keep me faithful to Your teachings,
and help me follow You wherever You lead.

Through Your holy name I pray.

Amen.

Baptisms at Pymble Parish



Our upcoming Baptism Formation
Class will be held on:

**Sunday, 25 October 2026
at 10:30am
at Sacred Heart Church**

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



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

For evangelization in the city

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



Prayer for the Intercession of Blessed Francis Jordan

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

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

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

www.sds.org.au

Charismatic Prayer

All Welcome!

7:30pm, Tuesdays
Sacred Heart Church
Meeting Room

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



Parish Team	
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Salvatorian Fathers

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Sacred Heart

Weekdays:

Rosary: Tuesday to Friday after morning Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday after morning Mass

Reconciliation:

Tuesday - Friday 8:45am

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

64 Kendall St, West Pymble, NSW, 2073

Reconciliation:

Saturday 9:30am, 4:45pm

Sunday 7:45am

Sunday: 8:00am (Quiet Mass)

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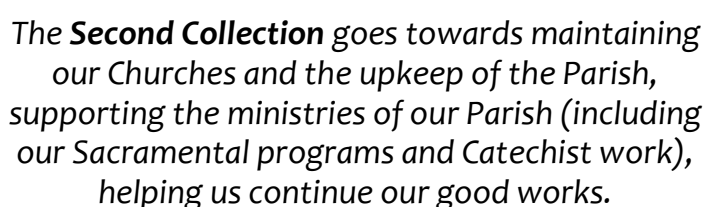
Website: www.pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Office hours: Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 3:30pm &

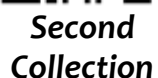
Friday 9am to 3:30pm

*For information about Weddings please contact the Parish Office.
For information about the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation
and First Eucharist, please contact Rebecca*

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



Thank you for your ongoing support.



Parish Primary Schools

Principal: Brenda Timp

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Principal: Jodi Jefferson

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Over the last weekend we were spoilt by our Social Committee with Soup and Slice at both Churches. Thanks to our amazing chefs, Mary Alice, Louise, Angel and Joseph!



CatholicCare Homelessness Appeal 2026

There is no place like home. But for many, having a home is not possible. The causes may be diverse, but the impact is the same – a loss of dignity and a sense of hopelessness.

Few people choose to be homeless and the longer a person remains homeless, the more difficult it is to return to a mainstream environment. Please donate to CatholicCare's homelessness services across the Diocese.

Envelopes are available in the pews or at the back of both Churches.
Thank you so much for your generosity and support!

WHAT’S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Saturday, 22 August <i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)</i> Presentation Masses 9:00am Mass at OLPS with Morning Prayer (Breviary) 3:00pm First Reconciliation Formation Session #1 at Sacred Heart 5:00pm Mass at OLPS Sunday, 23 August Presentation Masses 8:00am Mass at OLPS (quiet) 9:30am Family Mass at Sacred Heart, followed by Morning Tea 6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart Tuesday, 25 August <i>St Louise (Optional)</i> <i>St Joseph Calasanz, priest (Optional)</i> 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group at Sacred Heart Wednesday, 26 August 6:30am Pymble Men’s Fellowship Meeting at Replay Espresso Turramurra 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart Thursday, 27 August <i>St Monica (Memorial)</i> 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart 7:00pm Serra Mass and Meeting at Sacred Heart with Bishop David Walker	Friday, 28 August <i>St Augustine, bishop, doctor (Memorial)</i> 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart followed by Adoration and Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus 10:00am Bible Study 6:00pm Youth Group—High School 7:30pm Youth Group—Young Adults Saturday, 29 August <i>The Passion of St John the Baptist, martyr (Memorial)</i> 9:00am Mass at OLPS with Morning Prayer (Breviary) 3:00pm First Reconciliation Formation Session #2 at Sacred Heart 5:00pm Mass at OLPS Sunday, 30 August 8:00am Mass at OLPS (quiet) 9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart (Children’s Liturgy) 6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart <i>The Rosary is recited after all weekday Masses at Sacred Heart Church and after 9am Saturday Mass at OLPS</i>
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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: Ryan Kim, Anne Bolton, Vinod Venkat, Alexander Ross, Troy Schufft, Jerzy Czech, Tatiana Seale, Jan Drobczyk, Lawrence Walter Cooke, Harry Wong, Barbara Tallis, Salvatore Cristaudo, Mohinder Tamana, Margaret Oswald, Maria Palmer, Remigio Ortiz, Elaine Reynolds
Death Anniversaries: Bob & Dolly McCann, Dr Joseph Malouf, Julia Pinkerton, Ranjan Fernando, Tony Dixon, Ron Chandler, Clare Rogerson, Ranjan Fernando, Roshan Perera, Manel Perera, Chris Drinkwater, John Makepeace, Antonino Celio, Joseph Lin, Norman Li, William P. Inchoco, Sr, David Michael Bernie, Giuseppe & Antonietta Restifo, Dr Anthony Restifo
Prayers for the sick: Carol Marriott, Felix Fung, Anny Tsang, Agnes Dazon, José Castro, Kathy (Ya Wen) Sun, Stan Brataniec, Daniel Fileman, Janusz Czech, Elliot Leahy
Monthly prayer intention: This week we pray for the children in our Parish preparing for their First Reconciliation. Show them how to live by faith and rely on the Holy Spirit for guidance, and may they follow and love Christ always. 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.

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 Serra Vocations Weekly Prayer Calendar Please pray daily for those in formation or already serving the Church, especially those listed in our calendar below.	
24 August	Fr Stephen Wayoyi AJ
25 August	Fr Rosan Mathew
26 August	Brother John Verhoeven
27 August	Fr Tomy Kuruvelil Ouseph CFIC
28 August	Fr Baby Thomas CFIC
29 August	Fr Raul Balute SOLT
30 August	Fr Teody Medina SOLT

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.

First Reconciliation at Pymble Catholic Parish

We are so delighted to share that the 68 children of Pymble Parish have begun their preparation for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation.

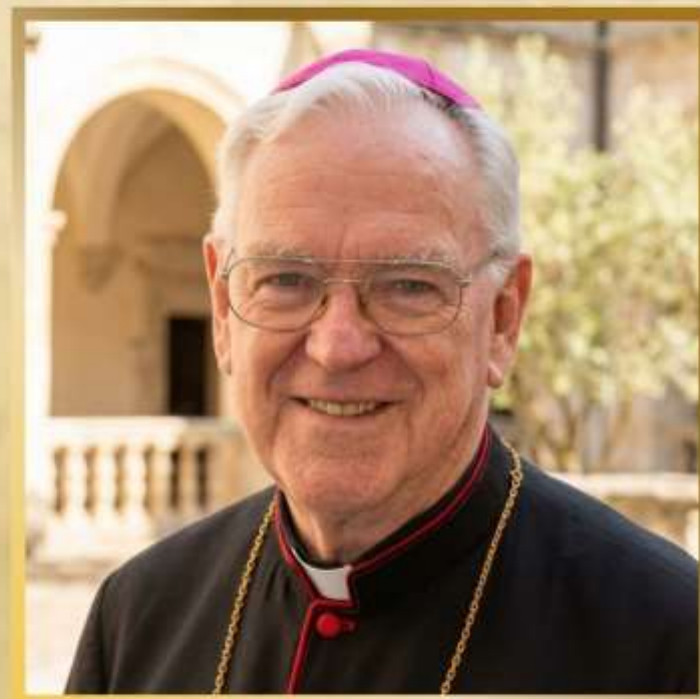
This weekend, our candidates will be presented to the parish community as they take this important step in their faith journey.

We ask you to keep these children and their families in your prayers during this special time of preparation.

May they come to know and appreciate the healing power of God's forgiveness and grow in their ability to forgive others in their daily lives. Grant them the courage to be honest and the humility to seek forgiveness. Strengthen them with the grace of this sacrament, that they may grow closer to You and strive to live a life of goodness and virtue. Bless their families and catechists who are supporting and preparing them for this sacred moment. May they continue to nurture these young souls in faith, hope, and love.



Bishop David Walker's 30th Episcopal Anniversary Mass



Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church
94 Archer Street Chatswood

Thursday, 3 September 2026, 7pm
Hospitality following Mass. All Welcome.

Children's Liturgy at Sacred Heart

In the Children's Liturgy last weekend, we looked at the story of the Canaanite woman who was asking Jesus to heal her daughter.

Just as our parents may grant or deny our requests (for lollies, treats, toys etc), God similarly hears our prayers and petitions but knows what is best for us and when to grant us those things. So we must learn to trust in Him. We also discussed how God loves every single person, even those we might think He surely mustn't love.



OLPS Repair Work

Next time you're down at OLPS you may notice that the area above the boys' bathroom has been renovated. The waterproofing work will prevent water leaks into the bathroom.



CALL FOR SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Have you enjoyed our Soup & Slice evenings, Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day Morning Teas, and other parish events? We'd love to welcome more volunteers to join our Social Committee.

No experience is needed, just enthusiasm and a willingness to connect with others. You might be asked to help with the occasional pot of soup or tray of sandwiches, and you'll always be part of a team.

It's a wonderful way to get involved, meet people, and help build our parish community.

For an obligation-free chat, please contact Louise or Marie. We look forward to hearing from you.

Call Louise on 0413 137 534
or Marie on 0404 893 908





Family Mass

Sacred Heart Church

Sunday, 23 August
9:30am Mass, followed by
Morning Tea

All are welcome



Serra International Vocations Ministry

— Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pymble —



GUEST SPEAKER

Bishop David Walker

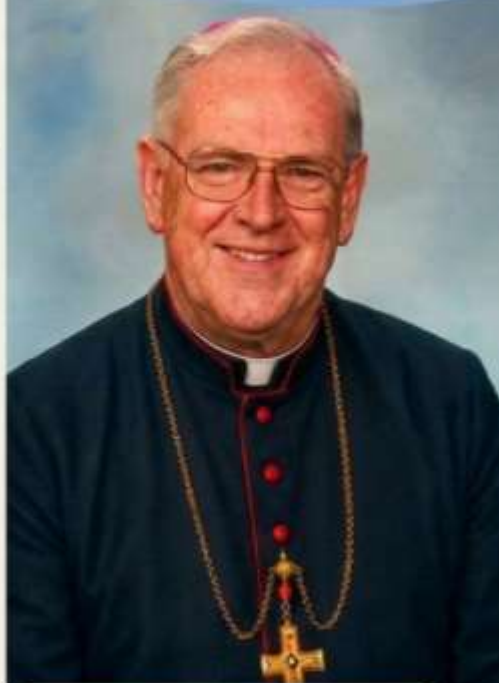
*Pope Leo's Encyclical
"Magnifica Humanitas"*

Bishop David will present an overview of Pope Leo's new encyclical Magnifica Humanitas which calls the Church and the world to rediscover the dignity of the human person, the beauty of truth, and the path of integral development rooted in love, solidarity and authentic human flourishing.

ABOUT THE ENCYCLICAL

The Magnifica Humanitas (Magnificent Humanity) is the first encyclical letter of Pope Leo. It examines artificial intelligence, human dignity, and the future of civilisation. It urges society to ensure that technology serves humanity, rather than reducing people to items to be optimised.

“Everyone is welcome ...
Please come and see.”



DETAILS

- Venue: Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pymble.
- Date: Thursday, 27 August 2026
- Mass & meeting: 7:00pm

RSVP: Terry Scanlan | M. 0438 887 295 | E. terry_scanlan@bigpond.com



PYMBLE PARISH YOUTH GROUP

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

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

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

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

DON'T HESITATE TO BE INVOLVED

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Please join our panel as we discuss what it means to be a Catholic working as a General Practitioner.



Bishop Bede Heather Centre
1-5 Marion Street
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Saturday, 12 Sept 2026
2:00 - 4:30 PM



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**RSVP via our email admin@catholicmedicine.org
by Friday, 11 September 2026**

If you have any questions for our panelists please email them with your RSVP.



Liturgy of the Word

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Entrance Antiphon Psalm 83: 1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all
the day long.

First Reading Isaiah 22: 19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the
master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should be open, no one shall close,
should be close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 137: 1-3, 6, 8 R.v.8

**(R.) Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake
the work of your hands.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul.
(R.)
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading Romans 11: 33-36

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his
wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible
to penetrate his motives or understand his
methods! Who could ever know the mind of
the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor?
Who could ever give him anything or lend him
anything? All that exists comes from him; all is
by him and for him. To him be glory for ever!
Amen.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 16: 18

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are Peter, the rock on which I will build
my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out
against it.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 16: 13-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus came to the region of
Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his
disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man
is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the
Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or
one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who
do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up,
'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the
living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son
of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it
was not flesh and blood that revealed this to
you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to
you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build
my Church. And the gates of the underworld
can never hold out against it. I will give you
the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever
you bind on earth shall be considered bound
in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall
be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he
gave the disciples strict orders not to tell
anyone that he was the Christ.

Gospel Reflection

Meditation: At an opportune time Jesus tests
his disciples with a crucial question: Who do
men say that I am and who do you say that I
am? He was widely recognized in Israel as a
mighty man of God, even being compared
with the greatest of the prophets, John the
Baptist, Elijah, and Jeremiah. Peter, always
quick to respond, exclaimed that he was the
Christ, the Son of the living God. No mortal
being could have revealed this to Peter; but
only God.

Cyril of Alexandria (376-444 AD), an early
church father comments on Peter's
profession of faith in Jesus:

*Peter did not say "you are a Christ" or "a son of
God" but "the Christ, the Son of God." For
there are many christs [meaning anointed
ones] by grace, who have attained the rank of
adoption [as sons], but [there is] only one who
is by nature the Son of God. Thus, using the
definite article, he said, the Christ, the Son of
God. And in calling him Son of the living God,
Peter indicates that Christ himself is life and
that death has no authority over him. And even
if the flesh, for a short while, was weak and
died, nevertheless it rose again, since the
Word, who indwelt it, could not be held
under the bonds of death. (FRAGMENT 190)*

Jesus plays on Peter's name which is the same
word for "rock" in both Aramaic and Greek.
To call someone a "rock" is one of the
greatest of compliments. The ancient rabbis
had a saying that when God saw Abraham, he
exclaimed: "I have discovered a rock to found
the world upon". Through Abraham God
established a nation for himself. Through faith
Peter grasped who Jesus truly was. He was
the first apostle to recognize Jesus as
the Anointed One (Messiah and Christ) and
the only begotten Son of God. The New
Testament describes the church as a spiritual
house or temple with each member joined
together as living stones (see 1 Peter 2:5).
Faith in Jesus Christ makes us
into rocks or spiritual stones.

Jesus then confers on Peter authority to
govern the church that Jesus would build, a
church that no powers would overcome
because it is founded on the rock which is
Christ himself. Epiphanius, a 6th century
Scripture scholar who also translated many
early church commentaries from Greek into
Latin, explains the significance of Jesus
handing down the "keys of the kingdom":

*For Christ is a rock which is never disturbed or
worn away. Therefore Peter gladly received his
name from Christ to signify the established and
unshaken faith of the church... The devil is the
gateway of death who always hastens to stir up
against the holy church calamities and
temptations and persecutions. But the faith of
the apostle, which was founded upon the rock
of Christ, abides always unconquered and
unshaken. And the very keys of the kingdom of
the heavens have been handed down so that
one whom he has bound on earth has been
bound in heaven, and one whom he has set free
on earth he has also set free in heaven. (INTERPRETATION OF THE GOSPELS 28)*

The Lord Jesus offers us the gift of
unshakeable faith, enduring hope, and
unquenchable love - and the joyful boldness
to proclaim him as the one true Savior who
brings us the kingdom of God both now and
forever. Who do you say he is to yourself and
to your neighbour?

**Lord Jesus, I profess and believe that you are
the Christ, the Son of the living God. You are
my Lord and my Savior. Make my faith strong
like Peter's and give me boldness to speak of
you to others that they may come to know you
personally as Lord and Savior and grow in the
knowledge of your great love.**

(c) Servants of the Word 2026

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

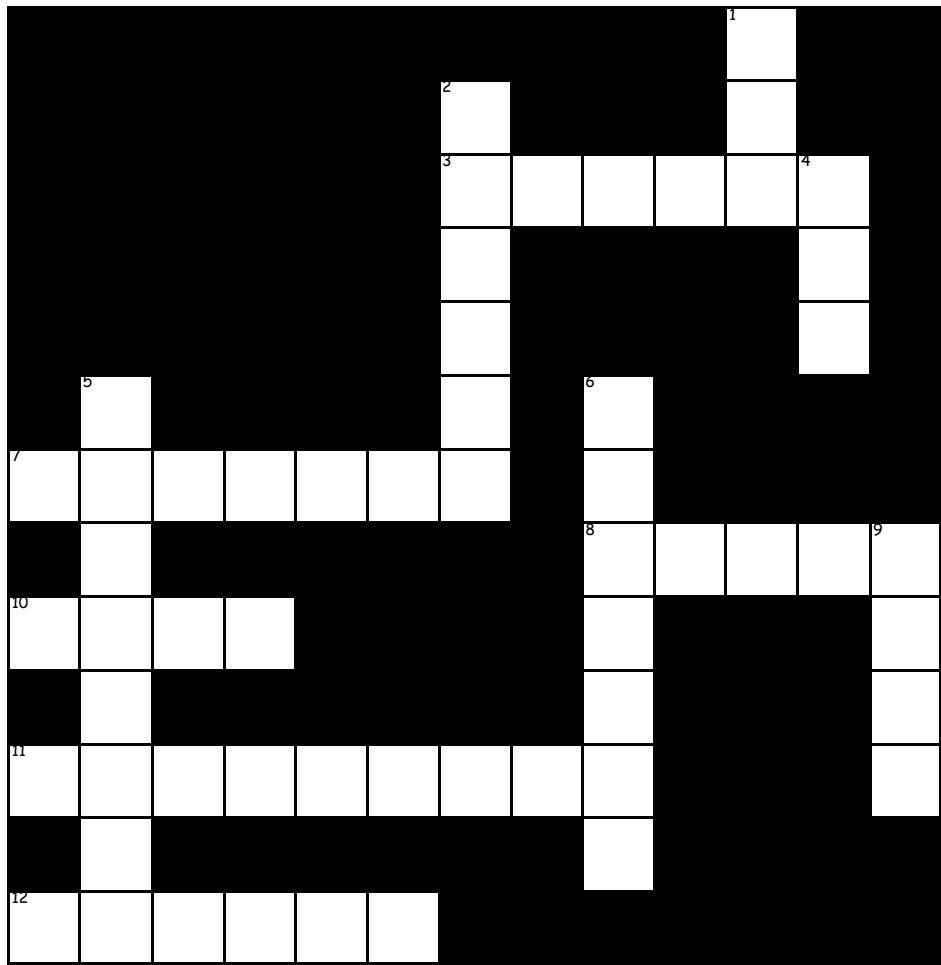


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rGdPljhCW4Q>

Pymble Parish Roster - 29 & 30 August 2026		
Sacred Heart (Pymble)	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes	M Tang	P Adams
Altar Servers	C & J Bradshaw	D & J Velcic
Readers	M Dias	P Gracie
Altar Society	29 August: Paulette & Rosani	
Counters	30 August: M Tang / G Hugh / M Boland	
OLPS (West Pymble)	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 8:00am
Acolytes	C Parbury	C De Sousa
Altar Servers	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed
Readers	C Keir	C Delaney
Altar Cloth	29 August: N Simpkins	

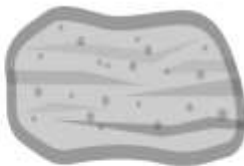
Children's Corner

Who do you say I am



- Across**
- 3: being alive
 - 7: God's chosen one
 - 8: Jesus gave Simon this new name
 - 10: these are used to unlock things
 - 11: Jesus' followers
 - 12: Jesus said "On this rock I will build my _____"
- Down**
- 1: Simon was the ___ of Jonah
 - 2: a prophet whose name begins with 'E'
 - 4: our Father in heaven
 - 5: a prophet whose name begins with 'J'
 - 6: some people thought Jesus was John the _____
 - 9: the name Peter means _____

Match up each of these symbols of St Peter with its correct story



Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say I am?" Peter replied, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus told Peter that he would be the foundation upon which the church would be built.

When Jesus first met Peter and his brother Andrew he said to them, "Follow me!" Immediately they stopped what they were doing and followed Jesus.

Jesus told his disciples that they would desert him. Peter told Jesus he would never desert him, but Jesus predicted that Peter would deny him three times.

Jesus said to Peter, "You are Peter; to you I will give the keys to the kingdom of heaven."

Jesus said to Peter "You are the rock on which I will build my Church." Draw your church on the rock below.

What makes strong foundations for the church?
Write your answers on the rock.

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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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