



# 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*



*Divine Mercy  
Sunday*

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Eternal Father,  
I offer you the Body and Blood  
Soul and Divinity of your  
Dearly beloved son,  
Our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
In atonement for our sins and  
those of the whole world.



A warm welcome  
to all our  
Parishioners  
who are  
celebrating the  
Eucharist with us  
this weekend.



LEST WE FORGET  
**ANZAC DAY MASS**

APRIL 25, 9.00 AM 2022  
SACRED HEART CHURCH



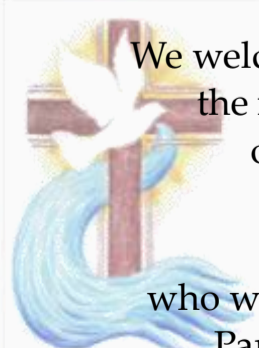
**Prayer for the Intercession of  
Blessed Francis Jordan**

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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We welcome to Pymble Parish  
the newest member of  
our community

*Eva Chan*

who will be Baptised, in our  
Parish this weekend

**POPE FRANCIS'  
PRAYER INTENTION  
FOR APRIL**



**HEALTH CARE WORKERS**

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

## Parish Team

### Pastoral care

#### Salvatorian Fathers

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

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### Parish Staff

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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:

Saturday (Vigil Mass): 5:30pm

Sunday: 7:45am, 9:30am and 6:00pm

**Reconciliation:** Friday 8:30am, Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 5:30pm

### Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

64 Kendall St, West Pymble, NSW, 2073

#### Weekdays:

Tuesday: 12pm

*During School Term as advertised in the Parish weekly calendar section*

#### Weekend:

Saturday: 9:00am and 5:00pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 9:00am

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 9:30am

## Contact details

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**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 Baptisms and Weddings please contact Daniela in the Parish Office.*

*For information about the sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Eucharist, please contact Melanie on [melanie@pymblecatholicparish.org.au](mailto:melanie@pymblecatholicparish.org.au)*

## PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

### SACRED HEART

**Principal:** Mrs Mary Hor

**Telephone:** (02) 94408056

[www.shpdbb.catholic.edu.au](http://www.shpdbb.catholic.edu.au)

### OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

**Principal:** Mrs Sue Host

**Telephone:** (02) 9498 6060

[www.olpsdbb.catholic.edu.au](http://www.olpsdbb.catholic.edu.au)



## Baptisms at Pymble Parish

If you would like to know or if you have any questions about the Baptism process in our Parish, please contact the Parish office on 9144 2702 or [office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au](mailto:office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au)  
Our upcoming Baptism Formation Class will be held on

**Wednesday, 11 May 2022**  
**7:30pm at the Sacred Heart Church**

Bookings are essential.

## First Reconciliation and First Eucharist 2022 at Pymble Catholic Parish

Preparation for these sacraments will be happening in the coming months.



First Reconciliation services will be in June

First Eucharist services will be in August.



**Enrolments are now open at:**

**<https://www.trybooking.com/BWLBU>**

Children are eligible to partake in this program if they have been baptised, made their Confirmation, and are in Year 4 or above.

For more details, visit our Parish website: [www.bbcatholic.org.au/pymble/sacraments/sacramental-program](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/pymble/sacraments/sacramental-program)

## CONFIRMATION ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN at Pymble Catholic Parish



This joyous Sacrament will be celebrated on  
**Sunday, 22 May 2022.**

Enrol at:

[www.tinyurl.com/2cauzdce](http://www.tinyurl.com/2cauzdce)

Children are eligible to partake in the 4-week Confirmation formation program if they have been baptised and are in Year 3 or above.

At Confirmation, the graces received in Baptism are sealed with the reception of the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Go to our Parish website for more details at:

[www.tinyurl.com/2p8744as](http://www.tinyurl.com/2p8744as)

## WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

### Sunday, 24 April

#### Divine Mercy

7:45am Mass at Sacred Heart  
 9:00am Mass at OLPS  
 9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart  
 3:00pm Holy Hour  
 6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart  
 7:00pm Parish BBQ at Sacred Heart Church

### Monday, 25 April

#### Anzac Day

9:00am Anzac Day Mass at Sacred Heart

### Tuesday, 26 April

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart  
 7.30pm Charismatic Prayer Group

### Wednesday, 27 April

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

### Thursday, 28 April

9:00am Sacred Heart School Easter Mass  
 6:00pm Serra Mass & Meeting  
 7:00pm Pymble Men's Fellowship Meeting  
 7.30pm Confirmation Parent Information Evening

### Friday, 29 April

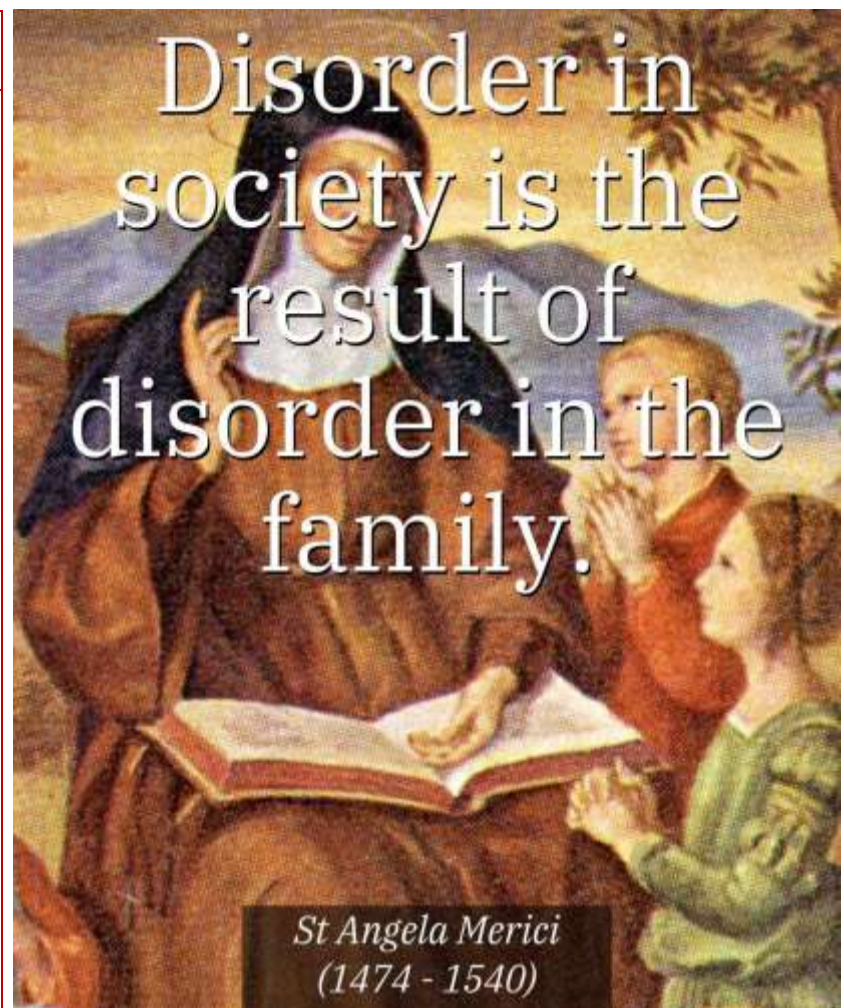
9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart  
 10:00am Bible Study

### Saturday, 30 April

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

### Sunday, 01 May

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

Ignatius Fernandes, Michael John Hanson, Anthony Abbas, Julie Jillard, Sr Florianna Melinz MSC, Maria Boonjung Kim, Peter Brassil, Zita Leung, Phillip Duggan, Brian Ellis, John Richardson, Rita White, Rita Roache, Orfeo Calacoci, Ivo Felizzi, Fr Manoj Manuel

### Death Anniversaries:

Jane Clare Sprouster, Ed Rickard, Margaretta Hetty, Lilian Castillo, Sergio Contardo, Anna Lobo, Dawn Prins, Joseph Matthew Lyons, Joseph Francis Sprouster, Luciano Dumrique, Santa Celio, Juliana Eujin Cho, Joe Tumulty, Patricia Grass, Kerry Oei, Amanda Duggan,

### Prayers for the sick:

Alice Chapman, Jeremy Ward, Anna Kowalczyk, David Gardener, Corey Wittenberg

### Birthdays this week:

Eliana Foote (24th April)

### Weekly prayer intention:

This week we pray for all people suffering in Ukraine and Russia. We pray for women, men and children who are suffering in communities and nations around the world that are devastated by war. Loving Father, we pray for your hope and healing to fill their hearts and minds during these turbulent times.

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.

**Keep in touch with us**

Register to receive email updates from different groups within the Pymble Parish

[flocknote.com/pymblecatholicparish](http://flocknote.com/pymblecatholicparish)

## 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 to of Catholics.

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

## Divine Mercy Sunday

Saint Faustina's Diary (Divine Mercy in My Soul), contains at least 14 passages in which Our Lord is quoted as requesting that a "Feast of Mercy" be officially established in the Church.

There is a very close link between the meaning of the Divine Mercy image and the liturgy of the first Sunday after Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday). On that day the Gospel reading throughout the Church is about the appearance of the Risen Christ in the Upper Room, and about the institution of the sacrament of Reconciliation. The rays of blood and water flowing from the Saviour's pierced Heart and the wounds on His hands and feet recall the events of Good Friday.

"I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy." (Diary 299) "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened." (Diary 699) "Souls perish in spite of My bitter Passion. I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy." (Diary 965)

The conditions required to receive such a great grace are: to place complete trust in God, to carry out acts of mercy, to be in a state of grace (having received the sacrament of Confession), and to receive Holy Communion.

The preparation for the Feast is to be a novena consisting of the recitation of the Divine Mercy chaplet for 9 days, beginning on Good Friday. Jesus said, "By this novena, I will grant every possible grace to souls." (Diary 796)

On Sunday, 30th April, 2000, (the canonisation of Saint Faustina and Feast of Divine Mercy), Pope John Paul II announced to the world, "It is important that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter (first Sunday after Easter), which from now on throughout the Church will be called 'Divine Mercy Sunday'."



The origins of this image are associated with the vision that Saint Faustina of the Congregation of Our Lady of Mercy had in the convent in Poland on 22nd February, 1931.

She wrote in her diary, "In the evening, when I was in my cell, I saw the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand [was] raised in the gesture of blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. From beneath the garment, slightly drawn aside at the breast, there were emanating two large rays, one red, the other pale. . . . After a while, Jesus said to me, "Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature; Jesus I Trust in You."

I desire that this image be venerated first in your chapel and then throughout the world." (Diary 47)

"I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory." (Diary 48)

Jesus, when asked what the rays meant said, "The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. . . . Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter." (Diary 299)

It is of course the sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation that purify the soul and the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist that is the life of the soul. Thus Jesus is again directing us to this infinite source of His mercy and love.

The words contained in the image, Jesus I Trust in You, are a reminder that we must totally trust in Him and show mercy always to others. Jesus said, "[The image] is to be a reminder of the demands of My mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works." (Diary 742)

"My gaze from this image is like My gaze from the cross." (Diary 326) "I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: 'Jesus, I trust in You.'" (Diary 327)

The veneration of the image is based on confident prayer joined with deeds of mercy, to which Jesus attached the following promises; the grace of salvation, great progress on the road to Christian perfection, the grace of a happy death, and all other graces and temporal blessings which people who practice mercy will ask Him for with trust.

## The Hour of Great Mercy (Three o'clock in the hour)

In October 1937, Jesus recommended with particular emphasis the veneration of the hour of his death:

"At three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony. This is the hour of great mercy for the whole world. . . . In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion. . . ." (Diary 1320) "You can obtain everything for yourself and for others for the asking; it was the hour of grace for the whole world - mercy triumphed over justice." (Diary 1572)

In February 1938, Jesus said to Saint Faustina, "Try your best to make the Stations of the Cross in this hour, provided that your duties permit it; and if you are not able. . . then at least step into the chapel for a moment and adore, in the Blessed Sacrament, My Heart, which is full of mercy; should you be unable to step into the chapel, immerse yourself in prayer there where you happen to be, if only for a very brief instant." (Diary 1572)

Jesus laid down three conditions necessary for the prayers which shall be offered up at the hour of mercy in order for them to be heard and answered; the prayer is to be directed to Him, it is to take place at 3.00pm, and it is to appeal to the merits of His Passion. Furthermore, it is to be a prayer full of trust and accompanied by works of mercy toward one's neighbour.

Appropriate prayers for the Hour of Mercy, frequently recited by Saint Faustina, would be:

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us. (Diary 1319)

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You. (Diary 84)



Sister Faustina was a young, uneducated nun in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland during the 1930s. She came from a poor family that struggled during the years of World War I. She had only three years of simple education, so hers were the humblest tasks in the convent, usually in the kitchen or garden. However, she received extraordinary revelations — or messages — from our Lord Jesus. Jesus asked Sr. Faustina to record these experiences, which she compiled into notebooks. These notebooks are known today as the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, and the words contained within are God's

loving message of Divine Mercy.

Though the Divine Mercy message is not new to the teachings of the Church, Sr. Faustina's Diary sparked a great movement, and a strong and significant focus on the mercy of Christ. Saint John Paul II canonised Sr. Faustina in 2000 making her the "first saint of the new millennium." Speaking of Sr. Faustina and the importance of the message contained in her Diary, the Pope called her "the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time."

Today, we continue to rely of St. Faustina as a constant reminder of the message to trust in Jesus' endless mercy, and to live life mercifully toward others. We also turn to her in prayer and request her intercession to our merciful Savior on our behalf.

*Saint Faustina, you told us that your mission would continue after your death and that you would not forget us. Our Lord also granted you a great privilege, telling you to "distribute graces as you will, to who you will, and when you will." Relying on this, we ask your intercession for the graces we need, especially for the intentions just mentioned. Help us, above all, to trust in Jesus as you did and thus to glorify His mercy every moment of our lives. Amen*

## Graces and Miracles Received

Miracles attributed to the intercession of Sr. Maria Faustina lead to her canonisation on April 30, 2000. Today, people from around the world rely on St. Faustina to intercede on their behalf to Our Lord.

### Miracle received by Maureen Digan

Before the age of 15, Maureen Digan enjoyed a normal healthy life. Then she was struck down with a very serious, slowly progressive but terminal disease called lymphedema. This is a disease that does not respond to medication and does not go into remission. Within the next ten years Maureen had fifty operations and had lengthy confinements in the hospital of up to a year at a time. Friends and relations suggested she should pray and put her trust in God. But Maureen could not understand why God had allowed her to get this disease in the first place, and had lost her faith completely. Eventually her deteriorating condition would require the amputation of one leg.

One evening while Maureen was in the hospital her husband Bob watched a film on Divine Mercy and there he became convinced of the healing powers of intercession by Sr. Faustina. Bob persuaded Maureen and the doctors that she should go to the tomb of Sr. Faustina in Poland. Together with her husband, son, and Fr. Seraphim Michalenko, MIC (a priest of the Congregation of Marians of the Immaculate Conception), they traveled to St. Faustina's tomb at the Shrine of The Divine Mercy outside Krakow, Poland. They arrived in Poland on March 23, 1981 and Maureen went to confession for the first time since she was a young girl.

At the tomb Maureen remembers saying "Okay, Faustina I came a long way, now do something." Innerly she heard Sr. Faustina say: "If you ask for my help, I will give it to you." Suddenly she thought she was losing her mind. All the pain seemed to drain out of her body and her swollen leg, which was due to be amputated shortly, went back to its normal size. When she returned to the USA she was examined by five independent doctors who came to the conclusion that she was completely healed. They had no medical explanation for the sudden healing of this incurable disease.

The accumulated evidence of this miracle was examined in consultation by five doctors appointed by the Sacred Congregation for the Causes of Saints. Having passed this test it was examined by a team of theologians, and finally by a team of cardinals and bishops. The cure was accepted by all as a miracle caused by Sr. Faustina's intercession to the Divine Mercy. Sr. Faustina was beatified on April 18, 1993.

### Proof that 'Miracles Do Happen'

Father Ron Pytel has had some big days, but few were as important as Divine Mercy Sunday 2000. "After my ordination, it was the most emotional day of my life," Fr. Ron says of standing alongside the Holy Father on April 30 and hearing him declare Sr. Maria Faustina the first saint of the Great Jubilee.

"I've been blessed by the Lord with a wonderful healing through Sr. Faustina's intercession. My healing became the canonisation miracle. So it was awesome to see her become a saint. And now, more people than ever will hear of the message of mercy," he says.

It has been nearly five years since doctors gave Fr. Ron three to five years to live. At that time, he was extremely thin and pale with a badly damaged heart. "I suppose I probably shouldn't be around anymore," jokes the 52-year-old pastor of Holy Rosary parish in Baltimore, Md. "But I'm living proof that miracles do happen."

The miracle is not only that Fr. Ron is alive, but that his permanent heart ailment is gone. As a matter of fact, he says he is in better health today than he's ever been.

### 'His Heart Touched Mine'

On Oct. 5, 1995, the feast day of St. Faustina (who was then a blessed), Fr. Ron and some friends gathered for prayer at Holy Rosary Church, which is also the Baltimore archdiocesan Shrine of The Divine Mercy. After a time of prayer for the healing of his heart through Sr. Faustina's intercession, Fr. Ron venerated a relic of St. Faustina and collapsed. He felt paralysed, but was completely at peace. A subsequent visit to his cardiologist showed that his heart had been healed.

Although he was healed through St. Faustina's intercession, Fr. Ron is quick to point out that Jesus healed him. "I know in my heart that Faustina put in a word with Jesus, and His Heart touched mine. It's as simple as that," he explains. After almost three years of examining Fr. Ron and his medical records, doctors and theologians from the Congregation for the Cause of Saints concluded an exhaustive investigation of the healing.

And on Dec. 20, 1999, Pope John Paul II ordered publication of the fact of the healing as a miracle through Sr. Faustina's intercession, leading to her canonisation on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 30, in St. Peter's Square.

### Blessed with Peace

When you meet Fr. Ron, the first thing you notice is how radiant he is - and that he's a man completely at peace. And when you hear him speak, his enthusiasm for St. Faustina and Divine Mercy is infectious.

"Personally, I'm still in awe," he says. "Sometimes I wake up and ask myself if I've just had a four-year dream. Spiritually, my prayer life has intensified tremendously.

"I've had a peace that has been with me through everything that has taken place," he explains. "I've also been blessed with a calmness, a gentleness. I think it's made me more open to the struggles of other people."

### Accepting God's Timing

During the investigation of his healing, Fr. Ron says he was hoping for a quick decision from the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. However, as the case dragged on, Fr. Ron became more willing to accept the Lord's timing.

"And as it turns out, God's timing was perfect," he explains enthusiastically.

"She's the saint of the millennium! She's being held up as the model for us. And the significance of the date on which she was canonised is perfect. On April 30, 1926, she received her habit and her name - Faustina. And 74 years later, she has a new name - St. Faustina!"

**FR IRENEUSZ**  
INVITES YOU ALL TO JOIN HIM FOR A  
**Thank You Parish BBQ**

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**SUNDAY**   **APRIL**   AFTER THE 6PM  
**24**   **MASS AT**  
**SACRED HEART**  
**CHURCH**





# EASTER AT PYMBLE PARISH

Stations of the Cross  
performed by the children at  
Sacred Heart Church &  
Our Lady Perpetual Succour  
Easter Mass at Sacred Heart  
celebrated by Father George





To all of you who helped prior to and during Easter at both OLPS and Sacred Heart we are forever grateful for your willingness and kindness to volunteer. You truly helped make Easter at Pymble Parish this year a memorable one.  
 God Bless you!

### FINAL WEEKEND TO SIGN THE ePETITION AGAINST EUTHANASIA

The NSW Government is a step closer to legalising euthanasia, with a bill having been passed by the Lower House in late 2021. The bill passed 52 votes to 32 and has now been presented to the Upper House. Our Catholic NSW Premier Dominic Perrottet, debated against this bill, but as the leader, he still did not have the voting numbers. The battle is being lost in the hearts of the citizens of society and that is reflected in the Lower and Upper Houses of government. However, we should not despair.

Right to Life NSW says there are only two votes in the Upper House that could swing the decision to prevent or pass it into law. We still need to fight with our voices by signing petitions and writing to our government representatives.

Please sign the Right to Life NSW ePetition against the passage of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 (<https://righttolifensw.org.au/current-campaigns/>), which closes on 25 April 2022.



If you are interested in more information on euthanasia from a Catholic perspective there is a talk on CD in the Parousia Media Stand at the back of both churches titled: Thou Shalt Not Kill by Monica Doumit which is also available for free on YouTube:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DaG\\_3OKINRY&t=1392s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DaG_3OKINRY&t=1392s) The euthanasia part of the talk starts at the 23:10 minute mark.

### Ukraine Appeal

As we see on a daily basis, the people of Ukraine are still desperate for our support. They need food, water, clothing (especially for women and children) and medical supplies. Many aid organisations have responded. If you can contribute via the following websites:

 <https://www.ukrainecrisisappeal.org/>

 <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/ukraine/>



### LEST WE FORGET

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them*



### Invitation to join the Welcome Ministry

We invite you to join a group of volunteers who will meet and greet parishioners as they enter Church before Mass. Welcome Ministers have an important and essential role to welcome and serve others when we gather as a faith community. While the Church used to have parishioners who carried out this work, this ministry fell away due to the impact of Covid. Studies show that one of the most important elements of a flourishing faith community is the way a community welcome others.

If you would like to become a Welcome Minister, or if you would like to know more, please contact Claudia or Daniela in the Parish office.

**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](mailto:info@pymblecatholicparish.org.au)**



**PASTORAL WORKS** Broken Bay



Help renew and rebuild families and parish communities in Broken Bay.

Give now before 30 June

Visit: [bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks](http://bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks)

Scan to give: Parish Envelope:



All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible and contribute to parish target.

**Confraternity of Christian Doctrine**  
CCD - Catechists

**Pastoral Care and Hospital Chaplaincy**

**St Lucy's School**  
K-6 students with disabilities

**St Edmund's College**  
7-12 students with disabilities

**Ephpheta Centre**  
Catholic Deaf Community

Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the new name for CWF



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

*In these uncertain times, we wanted to touch base!*

# PYMBLE PARISH IS HERE FOR YOU!

**POSTING**  
POST LETTERS OR SMALL PARCELS

**GROCERIES**  
WE CAN PICK UP GROCERIES AND/OR MEDICINES AND DELIVER TO YOUR DOOR

**COOKING**  
WE CAN COOK & DELIVER MEALS TO YOUR DOOR

**OTHER SERVICES**  
PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU WOULD LIKE ANY OF THESE OR OTHER SERVICES  
P. 02 9144 2702  
E. [INFO@PYMBLCATHOLIC.PARISH.ORG.AU](mailto:INFO@PYMBLCATHOLIC.PARISH.ORG.AU)



As the house of God, we want our Church to look beautiful and to be kept clean. We would be very grateful if you would consider volunteering to help clean the Church.

Many hands make light work, so the more volunteers we have, the more the cleaning work can be shared. All the little things we do can, together, build the Kingdom of God in their own way – for God is present in all things. It can also be an opportunity to meet other parishioners. If you are able to help, please contact the Parish office on 9144 2702. Thank you!

## GOT YOUR WEDDING PLANS UNDER CONTROL?



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- Where:** Light of Christ Centre, Waitara
- Who:** Anyone 15-35
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### SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

**Father Robert Borg, Parish Priest of the Lakes Parish,** will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church, 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022.**

The evening commences with Mass at **6.00 PM** followed by a light meal and a short meeting.

Following the meeting Father Robert will be our guest speaker.

Everyone is welcome. Please "come and see".

*Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians and novices and for the perseverance of existing vocations.*

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# Liturgy of the Word

## Second Sunday of Easter

Year C

### Entrance Antiphon

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

### First Reading

Acts 5:12-16

#### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

### Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good his love is everlasting.**

- Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let the sons of Aaron say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let those who fear the Lord say:  
'His love has no end.' **(R.)**
- The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes  
This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad. **(R.)**
- O Lord, grant us salvation;  
O Lord grant success.  
Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
the true God is our light. **(R.)**

### Second Reading

Rv 1:9-13, 17-19

#### A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia*

*You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;*

*happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!*

*Alleluia!*

### Gospel

Jn 20:19-31

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

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,  
So am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.  
For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.  
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

### Reflection

Do you know the joy of the resurrection? The Risen Lord Jesus revealed the glory of his resurrection to his disciples gradually and over a period of time. Even after the apostles saw the empty tomb and heard the reports of Jesus' appearance to the women, they were still weak in faith and fearful of being arrested by the Jewish authorities. When Jesus appeared to them he offered proofs of his resurrection by showing them the wounds of his passion, his pierced hands and side. He calmed their fears and brought them peace, the peace which reconciles sinners and makes us friends of God.

#### **Live and proclaim the Gospel of mercy in the power of the Holy Spirit**

Jesus did something which only love and trust can do. He commissioned his weak and timid apostles to bring the good news of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. This sending out of the disciples is parallel to the sending out of Jesus by his heavenly Father. Jesus fulfilled his mission through his perfect love and obedience to the will of his Father. He called his first disciples and he now calls each one of us to do the same. Just as he gave his first disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit, so he breathes on each of us the same Holy Spirit who equips us with new life, power, joy, and courage to live each day as followers of the Risen Lord.

The last apostle to meet the resurrected Lord was the first to go with him to Jerusalem at Passover time. The apostle Thomas was a natural pessimist. When Jesus proposed that they visit Lazarus after receiving news of his illness, Thomas said to the disciples: "Let us also go, that we may die with him" (John 11:16). While Thomas deeply loved the Lord, he lacked the courage to stand with Jesus in his passion and crucifixion. After Jesus' death, Thomas made the mistake of withdrawing from the other apostles. He sought loneliness rather than fellowship in his time of trial and adversity. He doubted the women who saw the resurrected Jesus and he doubted his own fellow apostles.

#### **Through the gift of faith we recognize the Risen Lord and receive new life**

When Thomas finally had the courage to rejoin the other apostles, the Lord Jesus made his presence known to him and reassured him that he had indeed overcome death and risen again. When Thomas recognized his Master, he believed and exclaimed that Jesus was truly Lord and truly God! Through the gift of faith we, too, proclaim that Jesus is our personal Lord and our God. He died and rose that we, too, might have new life in him. The Lord offers each of us new life in his Holy Spirit that we may know him personally and walk in this new way of life through the power of his resurrection. Do you believe in the good news of the Gospel and in the power of the Holy Spirit to bring you new life, hope, and joy?

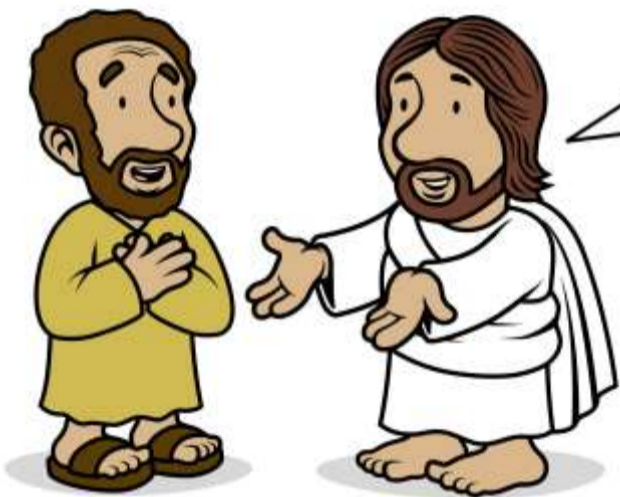
**Lord Jesus Christ, through your victory over sin and death you have overcome all the powers of sin and darkness. Help me to draw near to you and to trust in your life-giving word. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and strengthen my faith in your promises and my hope in the power of your resurrection.**

# Pymble Parish Roster 30 April / 01 May 2022

Sacred Heart (Pymble)	Saturday 5.30pm	Sunday 7.45am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 6.00pm
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Altar Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers	C Halgreen E Foote	N Adams
Music	Vigil Singers	Quiet Mass	A Castillo	T Sato
Projector	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Readers	R Pazniewski	C Kipps	M Shankland	D McGreal
Altar Society	1 May: <b>Volunteer</b>			
Counters	1 May: J Li / C Gwynn / M Boland			
OLPS (West Pymble)	Saturday 5.00pm	Sunday 9.00am		
Acolytes	I Chisholm	M D'Silva		
Altar Servers	A Pease T Seymour	L & Z Dunsford		
Readers	I Fernandez	F Barnden		
Music and Projector	K & P Rodrigues	M Mead, K Haddrick & D Blahut		
Altar Cloth	1 May: P Ryan			
Altar Society	1 May: M Walz			

## Children's Corner

Thomas had doubts about Jesus being alive. But later when he saw Jesus he did believe. Draw the nail marks in Jesus' hands and feet.



Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

**Complete the Text maze:**

"You are my Lord and my God!"

W	B	O	I	G	E	T	R	Y
S	R	O	L	T	C	A	U	O
L	D	G	Y	M	E	R	C	W
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R	C	D	E					
Q	Y	M	P					
U	G	O	D					

There are many things present in our lives that we don't see with our eyes. Circle the words which represent things we do not see.

<b>BIBLE</b>	<b>CRUCIFIX</b>
<b>LOVE</b>	<b>FORGIVENESS</b>
<b>JOY</b>	<b>PEACE</b>
<b>ALTAR</b>	<b>FLOWERS</b>
<b>BREATH</b>	<b>CANDLE</b>
<b>CHALICE</b>	<b>HOPE</b>

## Divine Mercy Chaplet

1. Make the Sign of the Cross.
2. Say the optional opening prayer.
3. Say the "Our Father".
4. Say the "Hail Mary".
5. Say the "Apostles' Creed".
6. Say the "Eternal Father".
7. Say 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" on the "Hail Mary" beads.
8. Repeat for four more decades, saying "Eternal Father" on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For the Sake of His sorrowful Passion" on the following "Hail Mary" beads.
9. At the conclusion of the five decades, on the medallion say the "Holy God," the concluding doxology, three times.
10. Say the optional Closing Prayer.

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