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Pymble Parish is under the Pastoral care of the Salvatorian Fathers

CELEBRATING JUBILEE YEAR



Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

Luke 13:24



Trust in God's Providence

Heavenly Father,
You clothe the lilies
and feed the birds of the air,
yet You call me
more precious than these.
Teach me not to worry about what I
will eat or wear,
but to trust in Your loving care
each day.
Help me seek Your Kingdom first,
believing that all I need
will be given to me.
Calm my anxious heart, Lord,
and fill me with the peace
that comes from knowing
You are always near.
Through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

Baptisms at Pymble Parish



Our upcoming Baptism Formation
Class will be held on:

**Sunday, 14 September 2025
at 10:30am
at Sacred Heart Church**

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



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

For mutual coexistence

Let us pray that societies where
coexistence seems more difficult might
not succumb to the temptation of
confrontation for ethnic, political,
religious or ideological reasons.



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 members of
our community

**Elliott, Theodore
& Maddison**

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.**



WHAT’S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

<p>Saturday, 23 August <i>St Rose of Lima, virgin (Optional)</i> 9:00am Mass at OLPS with Morning Prayer (Breviary) 5:00pm Mass at OLPS</p> <p>Sunday, 24 August 8:00am Mass at OLPS (quiet) 9:30am Family Mass at Sacred Heart 12:00pm King of Kings at Roseville Cinemas 5:30pm Reconciliation at Sacred Heart 6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart</p> <p>Tuesday, 26 August 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group</p> <p>Wednesday, 27 August <i>St Monica (Memorial)</i> 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart</p>	<p>Thursday, 28 August <i>St Augustine, bishop, doctor (Memorial)</i> 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart 6:00pm Serra Mass and Meeting</p> <p>Friday, 29 August <i>The Passion of St John the Baptist, martyr (Memorial)</i> 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart followed by Adoration and Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus 10:00am Bible Study</p> <p>Saturday, 30 August 9:00am Mass at OLPS with Morning Prayer (Breviary) 5:00pm Mass at OLPS</p> <p>Sunday, 31 August <i>Social Justice Sunday</i> 8:00am Mass at OLPS (quiet) 9:30am Family Mass at Sacred Heart 5:30pm Reconciliation at Sacred Heart 6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart</p> <p><i>The Rosary is recited after all weekday Masses at Sacred Heart Church and gam Saturday Mass at OLPS</i></p>
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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.

<p>Recently Deceased: Dolly McCann, Fr Chris Riley, John Makepeace, Jerald D’Cunha, Philomena De Souza, Celeste Guerrera, Anne Maxworthy, Peter Tansey, Pope Francis, Dianne McGirr</p>
<p>Death Anniversaries: Manel Perera, Keith & Marie Burt, Tony Dixon, Clare Rogerson, Ranjan Fernando, Roshan Perera, Ron Chandler, Chris Drinkwater, William P Inchoco Sr, Antonino Celio, David Michael Bernie, Maria Palmer, Bill Dyer, John McLeod, Paul Pribila, Thelma Loverly</p>
<p>Prayers for the sick: Janusz Czech, Elliot Leahy, Iris Garate-Marchant, Antonios Ghabach, Mrs Mary Sidaway, Pamela Seaman, Joseph Hendryjanto, Margaret Browne, Danny Ung</p>
<p><u>Weekly prayer intention:</u> This week We pray for those in our community who are homeless, that they may find shelter, comfort, and hope through the kindness of others and the support of our parish. May we be moved to act with compassion and generosity, and may God’s love surround them always.</p> <p>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.</p>

Serra Vocations Prayer Calendar-August 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 Roger Delmonte	2 Fr Vitalis Oguh	3 Fr Hien Vu
4 Fr Lucious Choi	5 Fr Peter DeSouza	6 Fr Peter Dowd	7 Fr Biju Mathew Koikkattil	8 Fr Jose Philip OSH	9 Fr Vincent Nguyen	10 Fr Shansana Samarasinghe OSH
11 Fr Sam French	12 Fr David Ranson VG	13 Fr Anselam Lakra HGN	14 Fr Joey Frez	15 Fr Kelvin Lovegrove	16 Fr Biju Jose OSH	17 Fr Joy Thomas OSH
18 Fr Satheesh Anthony OSH	19 Fr Biju Mathew	20 Fr Joseph Methanath OSH	21 Fr Raphael Kimaro AJ	22 Fr Vincent Musindalo AJ	23 Fr Stephen Wayoyi AJ	24 Deacon Rosan Mathew
25 Brother John Verhoeven	26 Fr Tony Kuruvell Ouseph CFIC	27 Fr Baby Thomas CFIC	28 Fr Raul Balute SOLT	29 Fr Teody Medina SOLT	30 Fr Brian Moloney	31 Fr Stephen Hume

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.

LECTIO: GOD

What do we
mean when we
say "God"?



Invitation


You are invited to join our
nine part series **What do we
mean when we say "God"?**
with Elizabeth Klein

Topics

The series topics include:

- I Am Who I Am
- The Lord Our God is One
- The Likeness of the Glory of the Lord
- The Love of God
- Who is Jesus Christ?
- One God in Three Persons
- I and the Father Are One
- God is Love
- Question and Answer

For further information:

 (02) 9144 2702

Context

Misconceptions about God abound,
even among Christians, and these
misconceptions can become obstacles
in our relationship with God. Join
Assistant Professor Elizabeth Klein for a
study of Scripture that will lead to a
clearer awareness of who God is, and
equipping you to share with others.

Join In

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

7pm alternate Tuesday evenings
Sacred Heart Church Pymble
Next event 2 September 2025

Elizabeth Klein

Dr Klein specialises in the
writings of St Augustine.
She completed her PhD
from the University of
Notre Dame in 2016,
and joined the
Augustine Institute
in 2017.



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Congratulations to Our First Reconciliation Candidates!

Over the past two weekends, we were blessed to witness many of our
young parishioners receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation at
our churches. It was a beautiful and meaningful step in their faith
journey, and we are so proud of each one of them.

At last weekend's Mass, Fr Irek presented certificates to those who
celebrated the sacrament, and we will continue to present certificates
at Masses this coming weekend. Please join us in congratulating and
praying for these children and their families as they continue to grow
in God's love and grace.

Certificates will be presented at the 5pm OLPS Mass and 9:30am
Sacred Heart Mass this weekend.



Is God Calling You to Make a Difference in Vocations Ministry?

SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING
THURSDAY 28 AUGUST 2025
at Sacred Heart Church Pymble
Commencing with Mass at 6:30pm

Our Mass Celebrant and Guest Speaker after dinner will be
Father Michael Sullivan OSA. His topic will be "Saint
Augustine's Confessions".

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 Anna Leung on **0478 083 116** or
email annaytleung@yahoo.com.au or telephone Terry Scanlan on
0438 887 295 or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you are planning
to attend.

Food Containers Left Behind

We have many food containers left behind in the Kitchenette at
Sacred Heart Church from our many recent social events recently.
Please check if any of them are yours and take them home to help us
keep the space tidy. Thank you!



Jesuit Mission Bazaar

Saint Ignatius' College Riverview
Loyola Drive Riverview
Saturday, 13 September 2025

For over 70 years, the Bazaar has been raising funds to support
Jesuit Mission's programs in over 10 countries. Since 1952, Saint
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exciting stalls, fun games, and engaging activities. Explore stalls
with delicious food, homemade jams, cakes, books, toys, a wine
auction, and more. Over 5,000 people from the Sydney Jesuit
community come together for a spectacular day, with parents,
students, old boys, parishioners, other schools, and friends
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9:00am, Saturday, 30 August 2025
to

6:00pm, Sunday, 31 August 2025
Bookings close 23 August 2025



"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: September 21, October 19,
November 16, and December 21.

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Family Mass

OLPS CHURCH



BBQ TO FOLLOW

ALL ARE WELCOME

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!

BICENTENNIAL CLUB



Ladies Dinner Night

6pm Friday
5 September 2025

An opportunity to catch up,
chat and connect with
friends old and new. Buy
your own meal and drinks.

2 Prince of Wales Drive,
West Pymble
If you need a lift there
please let us know.

Please RSVP by Friday,
29 August 2025 to Marie
marie@dalla.net.au.

Contact: Louise Johnston
0413 137 534.

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Liturgy of the Word

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 85: 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 66: 18-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the
nations of every language. They shall come to
witness my glory. I will give them a sign and
send some of their survivors to the nations:
to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal,
and Javan, to the distant islands that have
never heard of me or seen my glory. They will
proclaim my glory to the nations. As an
offering to the Lord they will bring all your
brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on
mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to
my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord,
like Israelites bringing oblations in clean
vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of
some of them I will make priests and Levites,
says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 116 R. Mk 16: 15

**(R.) Go out to all the world and tell the Good
News**

- O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples! **(R.)**
- Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in
which you are addressed as sons? My son,
when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it
lightly; but do not get discouraged when he
reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones
that he loves and he punishes all those that he
acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of
your training; God is treating you as his sons.
Has there ever been any son whose father did
not train him? Of course, any punishment is
most painful at the time, and far from
pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has
been used, it bears fruit in peace and
goodness. So hold up your limp arms and
steady your trembling knees and smooth out
the path you tread; then the injured limb will
not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

Gospel Acclamation John 14: 6

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the
Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through
me.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 12: 22-30

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

Through towns and villages Jesus went
teaching, making his way to Jerusalem.
Someone said to him, ‘Sir, will there be only a
few saved?’ He said to them, ‘Try your best to
enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you,
many will try to enter and will not succeed.

‘Once the master of the house has got up and
locked the door, you may find yourself
knocking on the door, saying, “Lord, open to
us” but he will answer, “I do not know where
you come from.” Then you will find yourself
saying, “We once ate and drank in your
company; you taught in our streets” but he
will reply, “I do not know where you come
from. Away from me, all you wicked men!”

‘Then there will be weeping and grinding of
teeth, when you
see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the
prophets in the kingdom of God, and
yourselves turned outside. And men from east
and west, from north and south, will come to
take their places at the feast in the kingdom of
God.

Gospel Reflection

Meditation: What does the image of a door
say to us about the kingdom of God? Jesus’
story about the door being shut to those who
come too late suggests they had offended
their host and deserved to be excluded. It was
customary for teachers in Jesus’ time to close
the door on tardy students and not allow them
back for a whole week in order to teach them
a lesson in discipline and faithfulness.

Who will be invited to enter God's kingdom?
Jesus told this story in response to the
question of who will make it to heaven - to
God's kingdom of everlasting peace and
eternal life. Many rabbis held that all Israel
would be saved and gain entry into God's
kingdom, except for a few blatant sinners who
excluded themselves! After all, they were
specially chosen by God when he established a
covenant relationship with them.

Jesus surprised his listeners by saying that
one's membership as a people who have
entered into a covenant relationship with God
does not automatically mean entry into the
everlasting kingdom of God. Second, Jesus
asserts that many from the Gentile (non-
Jewish) nations would enter God's kingdom.
God's invitation is open to Jew and Gentile
alike.

Jesus is the door to the kingdom of heaven
But Jesus warns that we can be excluded if we
do not *strive to enter by the narrow door*. What
did Jesus mean by this expression? The door
which Jesus had in mind was himself. *I am the*

*door; if any one enters by me, he will be
saved (John 10:9).* God sent his only begotten
Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to open the way
for us to have full access to the throne of
God's grace (favor and blessing) and mercy
(pardon for our sins). Through Jesus' victory
on the cross he has freed us from slavery to
sin and hurtful desires and addictions, and he
has made us sons and daughters of God and
citizens of his heavenly kingdom. We are free
now to choose which kingdom we will serve -
the kingdom of truth and light ruled by God's
wisdom or the kingdom of falsehood and
darkness ruled by Satan and the world system
or society of people who are opposed to God
and his laws.

**Following the Lord requires effort and
commitment on our part**
If we want to enter God's kingdom and
receive our full inheritance which is stored up
for us in heaven, then we must follow the
Lord Jesus in his way of the cross through a
willing renunciation of our own will for his will
- our own life for his life - our own way for his
way.

Why did Jesus say we must strive to enter his
kingdom of righteousness and peace? The
word strive can also be translated as agony.
To enter the kingdom of God we must
struggle against every force or power of
opposition - even the temptation to remain
indifferent, apathetic, or compromising in our
faith and personal trust in Jesus, our hope in
holding firm to the promises of Jesus, and our
uncompromising love for God above all else.
Paul the Apostle reminds us that our hope in
God does not disappoint us because "God's
love has been poured into our hearts through
the Holy Spirit who has been given to us"
(Romans 5:5).

**The Lord is with us to strengthen us in our
trials and struggles**
The Lord reminds us that when we face
difficulties, trials, temptations, and even
failures, we do not struggle alone. He knows
our weaknesses even better than we know
them, and he is always ready to help us in our
struggle to overcome sin and wrong-doing.
God's grace is sufficient! As we strive side by
side for the faith of the Gospel (Philippians
1:27) Jesus assures us of complete victory! Do
you trust in God's grace and help, especially in
times of testing and temptation?

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To access Fr Irek’s homily on
YouTube, please scan the
QR code:

Pymble Parish Roster - 30 & 31 August 2025		
Sacred Heart (Pymble)	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes	C Wawrzyniak	C De Souza
Altar Servers	L Bowe / R Dunne	W Rusak
Readers	V Waggett	E Thomas / L Joshi
Altar Society	30 August: Jo / Carmel	
Counters	31 August: J Li / M Tang / T Scanlan	
OLPS (West Pymble)	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 8:00am
Acolytes	J Pease	M D'Silva
Altar Servers	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed
Readers	Family Mass	M Walz
Altar Cloth	30 August: N Simpkins	

Children's Corner

Write or draw someone who is not considered an important person. Then fill in the missing letters.

The o_es wh_ are _ow
le__t im__rt_nt wi__
be th_ mo_t i_po_tan_.

Write or draw someone who considers themselves more important than others. Then fill in the missing letters.

Th_se w_o a__ now
m_st i_po__nt _ill b_
the _e_st _m__rt_nt.

Draw some people from many different lands, sitting at the feast in God’s kingdom.



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with compassion
on this world."**

- attributed to
St Teresa of Ávila



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