

# **PYMBLE CATHOLIC PARISH**

# **SACRED HEART & OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR**

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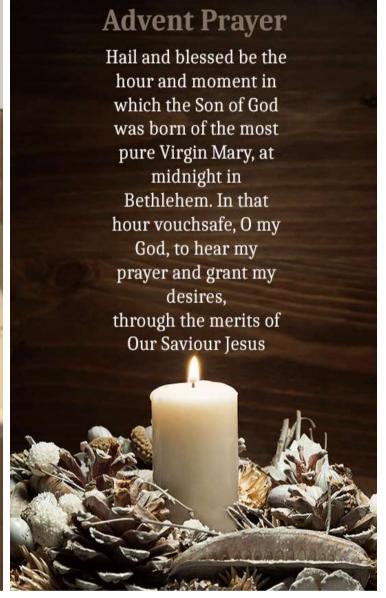
Pymble Parish is under the Pastoral care of the Salvatorian Fathers



"Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus."

Luke 1:31







JOIN US AS WE BID
FAREWELL TO OUR
BELOVED FATHER
PAUL. LET'S EXPRESS
OUR GRATITUDE FOR
HIS DEDICATION
AND SERVICE. WE'LL
SHARE HEARTFELT
MOMENTS AND
INDULGE IN
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FAREWELL CELEBRATION FOR

SACRED HEART CHURCH

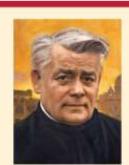
DECEMBER, 24 AT 9.30PM

# POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

For Persons with Disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

A warm
welcome
to all our
Parishioners
who are
celebrating the
Eucharist 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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# **Parish Team**

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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: 9:30am and 6:00pm

### **Reconciliation:**

Friday 8:45am 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 (Vigil Mass): 9:00am and 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am (Quiet Mass)

Reconciliation: Saturday 9:30am

### Contact details

**Address:** 2 Richard Porter Way, Pymble, NSW 2073 **Postal address:** PO BOX 231 Turramurra NSW 2074

**Telephone:** (02) 9144 2702

**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 Weddings please contact Daniela in the Parish Office.

For information about the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation,
Reconciliation and First Eucharist, please contact
Melanie at melanie@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

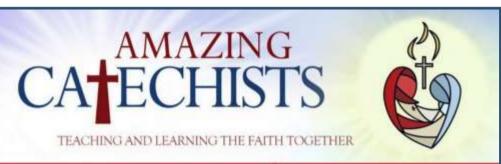
# PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

# SACRED HEART

**Principal:** Mary Hor **Telephone:** (02) 7256 2142 www.shpdbb.catholic.edu.au

# OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

**Principal:** Jodi Jefferson **Telephone:** (02) 7256 2101
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Schools with catechist assignments across one or more year groups:

Gordon East Public School Tuesday: 9:15-9:45am

Gordon West Public School Tuesday: 12:30-1:00pm

Turramurra Public School Wednesday: 9:15-9:45am Wednesday: 9:55-10:25am

West Pymble Public School Wednesday: 1:15-1:50pm

Pymble Public School Wednesday: 1:40-2:10pm Wednesday: 2:15-2:45pm

Please consider joining this wonderful Ministry.

Contact **Michele** at 0409 651 637 or michele@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

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# **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

As you know we have our Divine Mercy Chapel on the right side of our church at Sacred Heart. We would like to invite those in our Parish who wish to come to adore our Lord Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament.

If you wish to be part of this, please place your name and contact details for an hour each Friday on the form that is placed outside the Crying Room. We can have up to four people at any time. Please contact the Parish Office if you need further information.

# Friday Roster for the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

8am - 8 <b>.</b> 45am	Peter	4pm - 5pm	Paulette
10am - 11am	Lynette	5pm - 6pm	Cindy, Marie
11am - 12pm		6pm - 7pm	Eric
12pm - 1pm		7pm - 8pm	Elzbieta
1pm - 2pm	Gerry & Carmen	8pm - 9pm	Paul, Rod
2pm - 3pm			

Jo

3pm - 4pm

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# **Lighting the Advent Wreath**

# Fourth Candle - The Candle of Love

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

**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."

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

# WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

### Sunday, 24 December Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:45am Mass at Sacred Heart

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

Christmas Carols at OLPS 4:30pm

Family Mass at Sacred Heart & OLPS 5:00pm

9:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart 11:30pm Carols at Sacred Heart

# Monday, 25 December Christmas Day

12:00am Midnight Mass at Sacred Heart

Mass at Sacred Heart

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

Tuesday, 26 December

9:30am

St Stephen, the first martyr (Feast) 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

Wednesday, 27 December

St John, apostle, evangelist (Feast)

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

The Holy Innocents, martyrs (Feast)

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

### Friday, 29 December

Thursday, 28 December

Mass at Sacred Heart with 9:00am

Adoration and Litany to the Sacred Heart of

**Jesus** 

### Saturday, 30 December

9:00am Mass at OLPS 5:00pm Mass at OLPS

### Sunday, 31 December

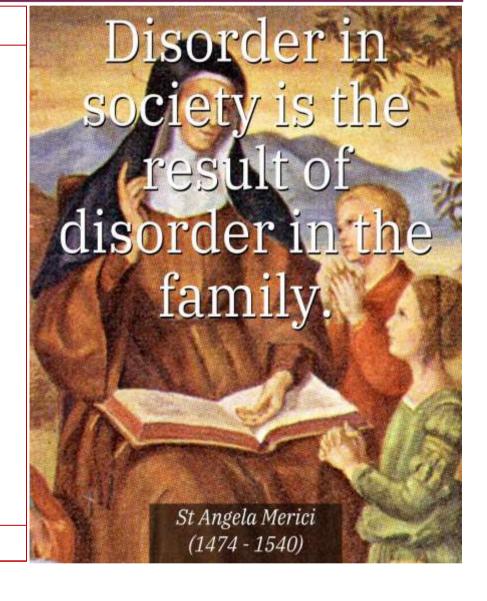
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and

Joseph (Feast)

8:00am Mass at OLPS

9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart 6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart

The Rosary is recited after all weekday Masses



# **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:**

Foo Fee Lan, Sarinder Tamana, Frieda Nassar, Bruce Fisher, Desmond Buckley, Seema Shrestha Thapa, Vivienne Fernandes, Colleen Hussin, Charlotte Dos Remedios, David Tarrant, Anthony Dixon, Anne Seeto, Concetta Giaquinto, Michael Ludemann, Albert Chan

# Death Anniversaries:

Bambi Hontanosas, Antonio Canete, Nora LeguinPeter Goh, Kwong Tsui Tso, Jason Dias, Silvya Albert, Charles & Joan Bernie, erlinda Guyot & Elena Yu, Vicente Tan Snr & Rosario Tan, Veronica Schreuder, Les Cashman, Lydia Tan, Manuel Tan, Simeon Lagura, Catalina Lagura, Paula Freeman, M. V. Francis, Judith English, Ric Cashman, Desmond Buckley, Mina De Mello, Mary Costa Silva

# Prayers for the sick:

Margaret Browne, Paul Lum, Danny Ung, Ryan Kim, David Gardener

# Weekly prayer intention:

This week we pray that in the busyness of the Christmas season we remember the perfect gift of Christ's peace through moments of prayer and reflection. 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.



# Christmas: Pymble Parish

Pymble Catholic Parish Christmas Events

Tuesday, 19 December Parish Reconciliation Night	7:00pm Sacred Heart	
Saturday, 23 December	9:00am Mass Our Lady of Perpetual Succour	
	5:00pm Mass Our Lady of Perpetual Succour	
	5:30pm Mass Sacred Heart	
Sunday, 24 December	Sacred Heart	
Christmas Eve	7:45am Mass	
	9:30am Mass	
	5:00pm Family Mass	
	9:00pm Christmas Eve Mass (8:45pm Carols)	
	11:30pm Carols	
	Midnight Mass	
	Our Lady of Perpetual Succour	
	9:00am Family Mass	
	4:00pm Readings and Carols	
	5:00pm Family Mass	
Monday, 25 December	Sacred Heart	
Christmas Day	7:45am Christmas Mass	
	9:30am Christmas Mass	
	Our Lady of Perpetual Succour	
	9:00am Christmas Mass	
Saturday, 30 December	9:00am Our Lady of Perpetual Succour	
	5:00pm Our Lady of Perpetual Succour	
Sunday, 31 December	8:00am Our Lady of Perpetual Succour	
Feast, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary	9:30am Sacred Heart	
and Joseph New Year's Eve	6:00pm Sacred Heart	

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Monday, 1 January Solemnity, Mary Holy Mother of God



9:00am Sacred Heart

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



# "Blessed are the peacemakers"

We pray for peace: Let us not forget to persevere in prayer for all who suffer the tragedy of war and especially for the people of Ukraine, Israel and Palestine.

Everyone has the right to live in peace.

Let us pray that difficulties are resolved in dialogue and negotiation and not with war.

We are encouraged by the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network to take part in a novena for peace.

The "Peacemakers" novena seeks to unite Christians in praying for "peace in the world".

We pray for a way of life that will always be that of peace.

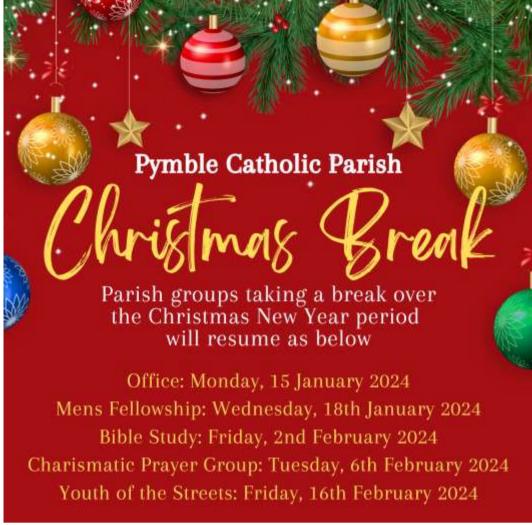
The "Peacemakers" novena booklet is available at the link below.

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Pymble Catholic Parish





# Pymble Parish Office Christmas Break

The Parish Office will be closed until Friday, 12 January 2024. You can still contact us by email during this time the office is closed.

The Office will reopen on

Monday, 15 January 2024 at 8:30am.

**Contact details:** 

(02) 9144 2702

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# 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



We welcome to Pymble Parish the newest members of our community

# Noah & Sienna

who will baptised this weekend at our Parish.



# **Baptisms at Pymble Parish**

For enquiries please contact the Parish office on 9144 2702 or via email on office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Our upcoming Baptism Formation Class will be held on:

Monday, 12 February 2023 7:30pm Sacred Heart Church

Bookings are essential.

Once again Pymble Men's group took care of our cottage, this time with little bit of Christmas atmosphere. Thank you so much for being such committed parishioners!







# Arrupe House, Pymble Nursing Appointment

Arrupe House, located at Pymble is a small community of retired Jesuits, Priests and Brothers.

Expressions of interest are invited for an experienced Registered Nurse to work with a small team of nurses. This position is casual part-time, with morning duties from 7am to 11.30am, 2 days per week.

Position to commence January 2024. Please email your CV to arrupehouse@sjasl.org.au.



# **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO LEAD AND ASSIST**

Please consider helping to share the Gospel

We are looking for additional leaders to assist with Children's Liturgy at Sacred Heart Church. We offer Children's Liturgy at the Sunday 9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart on the first and third Sundays of each month during school terms. Commitment to lead or assist would be once or twice a term.

If you have any questions or would like to join our team, please contact the Parish Office on 9144 2702.



Music is an important part of our liturgies and we strive to have music in various forms at all of our Masses. Our Mass and Liturgy is enriched by the talent and time shared by the accomplished musicians of our Parish.

We are looking for:

- o Musicians/Singers at both Churches
- o Projectionists at both Churches
- o A music co-ordinator

Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to assist in any way.

**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



# Liturgy of the Word **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf Isaiah 45:8

Drop down drew 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 2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

### A reading from the second book of Samuel

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent'. Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the Alleluia! fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Israel; I will give them rest from all their will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your established for ever."

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 88: 2-5, 27, 29 R.v2

# (R.) For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

- 1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
  - Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for
  - that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. (R.)
- 2. I have made a covenant with my chosen

I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your dynasty for ever and set up your throne through all ages' (R.)

3. He will say to me: 'You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me.' I will keep my love for him always; for him my covenant shall endure. (R.)

**Second Reading** 

Rom 16: 25-27

# A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 1: 38

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done.

Gospel Luke 1: 26-38

# A reading from the holy Gospel according to

Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord | a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by body after you and make his sovereignty secure. these words and asked herself what this I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, House and your sovereignty will always stand 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's secure before me and your throne be favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

# **Gospel Reflection**

# The new era of salvation begins with the conception and birth of Jesus

We see the fulfillment of God's unfolding of redemption in the events leading up to the Incarnation, the birth of the Messiah King. The new era of salvation begins with the miraculous conception of Jesus in the womb of

Mary. This child to be born is conceived by the gracious action of the Holy Spirit upon Mary, who finds favor with God (Luke 1:28). This child will be "great" and "Son of the Most High" and "King," and his name shall be called "Jesus" (Luke 1:31-32), which means "the Lord saves." "He will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). The angel repeats to Mary, the daughter of the house of David, the promise made to King David: "The Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end" (2 Samuel 7:12-16, Isaiah 9:6-7, Luke 1:32-33).

### Mary is a true hearer of the Word of God

How does Mary respond to the word of God delivered by the angel Gabriel? She knows she is hearing something beyond human capability. It will surely take a miracle which surpasses all that God has done previously. Her question, "how shall this be, since I have no husband" is not prompted by doubt or skepticism, but by wonderment! She is a true hearer of the Word and she immediately responds with faith and trust.

Mary's prompt response of "yes" to the divine message is a model of faith for all believers. Mary believed God's promises even when they seemed impossible. She was full of grace because she trusted that what God said was true and would be fulfilled. She was willing and eager to do God's will, even if it seemed difficult or costly. Mary is the "mother of God" because God becomes incarnate when he takes on flesh in her womb. When we pray the Nicene Creed we state our confession of faith in this great mystery: "For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man".

# God gives us the grace to say "yes" to his will and to his transforming work in our lives

What is the key that unlocks the power and grace of God's kingdom in our personal lives? Faith and obedience for sure! God gives us grace and he expects us to respond with the same willing obedience and heartfelt trust as Mary did. When God commands he also gives the help and means to respond. We can either yield to his grace or resist and go our own way. Do you believe in God's promises and do you yield to his grace?

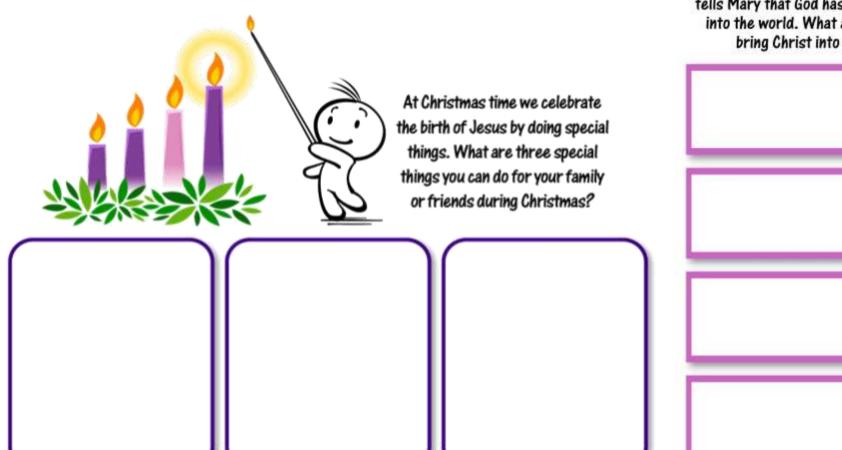
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Pymble Parish Roster 30/31 December 2023				
Sacred Heart (Pymble)	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 6.oopm		
Acolytes	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed		
Altar Servers	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed		
Music	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed		
Projector	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed		
Readers	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed		
Altar Society	30 January: A Mezzei / M Roland / M Tang			
Counters	<b>7 January:</b> J Jones / J Burdajewicz / C Heffernan			
OLPS (West Pymble)	Saturday 5.00pm	Sunday 8.ooam		
Acolytes	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed		
Altar Servers	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed		
Readers	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed		
Music and Projector	Volunteers needed	QUIET MASS		
Altar Cloth	<b>7 January:</b> P Ryan			

# Children's Corner



In the story of the Annunciation, the angel Gabriel tells Mary that God has chosen her to bring his Son into the world. What are some ways that we can bring Christ into the world for others?

Jse the words below to find	out what the angel Gabriel and the E	Blessed Virgin Mary are saying to each other.
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# New Mass Schedule

From Saturday, 30 December, the weekend Parish Mass schedule is:

# Saturday

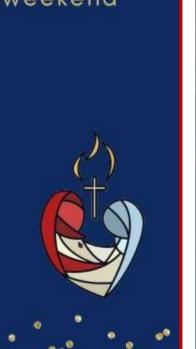
9:00am at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour 5:00pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

# Sunday

8:00am at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

9:30am at Sacred Heart

6:00pm at Sacred Heart



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