



# 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*



**"Take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world."**

Matthew 25:34

## HELP US LORD

Dear Lord, we praise and glorify Your Most Holy Name. We thank You for all the blessings You give each of us everyday.

Despite the problems we are all experiencing You still make a way to give us the strength and lead us to the right path. Help us to gain the gift of zeal in order to serve You well and also our fellow brothers and sisters.

We ask for Your guidance in what we do everyday, may You help us to know what is right from wrong and also help us to understand always the people around us. May You also help us to learn how to forgive the people who sinned against us and do good always at all times.

Amen.



## Baptisms at Pymble Parish

For enquiries please contact the Parish office on 9144 2702 or via email on [office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au](mailto:office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au)

Our upcoming Baptism Formation Class will be held on:

**Monday, 4 December 2023  
7:30pm  
Sacred Heart Church**

Bookings are essential.

## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER



For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

**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.

[www.sds.org.au](http://www.sds.org.au)



## Parish Team

### Pastoral care

#### Salvatorian Fathers

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

**Email:** fr.irek@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

**Youtube:** [youtube.com/@IreneuszCzech](https://www.youtube.com/@IreneuszCzech)

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**Assistant Parish Priest:** Fr. Paul Tran SDS

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### Parish Staff

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Youtube QR code:



Podbean QR code:



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

Sunday: 9:00am

**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](http://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 at  
[melanie@pymblecatholicparish.org.au](mailto:melanie@pymblecatholicparish.org.au)

## PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

### SACRED HEART

**Principal:** Mary Hor

**Telephone:** (02) 7256 2142

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

### OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

**Principal:** Jodi Jefferson

**Telephone:** (02) 7256 2101

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

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## Catechists in the Classroom



### Catechist – Michele Brack School – Turramurra High School Class – Year 9

Last Friday, Father Irek paid a visit to my year 9 class at Turramurra High School for an insightful 'Ask Father' session, engaging in a Q and A format.



During his time with the students, some of whom are captured in this image, Father Irek shared captivating stories about his childhood and teenage years, recounting his experiences in different music bands and detailing his journey in responding to the calling to become a Priest. He delved into various topics, including the concept of free will, and provided an informative overview of the Sacraments.

Adding to the enriching experience was the musical element. Father Irek brought his guitar, treating us to a particularly beautiful song. He revealed that, while being in seminary, he was spontaneously inspired to compose it, as he was leaving his room one day. Rather than meeting his sport commitment on his day off, he chose to return to his room and compose the song. Several years later, in a heartening revelation, Fr Irek received a letter from an unknown man who wrote to him that upon hearing this song, he was eventually inspired to join the seminary and became a priest.

### I OFFER YOU

©1993 Fr Irek Czech SDS

I offer You  
O my Lord,  
All of my life,  
I am Yours forever.

Here is my heart,  
As You know,  
You are my only love  
and joy.

### OFIARUJE TOBIE

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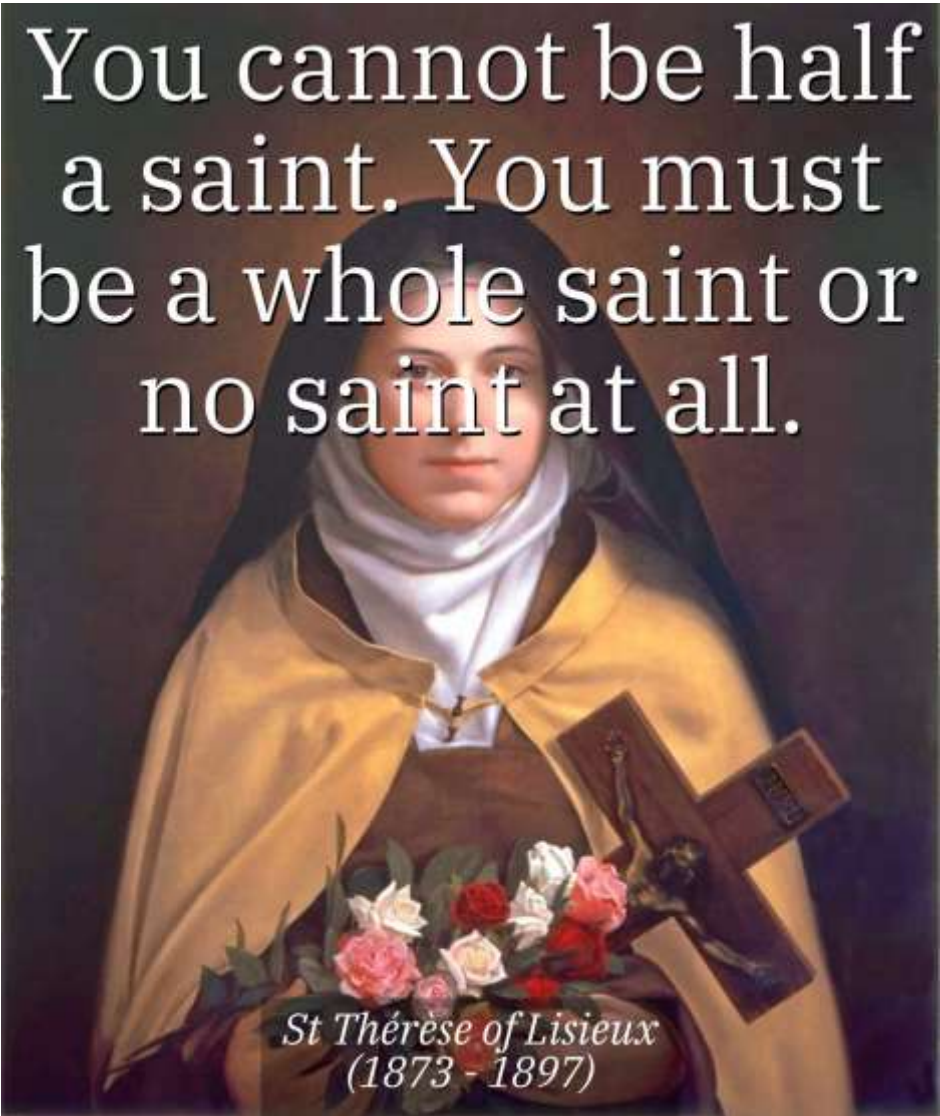


Fr Irek's CDs are available in our Sacred Heart church shop at the entrance



WHAT’S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday, 26 November</b> <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Solemnity)</i> 7:45am Mass at Sacred Heart 9:00am Mass at OLPS 9:30am Family Mass at Sacred Heart 6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart  <b>Tuesday, 28 November</b> 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group  <b>Wednesday, 29 November</b> 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart  <b>Thursday, 30 November</b> <i>St Andrew, apostle (Feast)</i> 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart	<b>Friday, 1 December</b> 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart with Adoration and Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus 10:00am Lectio: Jesus Calls (via ZOOM)  <b>Saturday, 2 December</b> 9:00am Mass at OLPS 5:00pm Mass at OLPS 5:30pm Mass at Sacred Heart  <b>Sunday, 3 December</b> <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> 7:45am Mass at Sacred Heart 9:00am Mass at OLPS 9:30am Family 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:

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 for all the students undertaking their HSC exams at the moment. Give them the gifts of wisdom, right judgement, knowledge and courage. Bless them with calm hearts and clarity of mind as they sit for their exams. 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.

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.

We are setting up a roster for private adoration **every Friday from 8am to 9pm**. Thank you to those who have placed their names down. 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

<b>8am - 8.45am</b>	Peter	<b>4pm - 5pm</b>	Paulette
<b>10am - 11am</b>	Lynette, Ximena, Kate	<b>5pm - 6pm</b>	Cindy, Marie
<b>11am - 12pm</b>		<b>6pm - 7pm</b>	Eric
<b>12pm - 1pm</b>		<b>7pm - 8pm</b>	Elzbieta
<b>1pm - 2pm</b>	Gerry & Carmen	<b>8pm - 9pm</b>	Paul, Rod
<b>2pm - 3pm</b>			
<b>3pm - 4pm</b>	Jo		



**“Frequent visits to the Blessed Sacrament will turn ordinary men into Saints.”**

- St. John Bosco



# AMAZING CATECHISTS

TEACHING AND LEARNING THE FAITH TOGETHER



Do you have 30 minutes a week to teach children about the Word of God and how much He loves us?

We need catechists to support children in our five public schools with their faith formation.

Training, teacher manuals, colourful student workbooks and other resources are provided: **no experience required.**

If you are retired, at university, have flexible working arrangements or just seeking a way to give back to the community: **please join us.**

Our mission is for one catechist for one-year group.

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](mailto:michele@pymblecatholicparish.org.au)

Pymble Catholic Parish | 02 9144 2702

## LECTIO: JESUS CALLS

**Catholics can impact the world for Jesus Christ With Dr Mary Healy**



### INVITATION

You are invited to join our 10 part **Jesus Calls** series based on the Lectio program by Dr Mary Healy.

### TOPICS

The series topics include:

- Why Study Acts?
- Clothed with Power
- Proclaiming the Kerygma (proclamation)
- Signs and Wonders
- How Jesus Makes an Evangelist
- Sacraments and the Spirit
- Leadership in the Church
- Charisms of the Spirit
- Joy in Persecution
- The Belly of the Beast

FOR INFORMATION AND RSVP

**(02) 9144 2702**

PYMBLE CATHOLIC PARISH  
2 RICHARD PORTER WAY PYMBLE

### CONTEXT

Practical advice showing how modern Catholics can effectively impact their world. Explore topics such as the call of Jesus, the power of the Sacraments, the role of charisms, techniques from St Paul for reaching a secular culture ...

### JOIN IN

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

**Friday, 13 October 2023**  
**From 10am-11:30am Via Zoom**  
**And following weekly**

### DR MARY HEALY

Dr Mary Healy is professor of Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit and an author and international speaker. She is a general editor of the Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture.



## St Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas and Hamper Appeal

Thank you to all parishioners who generously took cards to provide hampers for our client families.

Please remember when choosing your gift or hamper contents, please do not include alcohol or chocolate (as it will melt).

Also please identify each of the boxes by the hamper number/gift number and the Hamper card attached to each box. If your hamper comprises of more than one box, be sure to mark boxes with a marking pen, with "1 of 2" and "2 of 2" etc so that they are not separated.

Please return the hampers to:

- **For OLPS**, please leave at the back of the Church before 11am on 3 December for dispatch to Glebe
- **For Sacred Heart**, please leave in the Crying Room before 7pm on 3 December for dispatch to Wyong and our local clients

If you are unable to assist with a hamper or gift, then you are invited to make a cash donation. Envelopes for this purpose are on the table at the back of the church. If your details are on the envelope, you will receive a tax deductible receipt.

Christmas cards in support of St Vincent de Paul are also available at the back of the churches. \$10 for a pack of 10. Please leave the money in the poor box.

As in previous years, your generosity is greatly appreciated by Vinnies clients and members.

### Christmas Hamper Content Suggestions

- |                            |                                   |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| • Christmas Stocking       | • Noodles                         |
| • Christmas Pudding        | • Pasta                           |
| • Dried Fruit              | • Pasta Sauce (jar)               |
| • Rice                     | • Large Cans of Tuna              |
| • Canned Ham               | • Long Life Custard               |
| • Peanut butter            | • Rice crackers                   |
| • Cans of Salad Vegetables | • Vegemite                        |
| • Cordial                  | • Shortbread                      |
| • Christmas Cake           | • Large Cans of Fruit             |
| • Tea/Coffee               | • Baked Beans                     |
| • Mince Pies               | • Long Life Milk                  |
| • Cake Mix                 | • Sultanas                        |
| • Jelly                    | • Breakfast Cereal                |
| • Jam                      | • Toiletries (soap, shampoo, etc) |

### Important:

A reminder again please do not include alcohol, and no chocolate please (as it will melt).

**Remember:** A wrapped hamper looks good and brings the spirit of Christmas to the recipients. But please use strong paper so that it does not tear easily in transit.

**Thank you for your Support!**





## We welcome Fr Piotr (Peter) Staryszak to Pymble

Fr Peter is a priest within the Diocese of Rzeszów, Poland. He is currently studying for a theology doctorate in Rome.

Please join in and make  
Fr Peter welcome during his  
time with the Parish

Fr Peter will be in the Parish  
from 25 November  
to 27 December 2023

PYMBLE CATHOLIC PARISH

# GLASSWARE SALE

Bargain!!!  
Second hand, good  
quality glasses!



6 glasses. \$15  
12 glasses. \$25  
24 glasses. \$40  
36 glasses. \$60

Champagne flutes,  
wine glasses, and  
highball glasses!

**Sacred Heart 26 NOV after each Mass**  
**OLPS 9 & 10 DEC after each Mass**



**CATENIANS**

## An Introduction

Members of the **Catenian Association** will attend Masses over the weekend of **2-3 December 2023** to meet with parishioners and introduce their Association

The Catenian Association is an international association of Catholic laymen committed to their faith, their families and to supporting each other

At Catenian monthly dinner meetings, members and visitors enjoy good company, often followed by interesting dinner speakers - every third month is Ladies' Night, one of which is an annual Christmas Dinner in December

The social calendar includes a number of other popular and well attended events throughout the year:

- For golfers, there is an annual October golf day between the Ku-Ring-Gai Circle and Pittwater at Palm Beach
- There are outings such as cinema nights, theatre and music nights and Hawkesbury River cruises

New members are welcome - if you would like to know more, please make contact as below or via the Parish office

Ku-Ring-Gai Circle  
**The Catenian Association**  
kuringgai.circle@thecatenians.org.au  
www.thecatenians.org.au

## NOVEMBER MASSES

During the month of November we will pray for the deceased by offering a Mass every day for those whose names are on the special November envelopes. The envelopes are available at the back of the Church, so please collect one if you wish to include your deceased relatives and friends in our prayers.

**Please write their names on the envelopes and return your envelope to the Parish Office or one of the priests.**



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!





# Family Mass


## SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER

SACRED HEART CHURCH 9:30AM

You are warmly invited to Family Mass on Sunday 26 November, hosted by Kindergarten families.

Family Mass is an opportunity for our community to come together, celebrate the Eucharist and listen to the Gospel. This joyful celebration will be followed by morning tea. Come and enjoy Mass and the good company of our beautiful community.

**Family Mass Student Choir** - A fun way for students of all ages to participate in Mass, all students are welcome to join in the choir. Please arrive at Church by 8:45am for rehearsal.

## Sacred Heart Church

### Tuesday, 19 December 2023

### 7-8pm

Everyone is encouraged to join us for this special celebration in preparation for Christmas. Reconciliation will take place on **Tuesday, 20th December 2022** between **7 and 8pm** at **Sacred Heart Church**. A number of priests will be available on the evening.

***“To celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation means to be wrapped in a warm embrace” Pope Francis***



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

# 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.



## Pymble Parish Nativity Play

### Join the Nativity Play - Spread the Joy of Christmas!

Be Part of a Timeless Tradition at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, West Pymble (OLPS), and Sacred Heart Church, Pymble Are you ready to be a star in our Nativity Play? We are calling all children to bring the magic of Christmas to life through this heartwarming production. Share the stage with us and make unforgettable memories!

**When:** Sunday, 24th December 2023  
**Time:** 5:00 PM - Mass at OLPS (Play participation only)  
 5:00 PM - Mass at Sacred Heart (Play or Choir participation)

If you would like to participate, please contact:

**Louise Johnston** - [louise.johnston@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:louise.johnston@dbb.catholic.edu.au) for the 5:00 PM Mass at OLPS or,  
**Liz Tamana** - [elizabethetamana@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethetamana@gmail.com) for the 5:00 PM Mass at Sacred Heart.

**RSVP by 24th November**

#### Sacred Heart Schedule:

##### Nativity Play Rehearsals:

- December 8th: 3:15 PM - 4:30 PM
- December 13th: 3:15 PM - 4:30 PM
- December 22nd: 9:30 AM

##### Choir & Music Rehearsals:

- December 22nd: 9:30 AM
- December 24th: 3:30 PM (before the 5:00 PM Mass)

Let's come together to celebrate the spirit of Christmas and create beautiful memories. Your participation and dedication will make this Nativity Play truly special. We look forward to sharing this magical experience with you!



## Music for Pymble Parish

**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:

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

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



## OLPS KIDS PLAY

### SCHOOL READINESS AND TODDLER PLAYGROUP

Fridays – during school term  
9.00 AM – 10.00 AM

OLPS Catholic Primary School  
64 Kendall St West Pymble 2073

Scan for dates and  
to register:



## 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](mailto:arrupehouse@sjasl.org.au).

## 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.



## SACRED HEART PYMBLE KIDS PLAY

**9:00 - 10:00 on  
Wednesday 29th November**

School readiness  
and toddler  
playgroup - available  
for all ages



Scan for  
details  
and to  
register



## Children's Liturgy at Pymble Parish

Children are welcome to join us at our Children's liturgies at both of our Churches. Children's Liturgy is a great way to engage and nourish the children of our Parish with the God's Word. The dates for Term 4 are as follows:



<b>Sacred Heart Sunday 9:30am Mass</b>	<b>OLPS Sunday 9am Mass</b>
<b>3 December</b>	<b>Every Sunday during School term</b>

## Thanksgiving Mass for our OLPS Volunteers Sunday 3 December 2023 at 9:00 am



Thank you and blessings to our Parishioners who have assisted throughout this year and in past years during our rich 63 year history.

Altar Servers

Acolytes

Readers

Musicians

Eucharistic ministers

Collection Counters

Altar Society (floral arrangements)

And the care and laundering of the Mass cloths

Your contribution to OLPS Parish life is so necessary and appreciated and we thank you most sincerely.

Please join us for morning tea after Mass.





**OLPS afternoon tea on 9th December after the 5pm mass.**  
**Please join us for a hot drink, cake and fellowship**

## Christmas Masses Volunteers

This festive season, immerse yourself in the joy of our Christmas Masses!

We're seeking volunteers to contribute their time and talents to make this festive season extra special.

If you are interested and willing to help please put your name down on the volunteer sheets which are located at the back of the church.



## OLPS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Monday 4 December at 6pm  
 in the playground. BYO chair and picnic.  
 All welcome!

Please note no parking on site

## Join the Christmas Eve Choir Celebration at the 9pm Mass!



Raise your voice in joyous harmony as we come together to sing at the **9pm Christmas Eve Mass**. The choir will kick off with some festive carols at 8:45pm. For those interested, there will be a rehearsal on **Wednesday, 13 December at 7pm**. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

For inquiries or to express your interest in joining the choir, please contact Annette Leahy at [annette.leahy1@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:annette.leahy1@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

Let the spirit of Christmas resound through our voices as we celebrate this special occasion together!

## Vinnies Commissioning Mass



On Sunday, 12 November 2023, the St Vincent de Paul Society Pymble Conference came together for a Commissioning Mass welcoming new members into the Conference. Also in attendance at the Mass were two past presidents, David Carson and Ted Bergin, together with the Society's Regional President, Barry Finch.

The Vinnies members and volunteers are vital to the work of the Society. They make an important contribution to the provision of services and activities that help the Society provide assistance to those in need. Members and volunteers are a fundamental part of the Society and are acknowledged as such. If you would like to join, or would like further information, please contact the Parish Office.



**Palms Australia**  
 Reach Beyond

## Volunteer Accountant/Finance Officer

Are you a retired Accountant looking to contribute your financial skills to a Catholic Charity?

[Palms\\_Australia](http://Palms_Australia) facilitates our response, as church, to global communities who seek mentors to build the capacity of their organisations and individuals and so reduce poverty. Securing a part-time volunteer Accountant will allow Palms to use more of their donations to recruit, prepare, send, and support the qualified and experienced Catholics who volunteer for our mission abroad.

Kevin Wilson will be delighted to discuss the possibilities.  
 Ph 9560 5333 OR E-mail [kevin@palms.org.au](mailto:kevin@palms.org.au)



# SALVATORIAN'S FOUNDATION DAY

142nd Anniversary of the Salvatorian Order

Join us to celebrate with Mass at 6pm followed by a light supper in the Jordan Room. All welcome!

8th December | St Patrick's Church Gosford



Please **RSVP** to the Parish office on  
02 9144 2702 or via email to  
[info@pymblecatholicparish.org.au](mailto:info@pymblecatholicparish.org.au) by  
**Monday, 27th November** for  
catering purposes.



ARE SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR OUR  
MEMORY INNOVATIONS CENTRE  
PROGRAMS

Are you noticing changes in your memory? Or are you feeling unsteady on your feet? You might like to join our Senior Living CatholicCare programs.

## LET'S GET MOVING

A group exercise class catering to all fitness and mobility levels. The exercises are designed to improve your cardiovascular fitness, strength and balance in a relaxed and fun atmosphere.

Tuesdays 11.00am – 12.00pm or 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Thursday 11.00am – 12.00pm or 1.30pm – 2.30pm

## BRAIN GAMES

Practical activities and games designed to stimulate the brain and encourage participants to engage in new and fun learning experiences. The sessions will involve problem solving, riddles, quizzes and app-based learning.

Tuesdays 12.15pm – 1.15pm

Thursday 12.15pm – 1.15pm

Classes will be held at our Waitara Family Centre, 29 Yardley Avenue. Fees start from \$10.00 per session. You can join anytime and one free trial lesson is available for all parishioners. To book in for a trial session or to receive more information, call CatholicCare on (02) 9481 2659, email [seniors@catholiccaredbb.org.au](mailto:seniors@catholiccaredbb.org.au) or visit [www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/mic](http://www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/mic).



**PASTORAL  
WORKS** Broken Bay

Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the pastoral charity of the Catholic community in Broken Bay.

Every gift makes a difference to someone in hospital, school, a parish or the wider community.

## Thank you for your generosity

**Confraternity of  
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Pymble Parish

## Readings and Carols on Christmas Eve

*Please* join in with a series of readings and carols as together we recall events surrounding the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ

**4:00pm, Sunday, 24 December 2023**

Followed by Mass at 5:00pm  
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour  
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# Liturgy of the Word

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Year A

**Entrance Antiphon**  
Apoc 5:12; 1-6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and divinity,  
and wisdom and strength and honour.  
To him belong glory and power for ever and  
ever.

**First Reading**  
Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17

**A reading from the prophet Ezekiel**

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

**Responsorial Psalm 22: 1-3, 5-6, R.v1**

**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

- 1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose. **(R.)**
- 2. Near restful waters he lead me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.  
He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name. **(R.)**
- 3. You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
- 4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow  
me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

**Second Reading**  
1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and

then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

**Gospel Acclamation**  
Mk 11:9,10

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!  
Alleluia!

**Gospel**  
Matthew 25: 31-46

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

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, “Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.” Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, “Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?” And the King will answer, “I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.” Next he will say to those on his left hand, “Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me.” Then it will be their turn to ask, “Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?” Then he will answer, “I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me.” And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.’

**Gospel Reflection**

**The lesson of separating goats and sheep at the end of the day**

Jesus' description of the "Son of Man", a Messianic title which points to the coming of God's anointed Ruler and Judge over the earth, and his parable about the separation of goats and sheep must have startled his audience. What does the separation of goats and sheep have to do with the Day of God's Judgement over the earth? In arid dry lands such as Palestine, goats and sheep often grazed together during the day because green pasture was sparse. At nightfall, when the shepherd brought the sheep and goats to their place of rest, he separated them into two groups. Goats by temperament are aggressive, domineering, restless, and territorial. They butt heads with their horns whenever they think someone is intruding on their space.

Goats came to symbolize evil and the expression "scape-goat" become a common expression for someone bearing blame or guilt for others. Jesus took our guilt and sins upon himself and nailed them to the cross. He payed the price to set us free from sin and death. Our choice is either to follow and obey him as our Lord and Saviour or to be our own master and go our own separate way apart from God's way of truth and righteousness.

We cannot remain neutral or indifferent to the commands of Christ. If we do not repent of our wrongdoing and obey the Gospel we cannot be disciples of the Lord Jesus nor inherit his kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy. Separation of the good from the bad is inevitable because one way leads to sin, rebellion, and death and the other way leads to purification, peace, and everlasting life with God.

**On the day of judgment Jesus will ask "whom did you love"?**

When the Lord Jesus comes again as Judge and Ruler over all, he will call each one of us to stand before his seat of judgment to answer the question - who did you love and put first in this life? Inordinate love of self crowds out love of God and love of neighbor. Those who put their faith in Jesus Christ and follow his way of love and righteousness will not be disappointed. They will receive the just reward - life and peace with God in his everlasting kingdom.

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## Pymble Parish Roster 2/3 December 2023

Sacred Heart (Pymble)	Saturday 5.30pm	Sunday 7.45am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 6.00pm
Acolytes	L Hopcroft	T McLeod	G Curtis	E Leahy
Altar Servers	J Ulevik M & G Heng	Volunteers	E Bowe E Foote	A & I Woo
Music	L Drinkwater M Lulan	Quiet Mass	A Castillo	T Sato
Projector	J Witcombe	P Tang	A Johnston	G Jose
Readers	M Collins	L Treacy	R Bordignon	E Thomas L Joshi
Altar Society	2 December: Jan / Teresa / Marie			
Counters	3 December: A Mazzei / A Perera / C Gwynn			
OLPS (West Pymble)	Saturday 5.00pm	Sunday 9.00am		
Acolytes	G Lynch	A Mazzei		
Altar Servers	J Booth J Wiblin	L & Z Dunsford		
Readers	V Mazzei	F Barnden		
Music and Projector				
Altar Cloth	2 December: N Simpkins			

## Children's Corner

Fill in the spaces using the words below

When I was hungry, you gave me something to \_\_\_\_.

When I was thirsty, you gave me something to \_\_\_\_.

When I was a stranger, you \_\_\_\_\_ me.

When I was naked, you gave me \_\_\_\_\_ to wear.

When I was sick, you took \_\_\_\_\_ of me.

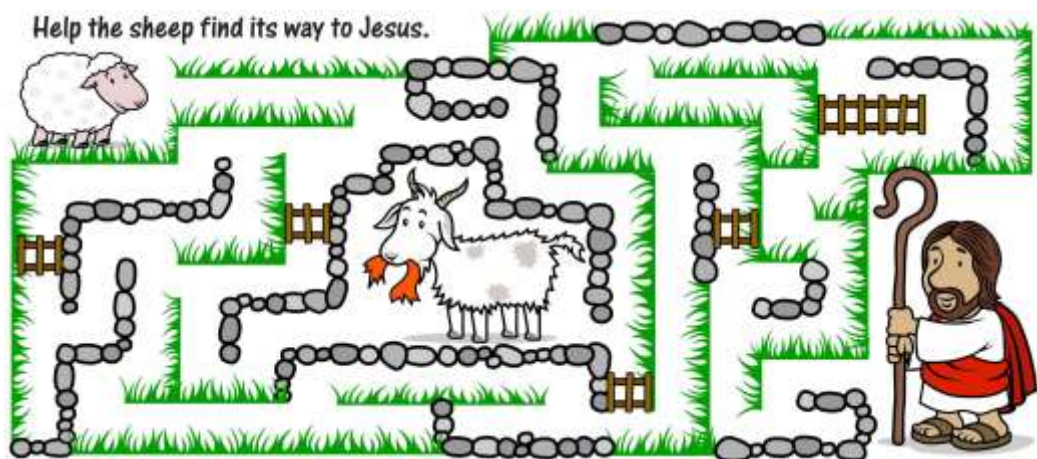
When I was in gaol, you \_\_\_\_\_ me.

welcomed    drink    care  
eat    clothes    visited



Jesus says when we do something good for others we also do it for him. Draw a picture of yourself performing an act of kindness.

Help the sheep find its way to Jesus.





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