Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

27 August 2023



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



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

Matthew 16:13



Praying through Matthew 16

Heavenly Father, what a blessing it is to confess Jesus Christ as God and Saviour. Thank You for making Yourself known to the children of men, and thank You for convicting me of sin, righteousness, and judgement, so that I too can declare with Simon Peter and with all the saints, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Continue to guide me into all truth, I pray, and may my life be a testimony to the truth that Christ alone has the words of eternal life. In Jesus' name, AMEN.

Source: https://prayer.knowing-jesus.com/Matthew/16



Please contact the Parish office on 9144 2702 or via email on office@pymblecatholicparish.org. au for Baptism enquiries.

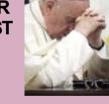
POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST

For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth

Day in Lisbon will help young people to live

and witness the Gospel in their own lives.



Prayer for the Intercession of Blessed Francis Jordan

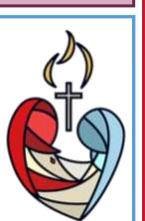
Lord Jesus Christ, Saviour of the world, you called Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan to be your apostle, to make God known and loved by all people everywhere, using all the means your love inspires. You filled him with universal apostolic zeal, with a deep trust in God's loving providence, with a profound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

Our upcoming Baptism Formation Class will be held on:

Monday, 18 September 2023 7:30pm at Sacred Heart Church

Bookings are essential.

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



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 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

Youtube QR code:



Podbean QR code:



PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

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OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

Principal: Jodi Jefferson Telephone: (02) 7256 2101 www.olpsdbb.catholic.edu.au

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour School

The Early Church - Religion in Year 6

This term the Senior Learning Hub has been focusing on the Big **Question** -

What do the early Church scriptures contribute to the understanding of how modern disciples can build community in the Church today?

We have investigated and discussed:

What are the early Church scriptures?

How and why is it important for people to build community?

How can we learn from the 'Acts of the Apostles' about how the early Christians built community?

What can we learn about how Saints Peter and Paul built community from the Acts of the Apostles and the Letters of St Paul?





Student responses

Acts 2: 47-47 Life Among the Believers and Acts 4:32-37 The Believers Share Their Possession

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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

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What the Year 6 students have to say:

"I like learning about Religion because it brings me closer to God."

"It inspires me to continue the work of the Early Church's Apostles and be a modern-day disciple."

"We have learnt about the Early Church and Pentecost. We are fortunate to have the Apostles because without their bravery Christianity wouldn't be what it is today."

WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARIS		m 1 • • • •
Sunday, 27 AugustSocial Justice Sunday7:45amMass at Sacred Heart9:00amMass at OLPS9:30amFamily Mass at Sacred Heart	Thursday, 31 August9:00amMass at Sacred Heart7:00pmPymble Men's Fellowship Meeting7:00pmParish Pastoral Council meeting	To be saints is not a privilege for the
6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart	Friday, 1 September First Friday Visitations	few, but a vocation
Tuesday, 29 August	World Day of Prayer for Creation	iew, but a vocation
St Augustine, bishop, doctor (Memorial)9:00amMass at Sacred Heart12:00pmMass at OLPS	9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart with Adoration and Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus	for everyone.
7:00pmFormed: The Eucharist7:30pmCharismatic Prayer Group	10:00am Bible Study via ZOOM	
	Saturday, 2 September	
Wednesday, 30 August	9:00am Mass at OLPS	
The Passion of St John the Baptist(Memorial)9:00amMass at Sacred Heart	5:00pm Mass at OLPS 5:30pm Mass at Sacred Heart	
7:00pm Parish Finance Committee	Sunday, 3 September	
meeting	Support Your Priest Sunday	
	 7:45am Mass at Sacred Heart 9:00am Mass at OLPS 9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart, followed by morning tea 	Pope Francis
	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:

David Tarrant, Anthony Dixon, Anne Seeto, Concetta Giaquinto, Michael Ludemann, Albert Chan, Nona Gutierrez, Peter Lenehan, Andrew Patterson, Monica Lamond, Yu Oi Lau, Jann Brassil, Gilda Ramos Lizardo, Lilas Roche, Alice Chapman, Nancy Constantin, Marie Letts

Death Anniversaries:

May Lan Mary Seeto, Ronald Chandler, Alison De Marco, Joseph Malouf, Julia Pinkerton, Betty Campbell, Clare Rogerson, Ranjan Fernando, Roshan Perera, Christopher Drinkwater, Norah Kneafsey, Norman Li, Andrew Law, William Dwyer, Maria Margaret Palmer, Joseph Lin, Teresa Butler, John McLeod,

Prayers for the sick:

Colleen Hussin, Danny Ung, Ryan Kim, David Gardener, Sarinder Tamana

Weekly prayer intention:

This week we pray that our hears and minds be good soil, in which the seed of God's Word, can be sown into. We pray that we can thrive and live out the abundant life God intended for us. 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.

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.

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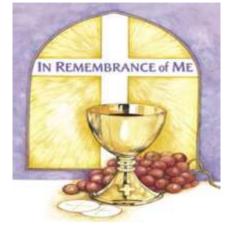
Many parishes are in need of funding to restore buildings, improve facilities and expand on services for the community. The pastoral outreach that has been important to you will continue for our children, our grandchildren and future generations to of Catholics. If you would like more information on Gifts in Wills, please contact Fr. Ireneusz. Email: Fr.ireneusz@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

First Eucharist at Pymble Parish

Congratulations to the youth of our Parish who received Communion for the first time over the past two weeks at both OLPS and Sacred Heart Churches.

> Our parish was blessed to have 90 candidates prepare for this joyous sacrament.

Please continue to pray for these children, and their families, as they continue on their ever-evolving faith journey.



St John Chrysostom (349-407) reminds us that Jesus who said "This is my Body" also said "I was hungry and you gave me to eat."

We are nourished and strengthened by the Body of Christ that we may be the Body of Christ for others.

First Eucharist at Sacred Heart last weekend





BIBLE UPDATE

Your generous donations have enabled us to provide Bibles to public school students in Years 5 to 10 who are enrolled in

Catechist Ministry

Do you have 30 minutes a week to spread the Good News? We are in need of catechists to support the children in our five public school with their faith formation. Training, teacher manuals, student workbooks, and resources are provided: no previous experience required. If you are retired, at university, have flexible working arrangements or just seeking a way to give back to the community: join us!

Schools requiring catechists across one or more year groups are the following:

Gordon East Public School - Tuesdays 9:15 - 9:45am Turramurra Public School - Wednesdays 9:15 - 9:45am Turramurra Public School - Wednesdays 9:55 - 10:25am Pymble Public School - Wednesdays 1:40 - 2:10pm Pymble Public School - Wednesdays 2:15 - 2:45pm Gordon West Public School - Wednesdays 12:30 - 1pm

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

Contact Michele in the Parish office for more details at michele@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Children's Liturgy at Pymble Parish



Children are welcome to join us at our Children's liturgies at both of our Churches:

Sacred Heart	OLPS		
Sunday 9:30am Mass	Saturday 5pm Mass		
3 & 17 September	Every Saturday during School term		

CHATSWOOD PARISH & CATHOLIC VOCATIONS BROKEN BAY INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR THE

port our Broken Bay Seminarians and help

Catholic scripture.

These Bibles assist catechists in spreading the Word of God.

We raised \$1536 dollars, allowing us to purchase 110 Bibles for distribution.

Thank you to the members of the Bible Study Group who contributed \$1,106, with the remainder contributed by the wider community.





o PYMBLE MORNING TEA

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9:30am Mass Sunday, 3 September 2023

Please join in to thank Fr Ireneusz and Fr Paul for their dedication serving our Pymble community



SYDNEY Ignite Conference 23 Sydney

4:00 pm Thursday to 1:30 pm Sunday Thursday, 28 September - Sunday, 1 October 2023 Broken Bay Cathedral Precinct 27 Yardley Avenue Waitara

SAVE THE DATE PARISH PICNIC

12pm to 3pm, Sunday, 15 October 2023 Caley's Patio Ku Ring Gai Wildflower Garden 420 Mona Vale Road St Ives

BYO food, drink and picnic equipment

Caley's Patio is a private garden bushland setting in the Wildflower Garden. The covered Patio overlooks an attractive garden area and has electric BBQs, tables and chairs. A children's playground is within walking distance.



Want to know more about your Catholic faith?

What is God's plan for your life?



The Parish R.C.I.A. program might be just what you are looking for.

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program will give you an understanding of what the church teaches and how you can enjoy an AUTHENTIC and JOYFUL life as a Catholic.

We will be meeting once a week on Wednesday evenings 7:30pm – 9pm starting mid September, and concluding at Easter next year. Each session will look at a different aspect of our faith and have a discussion about it.

Join over 2,000 high schoolers, young adults, leaders, teachers, priests and religious taking part in a life changing encounter with God and His Church. **For full details check out** <u>www.igniteconference.com.au</u>

Aid to the Church in Need ACN AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND Young people in Paraguay but they also support the families, visit the sick and the elderly, bring Holy Communion to those in need, give catechetical instruction and support disadvantaged with practical help and advice.

To learn more and to make an offering visit <u>www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject</u> or scan the QR code.



People who have done the course previously have said that it was a life -changing experience and they really enjoyed the interaction with other participants.

There is no cost for the course.

For more detail or to register please contact the Parish on: **9144 2702** or info@pymblecatholicparish.org.au



Liturgy of the Word Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Entrance Antiphon	could ever give him anything or lend him	in calling him Son of the living God, Peter
Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;	anything? All that exists comes from him; all is	indicates that Christ himself is life and that
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.	by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.	death has no authority over him. And even if
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all	Amen.	the flesh, for a short while, was weak and died,
the day long.	Gospel Acclamation	nevertheless it rose again, since the Word, who indwelled it, could not be held under the
First Reading	Alleluia, alleluia!	bonds of death.
Isaiah 22: 19-23	You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my	
	Church;	Jesus plays on Peter's name which is the same
A reading from the prophet Isaiah	The gates of hell will not hold out against it.	word for "rock" in both Aramaic and Greek. To
Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the	Alleluia!	call someone a "rock" is one of the greatest of
master of the palace:		compliments. The ancient rabbis had a saying that when God saw Abraham, he exclaimed: "I
	Gospel	have discovered a rock to found the world
I dismiss you from the office,	Mt 16: 13-20	upon". Through Abraham God established a
I remove you from your post,	A reading from the holy Gospel according to	nation for himself. Through faith Peter grasped
and the same day I call on my servant	Matthew	who Jesus truly was. He was the first apostle
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.		to recognize Jesus as the Anointed One
I invest him with your robe,	When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea	(Messiah and Christ) and the only begotten Son of God. The New Testament describes the
grid him with your sash,	Philippi he put this question to his disciples,	church as a spiritual house or temple with each
entrust him with your authority;	'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist,	member joined together as living stones (see 1
and he shall be a father	some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the	Peter 2:5). Faith in Jesus Christ makes us into
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem	prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I	rocks or spiritual stones.
and to the House of Judah.	am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the	
I place the key of the House of David	Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus	Jesus then confers on Peter authority to govern the church that Jesus would build, a
on his shoulder;	replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that	
should he open, no one shall close,	revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So	
should he close, no one shall open.	I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock	Christ himself. Epiphanius, a 6th century
I drive him like a peg	I will build my Church. And the gates of the	
into a firm place;	underworld can never hold out against it. I will	early church commentaries from Greek into Latin, explains the significance of Jesus
he will become a throne of glory	give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered	handing down the "keys of the kingdom":
for his father's house.	bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth	
	shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he	For Christ is a rock which is never disturbed or
Responsorial Psalm	gave the disciples strict orders not to tell	worn away. Therefore Peter gladly received his
(R.) Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake	anyone that he was the Christ.	name from Christ to signify the established and unshaken faith of the church. The devil is the
the work of your hands.		gateway of death who always hastens to stir
	Gospel Reflection	up against the holy church calamities and
 I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. 	Meditation: At an opportune time Jesus tests	temptations and persecutions. But the faith of
On the day I called, you answered;	his disciples with a crucial question: Who do	the apostle, which was founded upon the rock
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)	men say that I am and who do you say that I am?	of Christ, abides always unconquered and
	He was widely recognized in Israel as a mighty	unshaken. And the very keys of the kingdom of the heavens have been handed down so that
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love	man of God, even being compared with the	one whom he has bound on earth has been
which excel all we ever knew of you.	greatest of the prophets, John the Baptist,	bound in heaven, and one whom he has set

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

free on earth he has also set free in heaven.

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The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)

On the day I called, you answered;

Second Reading

Romans 11: 33-36

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who

have revealed this to Peter; but only God.

Elijah, and Jeremiah. Peter, always quick to

respond, exclaimed that he was the Christ, the

Son of the living God. No mortal being could

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

Peter did not say "you are a Christ" or "a son of God" but "**the** Christ, **the** Son of God." For there are many christs [meaning *anointed ones*] by grace, who have attained the rank of adoption [as sons], but [there is] only one who is by nature the Son of God. Thus, using the definite article, he said, the Christ, the Son of God. And

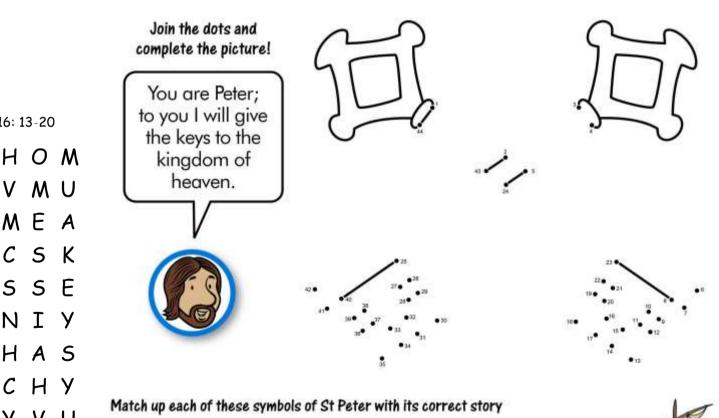
Lord Jesus, I profess and believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God. You are my Lord and my Savior. Make my faith strong like Peter's and give me boldness to speak of you to others that they may come to know you personally as Lord and Savior and grow in the knowledge of your great love. © SERVANTS OF THE WORD 2023

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	Pymble Parish	Roster 2/3 Septe	mber 2023		
Sacred Heart (Pymble)	Saturday 5.30pm	Sunday 7.45am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 6.oopm	
Acolytes	L Hopcroft	J Walton	T McLeod	E Leahy	
Altar Servers	A Centofanti	Volunteers	E Foote	S Marawan	
Music	L Drinkwater M Drylie	Quiet Mass	A Castillo	T Sato	
Projector	J Witcombe	C Greedy	A Johnston	A Pinto	
Readers	L Menzies	M Dias	R Bordignon	Youth Mass	
Altar Society	2 September: Jan / Teresa / Marie				
Counters	3 September: J Li / C Gwynn / M Boland				
OLPS (West Pymble)	Saturday 5.00pm		Sunday 9.00am		
Acolytes	J Pease		M D'Silva		
Altar Servers	E & Z V	/ictor	W Saba M Jordan		
Readers	G Lyı	nch	M Walz		
Music and Projector	M M K Had D Bla	dirck	K & P Rodrigues		
Altar Cloth	2 September: P Ryan				

Children's Corner

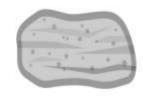
WORD SEARCH Who do you say I am? - Mt 16: 13-20 LLQCNQELIJAHOM RNBNUQBEPOWVMU M N L E V K D W X Y K M E A HMCKCDEYZVBCS K HHDISCIPLESS E F JUCNDFPMKUNIY S ERSONPETERHAS F RCJULXLICNCHY Ο KEHBAPTISTHYVU



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Try to find these words:

Baptist	Jeremiah	Rock
Church	Keys	Son
Disicples	Living	
Elijah	Messiah	
God	Peter	

Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say I am?" Peter replied, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus told Peter that he would be the foundation upon which the church would be built. When Jesus first met Peter and his brother Andrew he said to them, "Follow me!" Immediately they stopped what they were doing and followed Jesus. Jesus told his disciples that they would desert him. Peter told Jesus he would never desert him, but Jesus predicted that Peter would deny him three times.

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

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