



# 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.*

**CELEBRATING THE JUBILEE YEAR**



There he settled in a town called Nazareth.  
In this way the words spoken through the  
prophets were to be fulfilled. Matthew 2:15



### FAMILY PRAYER

God made us a family  
We need one another  
We love one another  
We forgive one another  
We work together  
We play together  
We worship together  
Together we use God's word  
Together we grow in Christ  
Together we love all men  
Together we serve our God  
Together we hope for Heaven  
These are our hopes and ideals  
Help us to attain them,  
O God, Through Jesus Christ  
Our Lord



### Pymble Parish Office Christmas Break

The Parish Office is currently  
closed and will reopen on  
**Thursday, 8 January 2026.**

You can still contact us via email:  
[office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au](mailto:office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au)



**Pope Leo XIV's**  
official prayer  
intention for  
December

### For Christians in Conflict

Let us pray that those who are  
struggling with suicidal thoughts  
might find the support, care and  
love they need in their community,  
and be open to the beauty of life.



### 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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### Contact Us

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!

**A warm  
welcome  
to all our  
Parishioners  
and visitors who  
are participating  
in Mass with us  
this weekend.**





WHAT’S ON IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, 28 December

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Feast)

- 8:00am Mass at OLPS (Quiet Mass)
- 9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart
- 5:30pm Reconciliation at Sacred Heart
- 6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart

Tuesday, 30 December

- 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

Wednesday, 31 December

Collect of St Sylvester I, pope (Optional)

- 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

Thursday, 1 January

Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Solemnity)

- 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

Friday, 2 January

Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops, doctors (Memorial)

- 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart with First Friday Devotion and Adoration and Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday, 3 January

- 9:00am Mass at OLPS with First Saturday Devotion with Adoration and Prayers for New Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
- 5:00pm Mass at OLPS

Sunday, 4 January

The Epiphany of the Lord

- 8:00am Mass at OLPS (Quiet Mass)
- 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:

Diana Tam, Sandra Sinclair, Joe Pereira, John Clark, Ada Yu, Joe Pereira, Anthony Machedo, Graham Lynch, Gilbert Tomlinson

Death Anniversaries:

Elizabeth Megawati Bambang, Joe Dias, Joan Catherine Bernie, Bernardino Castillo, Frances Pettengill, Frieda Nassar, Rosario S. Ortiz,


Prayers for the sick:

Stan Brataniec, Craig Shepherd, Daniel Fileman, Maria Witebsky, Tom Ryan, Jan Drobczyk, Janusz Czech, Elliot Leahy

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.



### Brief and Simple Homilies for Everyone



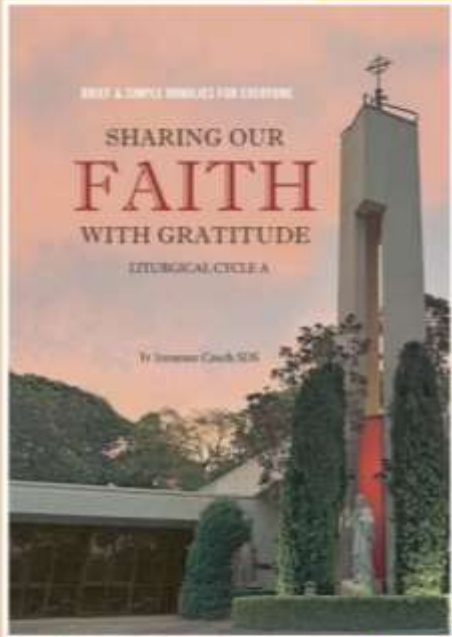
### Sharing Our Faith With Gratitude

### Liturgical Cycle A

By Ireneusz Czech SDS

*Dedicated to the Salvatorian Priests and to the Faithful of Pymble Catholic Parish in grateful recognition of their devoted service and cooperation in building a Christ-centred community of love and mercy for the past twenty-five years*

A chapter for each Sunday with the Gospel passage followed by reflections and meditations tailored to that day’s themes



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Paper copy available in parish churches \$30ea

# PYMBLE PARISH

# 2026 ROSTERS

We are currently preparing the 2026 Rosters. We need your help to continue making our Parish vibrant and welcoming!

### Current Volunteers

If you are currently on the 2025 roster and would like to continue in 2026, please let us know.

### New Volunteers Welcome!

Interested in joining? We’d love to hear from you! There are many ways you can contribute:

- Readers
- Acolytes
- Altar Servers
- Altar Society
- Counters
- Children’s Liturgy
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Music & Projector Team
- Welcome Ministers
- Wardens

### How to Sign Up or Confirm

- Speak to one of our parish team members after Mass.
- Contact us via email at [office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au](mailto:office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au)
- Call the parish office at 02 9144 2702.

Let’s work together to make 2026 a wonderful year for our Parish!





# Liturgy of the Word

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Year A

**Entrance Antiphon**      Luke 2:16

The shepherds went in haste,  
and found Mary and Joseph and the infant  
lying in a manger.

**First Reading**      Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14

**A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus**

The Lord honours the father in his children,  
and upholds the rights of a mother over her  
sons.  
Whoever respects his father is atoning for his  
sins.  
he who honours his mother is like someone  
amassing a fortune.  
Whoever respects his father will be happy with  
children of his own,  
he shall be heard on the day when he prays.  
Long life comes to him who honours his  
father,  
he who sets his mother at ease is showing  
obedience to the Lord.  
My son, support your father in his old age,  
do not grieve him during his life.  
Even if his mind should fail, show him  
sympathy,  
do not despise him in your health and  
strength;  
for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten  
but will serve as reparation for your sins.

**Responsorial Psalm**      Ps 127: 1-5 R. see v.1

**(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord and  
walk in his ways.**

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table. **(R.)**
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
all the days of your life! **(R.)**

**Second Reading**      Colossians 3: 12-21

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the  
Colossians**

You are God’s chosen race, his saints; he loves  
you and you should be clothed in sincere  
compassion, in kindness and humility,  
gentleness and patience. Bear with one  
another; forgive each other as soon as a  
quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now  
you must do the same. Over all these clothes,  
to keep them together and complete them,  
put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign  
in your hearts, because it is for this that you  
were called together as parts of one body.

Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find  
a home with you. Teach each other, and advise  
each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your  
hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired  
songs to God; and never say or do anything  
except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving  
thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you  
should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives  
and treat them with gentleness. Children, be  
obedient to your parents always, because that  
is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive  
your children to resentment or you will make  
them feel frustrated.

**Gospel Acclamation**      Colossians 3: 15, 16

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
and the fullness of his message live within you.  
*Alleluia!*

**Gospel**      Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23

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

After the wise men had left, the angel of the  
Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said,  
‘Get up, take the child and his mother with you,  
and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell  
you, because Herod intends to search for the  
child and do away with him.’ So Joseph got up  
and, taking the child and his mother with him,  
left that night for Egypt, where he stayed  
until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the  
Lord had spoken through the prophet:

I called my son out of Egypt.

After Herod’s death, the angel of the Lord  
appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and  
said, ‘Get up, take the child and his mother with  
you and go back to the land of Israel, for those  
who wanted to kill the child are dead.’ So Joseph  
got up and, taking the child and his mother with  
him, went back to the land of Israel. But when he  
learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his father  
Herod as ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there,  
and being warned in a dream he left for the  
region of Galilee. There he settled in a town  
called Nazareth. In this way the words spoken  
through the prophets were to be fulfilled:

He will be called a Nazarene.

**Gospel Reflection**

**Meditation:** Like all godly Jewish parents,  
Joseph and Mary raised the child Jesus in the  
reverence and wisdom of the Lord. Joseph was  
given a unique task as the guardian and  
protector of Mary and of Jesus. What can we  
learn from the example and witness of Joseph?  
Joseph is a man of God, a man of  
unquestioning obedience and willing service.  
He is a man of prayer and a man of God's word.  
Through faith he recognized the hand of God  
in the mystery of the Incarnation - the Son of  
God taking on flesh as the son of the virgin  
Mary.

Joseph is a man of action, diligent in the care  
of his family and ready to do the Lord's  
bidding. Joseph fearlessly set aside his own  
plans when God called him to "take to the  
road" and to leave his familiar surroundings -  
his home, friends and relatives, and the  
security of his livelihood in order to pursue a  
hidden mission God entrusted to him as the  
guardian of the newborn King.

God has a plan for each one of us. With the  
plan God gives grace and the assurance of his  
guiding hand and care. Do you trust your  
heavenly Father for his plan for your life? Are  
you willing to sacrifice your own plans for the  
sake of God's plan? Are you willing to give God  
unquestioning service and to pursue whatever  
mission he gives you?

**Lord Jesus, make me a faithful servant of your  
word and guardian of your truth. Help me to  
obey you willingly, like Joseph and Mary, with  
unquestioning trust and with joyful hope.**

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As we are expecting more parishioners and their families and friends as well as visitors these Holidays, could we request that if you are able to volunteer and fill any of the available positions, please arrive to Mass at least 15 minutes before its commencing and let the Priest know that you are available.

Rosters for 2026 will be available by the end of January 2026.

Many thanks for your help!

Pymble Parish Roster 3/4 January 2026		
Sacred Heart (Pymble)	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 6.00pm
Acolytes	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed
Music	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed
Projector	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed
Readers	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed
Counters	4 January: J Li / J Witcombe / C Gwynn	
Altar Society	3 January:	
OLPS (West Pymble)	Saturday 5.00pm	Sunday 8.00am
Acolytes	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed
Altar Servers	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed
Music and Projector	Volunteers needed	Quiet Mass
Altar Cloth	3 January: N Simpkins	



Pymble Catholic Parish

# Christmas Break

Parish groups taking a break over the Christmas New Year period will resume as below

Office: Thursday, 8 January 2026

RCIA: Monday, 19 January 2026

Charismatic Prayer Group: Tuesday, 3 February 2026

Men's Fellowship: Tuesday, 4 February 2026

Bible Study: Friday, 6 February 2026

We wish everyone all the blessings of Christmas

SAVE THE DATE



# Cocktail Party



**SAT  
07  
FEB  
2026**

OLPS Church  
Following 5pm Mass