Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

5 February 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



Matthew 5:8

PYMBLE PARISH NOTICE

Fr Paul is currently on leave and will return 16th Feb 2023.

Fr lrek will be away at a retreat this weekend (27 - 29JAN).

Fr Michael McShane SJ and Fr David Strong SJ and Fr Sam French will assist with our Masses during this time.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

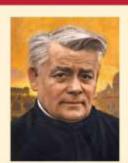
For Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonders of our being, for mind, body and spirit. Be with our children as they begin a new school year. Bless them, their parents, and their teachers and staff. Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and peace and zeal to their spirits. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



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.



Father Paul, may the Lord's blessings continue to be with you and your family, and may His words continue to move you from strength to strength. we wish you all the best and many more birthdays to come. 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:



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OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

Principal: Mrs Sue Host **Telephone:** (02) 9498 6060 www.olpsdbb.catholic.edu.au



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Salvatorian Australia Pilgrimage

A Salvatorian Australia pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon. A 16-day trip to Rome, Lisbon and Fátima.

For pilgrimage details, please use the QR code or email contact.

Contact: sdsau.wyd2023@gmail.com

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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 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

Fift in your 4

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.

Scan the QR code to

register your interest

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 Many parishes are in need of funding to restore buildings, improve facilities and expand on services for the PARISH 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

WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK				N If and I and the state			
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The Rosary is recited after all weekday Masses .				(1842 - 1909)			

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:

Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI, Cardinal George Pell, Patricia (Trish) McGrath, Francesco Allen Lazzaron.

Death Anniversaries:

Melba Sequeira, Franklin Gonsalves, Mary-ellen Philomena Lyons, Orfeo Calacoci.

Prayers for the sick:

Weekly prayer intention:

This week we pray for bishops around the world, that first and last they will be disciples of Jesus and bearers of good news. 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.



ensure that no one is taken advantage of within our Parish.

If you have any concern about the treatment of a child, young person or anyone within our parish environment, please approach myself directly or Daniela Foote within the parish office on 02 9144 2702.

Alternatively, you may wish to contact Ana Cosi, Safeguarding Manager (Chancery & Churches) on 02 8379 1651.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Ireneusz Czech SDS



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

Our upcoming Baptism Formation Class will be held on:

Monday, 13February 2023 7:30pm at Sacred Heart Church

Bookings are essential.



PSVP by 6 February to Marie D Alessandri on marie@dalla.netau

WELCOME TO PYMBLE CATHOLIC PARISH!

If you are new to our Parish or would like to update your family details, please complete the Parish Household Registration Form. This form is available at the back of both churches or can be requested by emailing info@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

> For more information please contact the Parish Office on 9144 2702 or visit our Web site www.pymblecatholicparish.org.au





of Volunteers

We need:

- Musicians/Singers
- A music co-ordinator
- People for our Projector service
- Readers

Thank You!

Thank you to Tom Ryan for 30 years of service as a catechist. Tom's Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday was orchestrated by Father Michael who extended his gratitude for Tom's service on behalf of the Pymble community. Tom spoke beautifully and reflected on his time volunteering at Gordon West Public School. He offered thanks for the opportunity to have represented the Parish as a catechist and encouraged others to volunteer for the CCD ministry. Again, thank you Tom for your humble, generous spirit, and sharing the love and knowledge of your faith with our community's youth.







INVITATION TO JOIN US VISITING THE LONELY TUESDAY 31 JANUARY AT 6.30 PM TO 7.30 PM AT SACRED HEART **CHURCH MEETING ROOMS**

Would you like to be part of a rewarding opportunity to live the gospel?

Loneliness and social isolation are a modern epidemic. Can you find an hour each month to do something about it?

Our enthusiastic Vinnies group visits residents in two local aged care facilities who have little or no social contact with anyone outside of their home. They are wonderful, interesting people with much to offer, and we try to enliven their lives.

No special skills are needed and you can, after your initial introduction

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



to our group, visit at times that suit you. Volunteers of all ages are needed and welcome.

If you would like to know more, please call Carolynne on 0415963642 or just turn up next Tuesday evening for a quick, cheerful and social catchup.

In addition, the Pymble Conference will be hosting a sausage sizzle at Bunnings in Pymble on Sunday 12th February. If you happen to have a spare hour or two that day, we would be very grateful for any help you may be able to offer in staffing the event. Please contact Lise Treacy on 0422092845.

Sacramental Program 2023

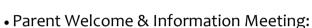


<u>Confirmation (candidates must be aged 8 or older)</u>

 Parent Welcome & Information Meeting: 	Thursday 27th of April at 730pm at Sacred Heart
 Preparation Program: 	over 4-weeks in April and May with home-based or parish-facilitated group
Presentation Mass:	Saturday 29 th of April or Sunday 30 th of April, any mass, either church
Practice:	Thursday 18th of May at 4pm OR 5pm at Sacred Heart
• Service:	21 st of May at Sacred Heart 11.30am OR 1.30pm

Reconciliation (candidates must be aged 9 or older and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation)

R	Parent Welcome & Information Meeting:	Thursday 18 th of May at 730pm at Sacred Heart (combined with First Communion)
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	Presentation Mass:	Sunday 28th May, any mass, either church.
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lk	First Eucharist:	



- Preparation Program:
- Presentation Mass:
- Go to confession at least one more time prior to First Communion:
- Practice: Communion
 - Service:

Thursday 18th of May at 730pm at Sacred Heart (combined with First Reconciliation) over 4-weeks in July and August (Term 3) with nominated group Saturday 5th of August or Sunday 6th of August, any mass, either church

930am Saturday at OLPS OR 830am Friday, 5pm Saturday, 530pm Sunday at SH Thursday 10th August at 4pm at OLPS OR Thursday 17th August at 4pm at SH Sunday 10th August at 11am at OLPS OR Sunday 20th August at 1130am at SH

For more information please visit our website <u>https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/pymble/sacraments/sacramental-program</u> or contact Melanie (Sacramental Coordinator) at melaanie@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Can we call you ?

Our bible study group members would like to walk the talk!

If you are lonely or sick, housebound or elderly, or would just like to talk with someone, our friendly bible study group members would like to give you a call.

Please contact the office on 9144 2702 and we will get in touch with you.

Sacred Heart Pymble Bible Study Group



A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: ACN is Church in Need the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church.

Aid to the Church in Need is asking for support to aid sisters in Kenya in



ACYF is Back!

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival is coming back! And we are counting down to this event which will be held in Melbourne in 2024! An event that provides the opportunity for thousands of young people to gather and share their love for Jesus, together!

The festival is held over a few days, providing young Catholics from across the country an opportunity for encounter, formation, discussion, connection and evangelisation. Further details will be provided as information is released this year!

building a new mother house and formation centre for their local community. Hunger, illiteracy, and lack of medical provision, combined with desperately poor roads and a lack of clean drinking water make life incredibly difficult for many people in Kenya. The diocesan congregation of the "Visitation Daughters of the Immaculate Heart" were established in order to help this needy population - but to continue their work they need your help! The sisters' work includes caring for expectant mothers, acting as midwives, providing counselling, caring for the sick and looking after the elderly and orphans who are frequently abandoned by society. Your support will help these sisters to continue their

mission by providing them with a permanent

convent.

To make an offering and learn more visit <u>https://</u> aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject or scan the Qr code.





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Liturgy of the Word Fourth Sunday in Ordinary time

Entrance Antiphon

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

First Reading

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

- It is the lord who keeps faith forever, Who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
- It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger And upholds the widow and orphan. (R.)
- It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading

everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; Your reward will be great in heaven . Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge
in the name of the Lord.Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There
he sat down and was joined by his disciples.They will do no wrong,
will tell no lies;Then he began to speak. This is what he taught
them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'.

Gospel Reflection

What is the good life which God intends for us? And how is it related with the ultimate end or purpose of life? Is it not our desire and longing for true *happiness*, which is none other than the complete good, the sum of all goods, leaving nothing more to be desired? Jesus addresses this question in his sermon on the mount. The heart of Jesus' message is that we can live a very happy life. The call to holiness, to be saints who joyfully pursue God's will for their lives, can be found in these eight beatitudes. Jesus' beatitudes sum up our calling or vocation - to live a life of the beatitudes. The word *beatitude* literally means "happiness" or "blessedness".

God gives us everything that leads to true happiness

What is the significance of Jesus' beatitudes, and why are they so central to his teaching? The beatitudes respond to the natural desire for happiness that God has placed in every heart. They teach us the final end to which God calls us, namely the coming of God's kingdom (Matthew 4:17), the vision of God (Matthew 5:8; 1 John 2;1), entering into the joy of the Lord (Matthew 25:21-23) and into his rest (Hebrews 4:7-11). Jesus' beatitudes also confront us with decisive choices concerning the life we pursue here on earth and the use we make of the goods he puts at our disposal.

Jesus tells us that God alone can satisfy the deepest need and longing of our heart. Teresa of Avila's (1515-1582) prayer book contained a bookmark on which she wrote: Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you. All things pass - God never changes. Patience achieves all it strives for. Whoever has God lacks nothing -God alone suffices.

Is God enough for you? God offers us the greatest good possible - abundant life in Jesus Christ (John 10:10) and the promise of unending joy and happiness with God forever. Do you seek the *highest good*, the total good, which is above all else?

The beatitudes are a sign of contradiction to the world's way of happiness

The beatitudes which Jesus offers us are a sign of contradiction to the world's understanding of happiness and joy. How can one possibly find happiness in poverty, hunger, mourning, and persecution? Poverty of spirit finds ample room and joy in possessing God as the greatest treasure possible. Hunger of the spirit seeks nourishment and strength in God's word and Spirit. Sorrow and mourning over wasted life and sin leads to joyful freedom from the burden of guilt and spiritual oppression.

God reveals to the humble of heart the true source of abundant life and happiness. Jesus promises his disciples that the joys of heaven will more than compensate for the troubles and hardships they can expect in this world. Thomas Aquinas said: "No one can live without joy. That is why a person deprived of spiritual joy goes after carnal pleasures." Do you know the happiness of hungering and thirsting for God alone?

1 Cor 1:26-31

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are

Lord Jesus, increase my hunger for you and show me the way that leads to everlasting peace and happiness. May I desire you above all else and find perfect joy in doing your will

© 2023 DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS AND MEDITATIONS

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	Pymble Parish	Roster 4/5 Febr	ruary 2023				
Sacred Heart (Pymble)	Saturday 5.30pm	Sunday 7.45am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 6.oopm			
Acolytes	T McLeod	J Walton	C Wawrzyniak	P Adams			
Altar Servers	H Balzer	Volunteer	E Bowe E Foote	N Adams			
Music	Volunteers	QUIET	A Castillo	stillo YOUTH			
Projector	J Whitcombe	P Tang	M Ordonio	J Duffy			
Readers	L Hopcroft	L Treacy	E Johnston	MA Bannister			
Altar Society	4 February - M Hodgkinson & L Fletcher						
Counters	5 February: - M Boland & C Gwynn						
OLPS (West Pymble)	Saturo 5.00p	•	Sunday 9.00am				
Acolytes	J Pea	se	M D'S	Silva			
Altar Servers	M & A Chi	sholm	E & M Rot	E & M Rothemund			
Readers	E & L Vi	ctor		L Johnston H Roche			
Music and Projector	M Mead, K Haddr	ick & D Blahut	E & A Chan				
Altar Cloth		5 February:	۱ Simpkins				

Children's Corner	R (F)		
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Jesus told his disciples that even though people may be mean to you,		Blessed are those with pure hearts	they will find comfort.
as a follower of Christ you will have a great reward in heaven. What are some of the ways we can follow Christ?		Text Maze arth will belong to them."	

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