



# PYMBLE CATHOLIC PARISH

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"The parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord."

Luke 2:22

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

The Office will reopen on **Monday, 15 January 2024 at 8:30am.**

**Contact details:**  
 (02) 9144 2702  
 office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au  
 www.pymblecatholicparish.org.au

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December**



**FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

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

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




**Prayer for the Intercession of Blessed Francis Jordan**

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

Grant also to me the grace to proclaim the Gospel in this spirit, and make me an effective apostle in today's world.

Through the intercession of Blessed Francis Jordan, I pray to you for my special needs (include your personal intention). I make this prayer through you, my Saviour, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

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## Parish Team

### Pastoral care

#### Salvatorian Fathers

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## Parish Mass Times

### Sacred Heart

2 Richard Porter Way, Pymble NSW 2073

#### Weekdays:

Tuesday to Friday 9:00am

**Rosary:** Tuesday to Friday after morning Mass

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Friday after morning Mass

#### Weekend:

Sunday: 9:30am and 6:00pm

#### Reconciliation:

Friday 8:45am

Sunday 5:30pm

### Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

64 Kendall St, West Pymble, NSW, 2073

#### Weekdays:

Tuesday: 12pm

*During School Term as advertised in the Parish weekly calendar section*

#### Weekend:

Saturday (Vigil Mass): 9:00am and 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am (Quiet Mass)

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 9:30am

## Contact details

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**Office hours:** Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 4pm &

Friday 8.30am to 1pm

*For information about Weddings please contact*

*Daniela in the Parish Office.*

*For information about the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation,*

*Reconciliation and First Eucharist, please contact*

*Melanie at melanie@pymblecatholicparish.org.au*

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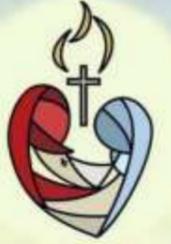
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Our mission is for one catechist for one-year group.

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

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## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

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

### Friday Roster for the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

## WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

**Sunday, 31 December**

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Feast)**

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

**Monday, 1 January**

**Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Solemnity)**

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

**Tuesday, 2 January**

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

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

**Thursday, 4 January**

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

**Friday, 5 January**

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

**Saturday, 6 January**

**St Raymond of Penyafort, priest (Optional)**

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

**Sunday, 7 January**

**Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity)**

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.*



**Thank you for your generous support!**

Thank you to all our parishioners who have so generously supported the Parish in the past year. We will always be grateful for your generosity.

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If you have any questions or require any help, please contact the Parish Office.

**Pymble Catholic Parish**  
**Christmas Break**  
Parish groups taking a break over the Christmas New Year period will resume as below

Office: Monday, 15 January 2024  
Mens Fellowship: Wednesday, 18th January 2024  
Bible Study: Friday, 2nd February 2024  
Charismatic Prayer Group: Tuesday, 6th February 2024  
Youth of the Streets: Friday, 16th February 2024

### Baptisms at Pymble Parish

If you would like to know or if you have any questions about the Baptism process in our Parish, please contact the Parish office on 9144 2702 or via email on [office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au](mailto:office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au)

Our next Baptism Class will be on

**Monday, 12 February 2024**

**7pm**

**Sacred Heart Church**

Bookings are essential.

## Parish Prayer Zone

Praying for others gets our focus off ourselves and onto the needs of those around us. As we "carry each other's burdens," we "will fulfil the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2). Praying for each other makes us stronger and helps us to grow our faith and Christian love.

### Recently Deceased:

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

### Death Anniversaries:

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

### Prayers for the sick:

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

### Weekly prayer intention:

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

If you would like the names of your relatives to be included in the prayer list (anniversary of deaths, recently deceased, illnesses, wedding celebration or anniversaries, birthdays, etc.) please contact the Parish Office by midday each Wednesday. Remember that due to privacy policy, names of the sick can only be put on the bulletin with permission of the immediate family. This list will be updated every month and we would appreciate if we are advised of any updates. Thank you.



# Liturgy of the Word

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Year B

### 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 104: 1-6, 8-9. R.vv 7, 8

**(R.) The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name, Make known his deeds among the peoples.  
O sing to him, sing his praise;  
Tell all his wonderful works! **(R.)**
2. Be proud of his holy name, let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice. Consider the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face. **(R.)**
3. Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, the judgements he spoke. O children of Abraham, his servant, O sons of the Jacob he chose. **(R.)**
4. He remembers his covenant for ever, his promise for a thousand generations, the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac.

### 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 Luke 2: 22-40

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

### Gospel Reflection

#### **The Holy Spirit reveals the presence of the Saviour of the world**

What is the significance of Simeon's encounter with the baby Jesus and his mother in the temple? Simeon was a just and devout man who was very much in tune with the Holy Spirit. He believed that the Lord would return to his temple and renew his chosen people. The Holy Spirit also revealed to him that the Messiah and King of Israel would also bring salvation to the Gentile nations. When Joseph and Mary presented the baby Jesus in the temple, Simeon immediately recognized this humble child of Bethlehem as the fulfilment of all the messianic prophecies, hopes, and prayers. Inspired by the Holy Spirit he prophesied that Jesus was to be "a revealing light to the Gentiles". The Holy Spirit reveals the presence of the Lord to those who are receptive and eager to receive him. Do you recognize the indwelling presence of the Lord with you?

***Lord Jesus, you are my hope and my life. May I never cease to place all my trust in you. Fill me with the joy and strength of the Holy Spirit that I may boldly point others to your saving presence and words of eternal life.***

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Feast of Holy Family  
30/31 December



Solemnity of  
Mary Mother of God

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 2024 will be available by the end of January 2024.

Many thanks for your help!

## Pymble Parish Roster 7/8 January 2024

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	8 January: A Mazzei / M Boland / M Tang	
Altar Society	7 January: J Jones / J Burdajewicz / C Heffernan	
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	7 January: P Ryan	

## Children's Corner

### DECODE THE PROPHECY

Use the code below to decipher the prophet's message

A		G		L		Q		V	
B		H		M		R		W	
C		I		N		S		X	
D		J		O		T		Y	
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### I love my family



Joseph was willing to protect his family because he loved them and he loved God. Who are some of the members of your family and how can you show that you love them?

An angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt. Draw the angel speaking to Joseph in his dream.



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# New Mass Schedule

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

### Saturday

9:00am at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

5:00pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

### Sunday

8:00am at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

9:30am at Sacred Heart

6:00pm at Sacred Heart



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