



PYMBLE CATHOLIC PARISH

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Building a Christ-centred community of Love and Mercy

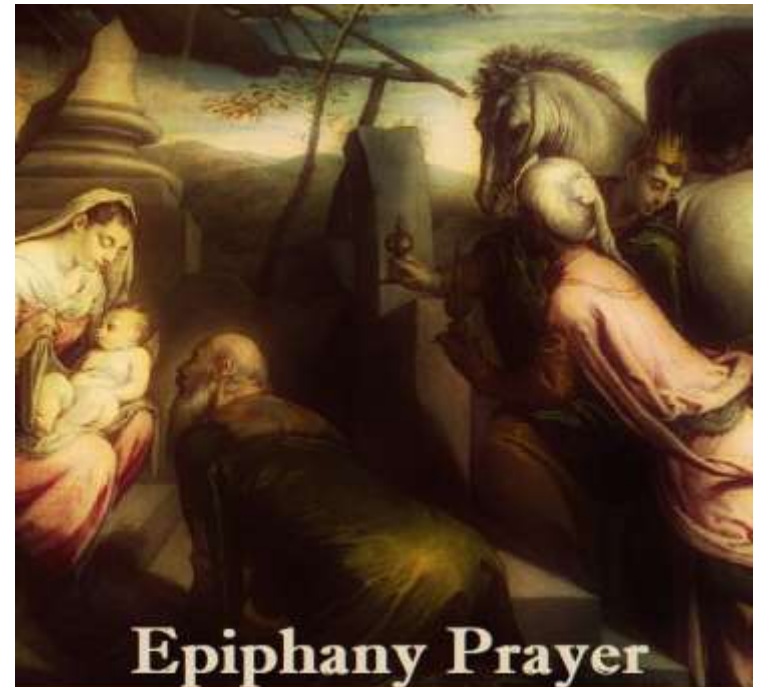
Pymble Parish is under the Pastoral care of the Salvatorian Fathers.

CELEBRATING THE JUBILEE YEAR



"Go and find out all about the child."

Matthew 2:8



Epiphany Prayer

Lord Jesus
may Your light shine on our way,
as once it guided the steps of the Magi:
that we too may be led into Your presence
and worship You,
the Child of Mary,
Mother of God,
the Word of the Father,
the King of nations,
the Saviour of mankind;
in union with Your heavenly Father
and the Holy Spirit,
You are One God
forever and ever, amen. *Anastpaul/18*



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



Pope Leo XIV's
official prayer
intention for
January

For Prayer with Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the
Word of God be nourishment for
our lives and a source of hope in
our communities, helping us to
build a more fraternal and
missionary Church.



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

Satruday, 3 January

9:00am Mass at OLPS followed by the 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

Tuesday, 6 January

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

Wednesday, 7 January

St Raymondy of Penyafort, priest (Optional)
9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

Thursday, 8 January

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

Friday, 9 January

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart followed by Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday, 10 January

9:00am Mass at OLPS with Morning Prayer (Breviary)
5:00pm Mass at OLPS

Sunday, 11 January

The Baptism of the Lord
8:00am Mass at OLPS (Quiet Mass)
9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart
6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart

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, Serofin Peralta Jr


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 for our new year ahead of us—we ask God for His wisdom and guidance, blessings and a fresh start to this year. Help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You this coming year. 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



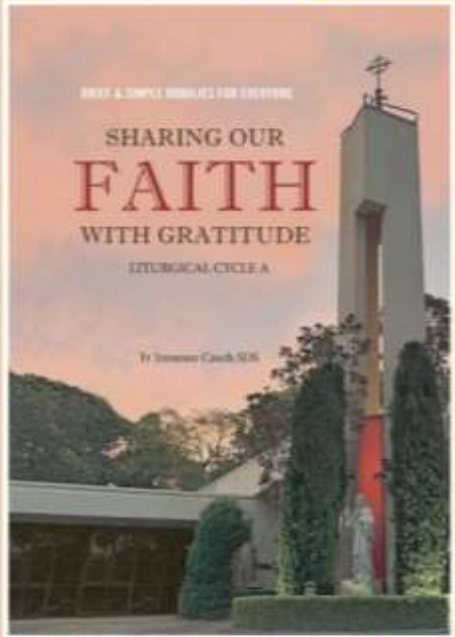
Sharing Our Faith With Gratitude

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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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
- 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 Epiphany of the Lord

Year A

Entrance Antiphon Cf Malachi 3: 1; 1 Chr 29:12

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and
dominion.

First Reading Isaiah 60: 1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has
come,
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,
though night still covers the earth
and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises
and above you his glory appears.
The nations come to your light
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:
all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away
and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart throbbing and full;
since the riches of the sea will flow to you;
the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you,
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense
and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 71: 1-,, 7-8, 10-13
R. see v.11

**(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore
you.**

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. **(R.)**
2. In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **(R.)**
3. The kings of Tashish and the sea costs
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him. **(R.)**

Second Reading Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

You have probably heard how I have been
entrusted by God with the grace he meant for
you, and that it was by a revelation that I was
given the knowledge of the mystery. This

mystery that has now been revealed through
the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was
unknown to any men in past generations; it
means that pagans now share the same
inheritance, that they are parts of the same
body, and that the same promise has been
made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the
gospel.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!
We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 2: 1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in
Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some
wise men came to Jerusalem from the east.
'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they
asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come
to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this
he was perturbed, and so was the whole
of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief
priests and the scribes of the people, and
enquired of them where the Christ was to be
born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him,
'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are by no means least among the leaders of
Judah,
for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see
him privately. He asked them the exact date on
which the star had appeared, and sent them on
to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the
child,' he said 'and when you have found him,
let me know, so that I too may go and do him
homage.' Having listened to what the king had
to say, they set out. And there in front of them
was the star they had seen rising; it went
forward and halted over the place where the
child was. The sight of the star filled them with
delight, and going into the house they saw the
child with his mother Mary, and falling to their
knees they did him homage. Then, opening their
treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and
frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned
in a dream not to go back to Herod, and
returned to their own country by a different
way.

Gospel Reflection

Meditation: If Jesus truly is who he claims to
be, the eternal Son of God and Savior of the
world, then why is he not recognized by
everyone who hears his word and sees his
works? John the Evangelist states that when
Jesus came into the world *the world knew him
not and his own people received him not* (John
1:10-11). Jesus was born in obscurity. Only the
lowly shepherds recognized him at his birth.
Some wise men also found their way to
Bethlehem to pay homage to the newborn
King of Israel. These men were not Israelites,
but foreigners. They likely had read and
discussed the Messianic prophecies and were
anxious to see when this Messianic King would
appear. God led them by means of an
extraordinary star across the desert to the
little town of Bethlehem where Jesus was
born.

In their thirst for knowledge of God, the wise
men from the East willingly left everything,
their home and country, in pursuit of that
quest. In their diligent search they were led to
the source of true knowledge - to Jesus Christ,
the Light and Wisdom of God. When they
found the newborn King they humbly
worshiped him and gave him gifts fitting for a
king.

The Lord of the universe who revealed the star
of Bethlehem to the Gentiles of the East so
they could come and worship Jesus, the Prince
of Peace (Isaiah 9:6) and King of Kings
(Revelations 19:16), gives each one of us the
same light of revelation to recognize and
accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Faith is an
entirely free gift that God makes to us. It is
through the help of the Holy Spirit, who moves
the heart and opens the eyes of the mind, that
we are able to understand, accept, and believe
the truth which God has revealed to us
through his Son, Jesus Christ. In faith, the
human will and intellect cooperate with
grace. "Believing is an act of the intellect
assenting to the divine truth by command of
the will moved by God through
grace" (Thomas Aquinas).

**Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for bringing
salvation to all the nations. May the gospel of
salvation be proclaimed to every nation today
and to every person on the face of the earth.
Help me to be a good witness of the joy of the
gospel to all I meet.**

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**Scan the QR Code to watch
Father Irek's homily:**



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



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OLPS Church
Following 5pm Mass