

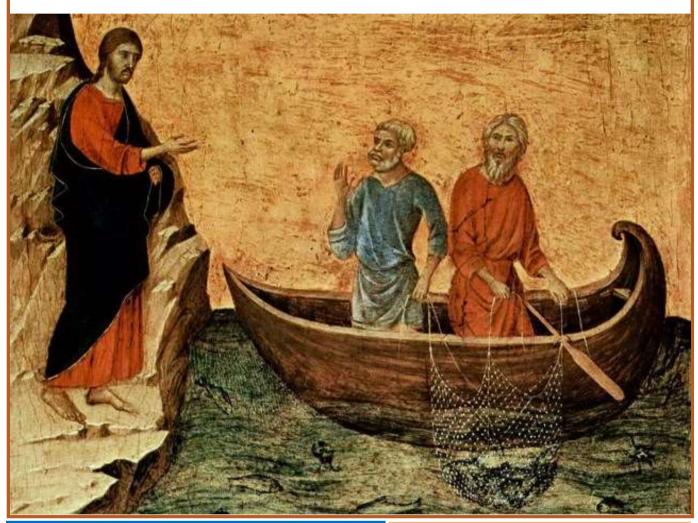
PYMBLE CATHOLIC PARISH

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.

They left everything and followed him.



A prayer based on Luke 5:1-11.

We thank You our God and Father,

that we can come to You.

We can come to You with our praise,

with our thanks.

with our confessions of sin.

with our burdens and cares,

and with our needs and disappointments.

We thank You that we can come to You because You care

but also because the way is open to us because Your Son, the Lord Jesus,

has died so that our sins can be forgiven,

and on the basis of His righteous life, we can be accepted by You.

We praise You for Your Word,

for every opportunity we have to read it and especially to hear it preached.

It is a delight to hear good preaching, faithful preaching, through which Christ speaks to us.

We thank You that His voice is powerful;

powerful to wake up those who are dead in their sins and transgressions and bring them to new life.

And that His voice has authority to lead and guide us along paths of holiness.

May we continue to make most of every opportunity we have to hear Him speak to us.

Amen.

We welcome to Pymble Parish the newest members of our community

Archie, Tommy & Rubie Kay and Lillian Cho

A warm welcome to

all our Parishioners

who are celebrating

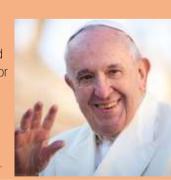
this weekend.

who will be Baptised this Weekend at our Parish.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR **FEBRUARY**

RELIGIOUS SISTERS & CONSECRATED WOMEN

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times



If you have used this bulletin, please take it home with you. Thank you.

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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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Pastoral care

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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 8:30am, 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: 9:00am and 5:00pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 9:00am

Reconciliation: Saturday 9:30am

Contact details

Address: 2 Richard Porter Way, Pymble, NSW 2073 **Postal address:** PO BOX 231 Turramurra NSW 2074

Telephone: (02) 9144 2702

Email: info@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 on melanie@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Parish Primary Schools

Sacred Heart

Principal: Mrs Mary Hor **Telephone:** (02) 94408056 www.shpdbb.catholic.edu.au

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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



Pymble Parish COVID Update

Based on the current Public Health Orders, both Sacred Heart and OLPS will be open to all, and in accordance with the health regulations, the vaccination status of our people who attend our churches, or who undertake a ministry in them, will not need to be verified.

The following apply to our Churches:

- There will not be a density limit on our Churches, Parish office or meeting rooms.
- Congregational singing will be possible at our liturgies.
- It is essential that anyone visiting our churches use the QR code to register their visit, sanitize, and always wear a mask.

COVID safe practices related to the celebration of our liturgies have been be reintroduced as follows:

- Avoiding the handling of objects by multiple persons;
- The Chalice will not be shared; Holy Communion for the Faithful is to be under one species only;
- The Sign of Peace should only be given by a simple bow or nod of the head:
- Those who wish to receive Holy Communion on the tongue will be asked to wait until the end of the Communion Procession.

We thank you for your patience and unwavering support for our Parish during this time. Please contact the Parish Office on 9144 2702 or

office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au if you have any questions.



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!

WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

There are currently no capacity limits at our Churches

Sunday, 6 February

7:45am Mass at Sacred Heart

9:00am Mass at OLPS

9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart

6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart

Tuesday, 8 February

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

Wednesday, 9 February

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

Thursday, 10 February

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

Friday, 11 February

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

OLPS School Opening Mass 9.15am

Saturday, 12 February

9:00am Mass at OLPS

5:00pm Mass at OLPS

5:30pm Mass at Sacred Heart

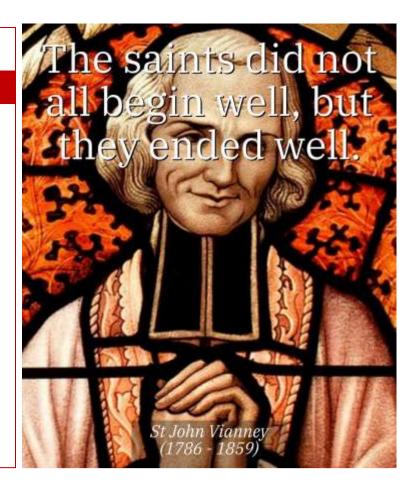
Sunday, 13 February

7:45am Mass at Sacred Heart

9:00am Mass at OLPS

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:

Rita Roache, Orfeo Calacoci, Ivo Felizzi, Fr Manoj Manuel, Kim Boonjung Maria, Br Norman Hart fms, Peter Yeong Ying Siew, Fr Timothy Cahill

Death Anniversaries:

Trenna Scanlan, Terry Gomez, Mary-Ellen Philomena Lyons, Theresa See Tho Ching, David Roche, Arthur Wood

Prayers for the sick:

Ron Edgar, Anna Kowalczyk, David Gardener, Zita Leung, Corey Wittenberg, Peter Brassil

Weekly prayer intention:

This week we pray we pray for the church, that it be a community of faith in which the gifts of the Spirit are free to flourish 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



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 or Gift in Will.

Over the years, many people who have left a spacial 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 community. The pastoral outreach that has been important to you will continue for our children, our grandchildren and future generations of Catholics.

If you would like more information on Gifts in Wills, please contact Fr Boguslaw.

Email: fr.boguslaw@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

The 2022 School year has officially started



This week our schools have welcomed new staff, students and families as well as those that are returning to our Catholic Schools Broken Bay.

The safety of our students and staff remain our top priority as we commence this new academic year. Rapid Antigen Test kits provided to us by Government have been distributed to all students and staff and all necessary COVID safe practices are in place. While there may well be some unexpected disruption we are looking forward to a year of greater stability and continued progress on improving learning outcomes.

We encourage each member of our School community to engage with our community

- as staff working closely with colleagues as we continue to activate our Towards 2025 plan,
- as parents engaging in all facets of your child's school life and
- as families engaging in our Parish communities as a member of our schools.

CSBB (Catholic Schools Broken Bay) remains in contact with CSNSW (Catholic Schools NSW) who is working with NSW Health and the Department of Education to align schools and community settings.

Catholic Schools Broken Bay look forward to the year as we as a community work together to come to know Christ, to love learning and to use our talents to be the very best we can be.



SAFE Series Workshop

Protective behaviours in early childhood

The NSW Office of the Children's Guardian is running training for Early Childhood Educators throughout the months of January and February. The training aims to

develop the skills for educators in understanding protective behaviours for young children. For further information and booking, visit https://www.ocg.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/training-and-resources/webinars-and-face-to-face-training

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

News from the OLPS Senior Learning Hub

The Year 5/6 students from OLPS have started the school year with a sense of calm and optimism for the year ahead.

Our Religion unit started with input from the beautiful picture book called "My Map Book" by Sara Fanelli. Students reflected on what the map of their hearts looks like as they enter their Senior Years of Primary school.

Please have a look at some of their reflections below:











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 office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Our upcoming Baptism Formation Class will be held on

Wednesday, 23 February 2022 7:30pm at the Sacred Heart Church

Bookings are essential.

The Sacraments















Dates for Sacraments 2022

Confirmation

- Parent Welcome & Information Meeting: Thursday 28th April at 730pm at Sacred Heart Church
- Preparation Program: over 4-weeks in April & May with nominated
- Presentation Mass: Sunday, 1st May, any Mass, either church
- Practice: Thursday, 19th of May at Sacred Heart Church, at 430pm
- Services: Sunday, 22nd of May at Sacred Heart Church, 1130am and 130pm celebrations

First Reconciliation

- Parent Welcome & Information Meeting: Thursday, 12th of May at 730pm at Sacred Heart Church (this is a combined First Reconciliation and Communion parent meeting)
- Preparation Program: over 4-weeks in May and June with nominated
- Presentation Mass: Sunday 29th May, any Mass, either church
- No practice
- Services: Tuesday 14th June Sacred Heart Church (times TBC) and Wednesday 15th June at OLPS Church (time TBC). Choose the liturgy service that best suits you.

First Eucharist

- Parent Welcome & Information Meeting: Thursday, 12th of May at 730pm at Sacred Heart Church (combined with First Reconciliation meeting as above)
- Preparation Program: commencing in Term 3, over 4-weeks in July and August with nominated group*
- Presentation Mass: Sunday, 31st July any mass, either church
- Go to confession <u>at least</u> one more time prior to First Communion:
 - o At Sacred Heart: 830am Friday, 5pm Saturday, 530pm Sunday
 - o At OLPS: 930am Saturday
 - o Father will also be available immediately following each First Communion practice for reconciliation.
- Practice: Saturday 13th August at 3pm at SH OR Saturday 20th August at 3pm at OLPS
- Service: Sunday 14th August at 1130am at SH or Sunday 21st August at 1130am at OLPS

*A nominated group is a group in which is formed by the parents / carers on behalf of their children and meets on days, times and place that suit the group. A parent volunteer is required to facilitate these meetings. The church also offers formation classes should you prefer. More details to come.





Support to women experiencing abuse

Build the confidence of workers providing support to women experiencing abuse, the eSafety commissioner are offering training on Tuesday, 22 February 2022. To register visit https://

register.gotowebinar.com/rt/7743942169976240397



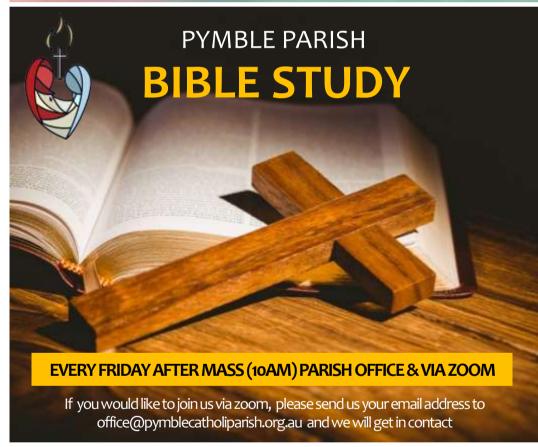
Word of God Sunday

It would be beneficial if every Christian community, on one Sunday of the liturgical year, could renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and more widely diffused. It would be a Sunday given over entirely to the word of God so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people.

Pope Francis 2016

Accordingly, the "Word of God Sunday" is celebrated on the 1st Sunday of February each year. This year, that is 6 February 2022.

We are encouraged to see this day of the Word of God as a year-long event, where we grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures. Consider taking steps to read or study the Scriptures during the year.



Mary Magdalene, the Myths, the Controversy and the Gospel Texts

SATURDAY 5 MARCH, 2.30 - 5pm



Dr Debra Snoddy, lectures in Biblical Studies at the Catholic Institute Sydney. Debra is an engaging presenter with a wealth of experience in both academic teaching and adult faith formation. Debra will present this seminar to mark International Women's Day on 8 March.

> Our Lady of Dolours Parish Chatswood Magnificat Room Register: gail.gill@bbcatholic.org.au

If COVID restrictions change, the seminar will move to Zoom

Apostle to the Apostles

In 2016, Pope Francis raised the memorial for Mary Magdalene on 22 July, to a feast day on the Liturgical Calendar of the Church. Mary of Magdala was the first witness to Jesus' resurrection.





Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the pastoral charity of the Catholic community of Broken Bay.

CWF was renamed last year to **Pastoral Works Broken Bay** to better reflect the authentic, life-giving pastoral work you are helping to support, and provide a name that uniquely connects it to our Diocese.

One of the much loved and needed charities assisted by Pastoral Works Broken Bay is St Edmund's College for students with disabilities.

St Edmund's, a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition, supports 120 students with a range of disabilities such as intellectual, sensory impairment or autism, providing skills, education and experience for them to fully engage in life.

Your generous donations to Pastoral Works Broken Bay help provide vital fee assistance to families in our Catholic community so that their children can access the services offered by St Edmund's.

Our quota this year is \$34,892 and unfortunately we were not able to run the September or November appeal last year which is why we are running an appeal this month and the next one will be in May.

Donations are tax deductible and contribute to our Parish target.

If the envelope inside this bulletin has fallen out you can find them back of the church.

Your support is --appreciated by those we help. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

CALL FOR MUSICIANS & SINGERS

Do you play a musical instrument or love to sing? Have you ever thought of joining a choir? Now is the time to give it a go! We are in need of new members for some of our choirs as well as accompanists and cantors to call on to cover for absences.

If you would like to give it a try, please contact our Music Ministry Coordinator Bruno Carbone (brunodcarbone@outlook.com, 0419 498 243) to discuss joining one of our existing choirs or maybe forming your own.





The cash donation appeal associated with the Christmas Hamper Appeal concluded at the end of January. Donations totalled \$4543.00 a magnificent response having regard of financial pressures experienced in our community. Many thanks to all who contributed.

Our conference hosted a sausage sizzle at Bunnings Belrose on the 4th of December. The sausage sizzle raised a net profit of \$1800 which has been directed to the Assist a Student program, a special work of the society. Children in Indonesia, Cambodia, Myanmar, Thailand, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Kiribati are assisted in funding the cost of their education, \$100 covers a child's education cost for a year. This program is open to any one by participating online on the society's website.

https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Our_Impact/International_Impact/ Assist_a_student_today/



Youth Off The Streets Meals

The Parish community started providing home cooked frozen meals for Father Chris Riley's Youth Off The Streets program soon after it started in 1991. Thank you to all of our previous food donors. Unfortunately, the coronavirus caused that work to be paused again in 2021. Our 2022 program is now able to start. We will continue the frozen meal collections starting in February and on the third Friday of each following month of 2022.

Your February frozen meal donations should be dropped of at the Parish office between 9am and 10am on **Friday, February 18**. At 10am, the meals will be transported to Youth Off The Streets.

Meals are always needed. Can you help? If you would like to help by contributing some of your skills in preparing meals or to provide transport for the meals then please contact the Parish office.

Your contribution helps to feed needy homeless youth within the Youth Off The Streets program. Youth Off The Streets believes in young people. The program provides opportunities for disadvantaged youth to build safe and stable futures.



Become a catechist in 2022!

Catechist or Scripture Teachers bring the message of God's kingdom through effective evangelisation by delivering quality Special Religious Education to Catholic students in State Government schools.



Our Parish is in need of new scripture teachers.

Some of our classes are very large and we could also use an assistant. **Can you help?**

Please contact Melanie at melanie@pymblecatholicparish.org.au for a commitment free discussion.



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



Pray for the Ukraine...

As the situation escalates in Europe over fears of a Russian invasion of Ukraine, Pope Francis has issued an urgent plea to all people of goodwill to pray for peace. "Please, no more war!" Pope Francis addressed these words to all political leaders on the Catholic Church's day of prayer for peace (26 January 2022) and asked the world to pray that "this land may see fraternity flourish and overcome wounds, fears, and divisions." (www.vaticannews.va)

Please see below for a prayer for peace by Pope Francis you might like to include in parish bulletins:

"Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instil in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarrelling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam!

Amen."

Pope Francis, *Invocation for Peace*, Vatican Gardens, Sunday 8th June



Parents Daniel & Leila Abdallah have created i4give Week as a remembrance of the four children that were tragically lost on the 1st of February 2020. The hope is to help and inspire others who have suffered in a similar way, as well as being a national day of focus on forgiveness for all in the community.

"Our four children are now our four saints and this day is for them. Forgiveness is the greatest gift you can give yourself and others. The more you practice the better you become at it and it allows you to live peacefully and to heal. Forgiveness is more for the forgiver than the forgiven" Danny & Leila Abdallah.

Forgive not forget

i4give Week is a week of activities from 1-7 February 2022, commencing with i4give Day on Tuesday, 1 February.
A number of events have been organised, including a National Rugby Cup match between the Parramatta Eels and the Canterbury Bulldogs.

i4give Sunday is on 6 February 2022

Further information on the initiative as well as resources on forgiveness can be found at https://www.i4give.com.

mercy foundation®

Social Justice Small Grants Program NOW OPEN!



Grants up to \$10,000 are available to seed-fund local initiatives designed to combat poverty and disadvantage at the grass roots. Community organisations are encouraged to apply. Find out more about the program here: https://bit.ly/3rNgw9H.

For more information please call 02 9911 7390 or email office@mercyfoudation.com.au

Applications are due by 21 March 2022





HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE FAMILY CONNECT & SUPPORT SERVICE?



1800 066 757 www.catholiccaredbb.org.au

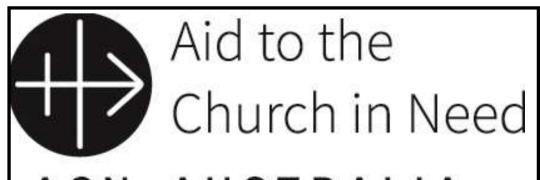
Have you heard about CatholicCare's Family Connect & Support Service?

Family Connect and Support (FCS) is a state wide voluntary service for children, young people and families who need support to maintain a safe and positive family environment. It helps families who may be experiencing vulnerability or who require some level of support before issues escalate. It works on a networking model, connecting families with local services with expertise in areas such as:

- Parenting challenges
- Financial stress
- Substance use
- Family breakdown
- Housing issues
- Mental health
- Domestic and family violence and more

We stay connected with you until you're matched to the right services or support.

To access this service please call <u>1800 066 757</u> or visit <u>CatholicCare</u> <u>Broken Bay</u>.



ACN AUSTRALIA

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia:

As we begin a new year we ask for your support to help the Suffering Church. Your offering allows ACN to aid our suffering brothers and sisters to keep the faith alive in countries that are becoming increasingly harder to practice the faith.

Please visit www.aidtochurch.org



YOUR ALPHA INVITATION

The Alpha program is a series of interactive sessions creating a safe space online where you can explore life, faith and meaning.

There is no pressure, no cost, and all sessions are online with Zoom. This is a joint program by the Catholic parishes of Pymble and St Ives.



ALPHA SCHEDULE

"Come and See" Alpha Introduction Event Tuesday, 8 February 2022 7:30pm - 9pm online with Zoom

Alpha Program Series Wednesdays starting on Wednesday, 16 February 2022 7:30pm - 9pm online with Zoom

FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact the Parish office for further information and registration.

www.pymblecatholicparish.org.au



For a synodal Church

XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops

Have you taken up Pope Francis' invitation to participate in a global conversation about the Catholic Church?

You still have three weeks to make a submission to your local consultation for the international Synod on Synodality, calling the People of God to walk together in our mission as Christians.

Submissions close on Sunday, February 27 2022

For more information, visit https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch



Liturgy of the Word Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God

First Reading

Is 6:1-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Here am I! Send me.

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each on with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way.

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke, I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'see now, this has touched your lips, Your sin is taken away, Your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

- I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth.
 Before the angels I will bless you.
 I will adore before your holy template. (R.)
- I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered: you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
- 3. All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways; 'How great is the glory of the Lord!' (R.)
- 4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me Your love, O Lord, is eternal, Discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Second Reading

Cor 15:1-11

A reading from the first letter to St Paul to the Corinthians

I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.

In the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. But what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 5:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

They left everything and followed him.

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him

Gospel Reflection

Why did Jesus perform the miracle of the great catch of fish? No doubt the great crowd of people who had pressed upon Jesus had something to do with this miracle. They were very hungry for God and were eager to hear his word. Jesus wanted to use this occasion to teach his disciples an important lesson. Although Simon was wearied from a night of fruitless toil, he nonetheless did what the Lord Jesus told him to do: At your word I will let down the nets. When you meet disappointment and failure, do you press upon the Lord, like Simon, to hear his word and to receive his command?

God expects greater things than we can do by ourselves

This incident tells us an important truth about how God works in and through each of us for his glory. God expects of us greater things than we can do by ourselves. When we cooperate in his works, we accomplish far beyond what we can do on our own. Therese of Lisieux, a Carmelite nun who died of tuberculosis at the age of twenty-four, wrote to a friend: "Jesus has so incomprehensible a love for us that he wills that we have a share with him in the salvation of souls. He wills to do nothing without us. The Creator of the universe awaits the prayer of a poor little soul to save other souls redeemed like it at the price of all his Blood."

When God's word is spoken his kingdom is revealed and his power is released. When people respond to God's word with faith and obedience they are changed and made "a new creation" in Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Witness the joy of the Gospel

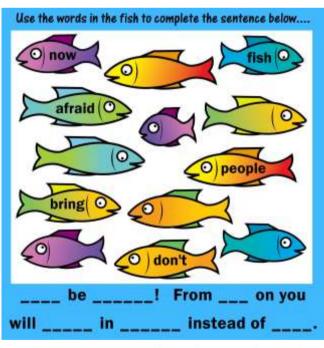
God chooses ordinary people, like you and me, as his ambassadors and he uses the ordinary circumstances of our daily lives and work situations to draw others into his kingdom. Jesus speaks the same message to us today: we will "catch people" for the kingdom of God if we allow the light of Jesus Christ to shine through us. God wants others to see the light of Christ in us in the way we live, speak, and witness the joy of the Gospel. Paul the Apostle says, "But thanks be to God, who in Christ Jesus always leads us in triumph, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing" (2 Corinthians 2:15).

Lord Jesus, fill my heart with love and compassion for those who do not know you or follow you. May I be a good witness of your truth and salvation to my family, friends, and co workers.

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Pymble Parish Roster 12/13 February 2022				
Sacred Heart (Pymble)	Saturday 5.30pm	Sunday 7.45am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 6.oopm
Acolytes	J Walton	T McLeod	R Samson	A Wahab
Altar Servers	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed	L Bowe E Foote	R Samson
Music	B Laniewski	Quiet Mass	M Tang M A Bannister	Youth Choir/T Sato
Projector	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Readers	M Collins	M Dias	M Grattan	J Duffy
Altar Society	12 February: B Linsao / S Pe			
Counters	13 February: Volunteers needed			
OLPS (West Pymble)	Saturday 5.00pm		Sunday 9.00am	
Acolytes	I Chisholm		A Mazzei	
Altar Servers	L & M Pereira		J & A Baldock	
Readers	J Dixon / V Mazzei		F Barnden	
Music and Projector	E & A Chan		M Mead / K Haddrick	
Altar Cloth	12 February: D Mazzei			
Altar Society	12 February: H Quirke			

Children's Corner



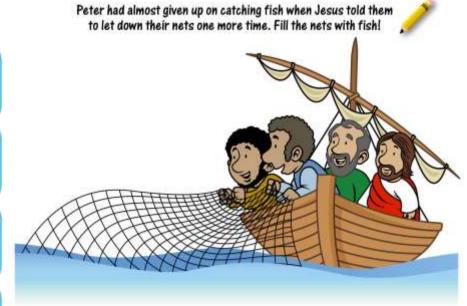
Write down the names of four people you know who belong Jesus. For each person give a reason why they belong.







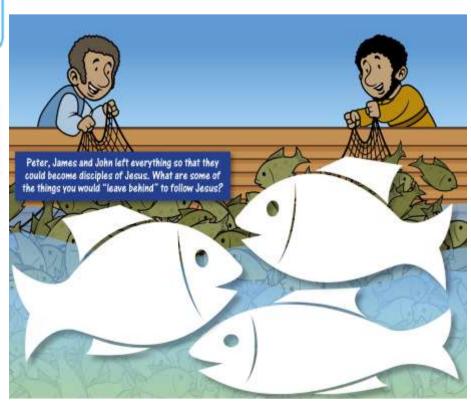




Draw Jesus as he tells Peter to follow him.



Do not be afraid; from now on you will be a fisher of men. Follow me.



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