



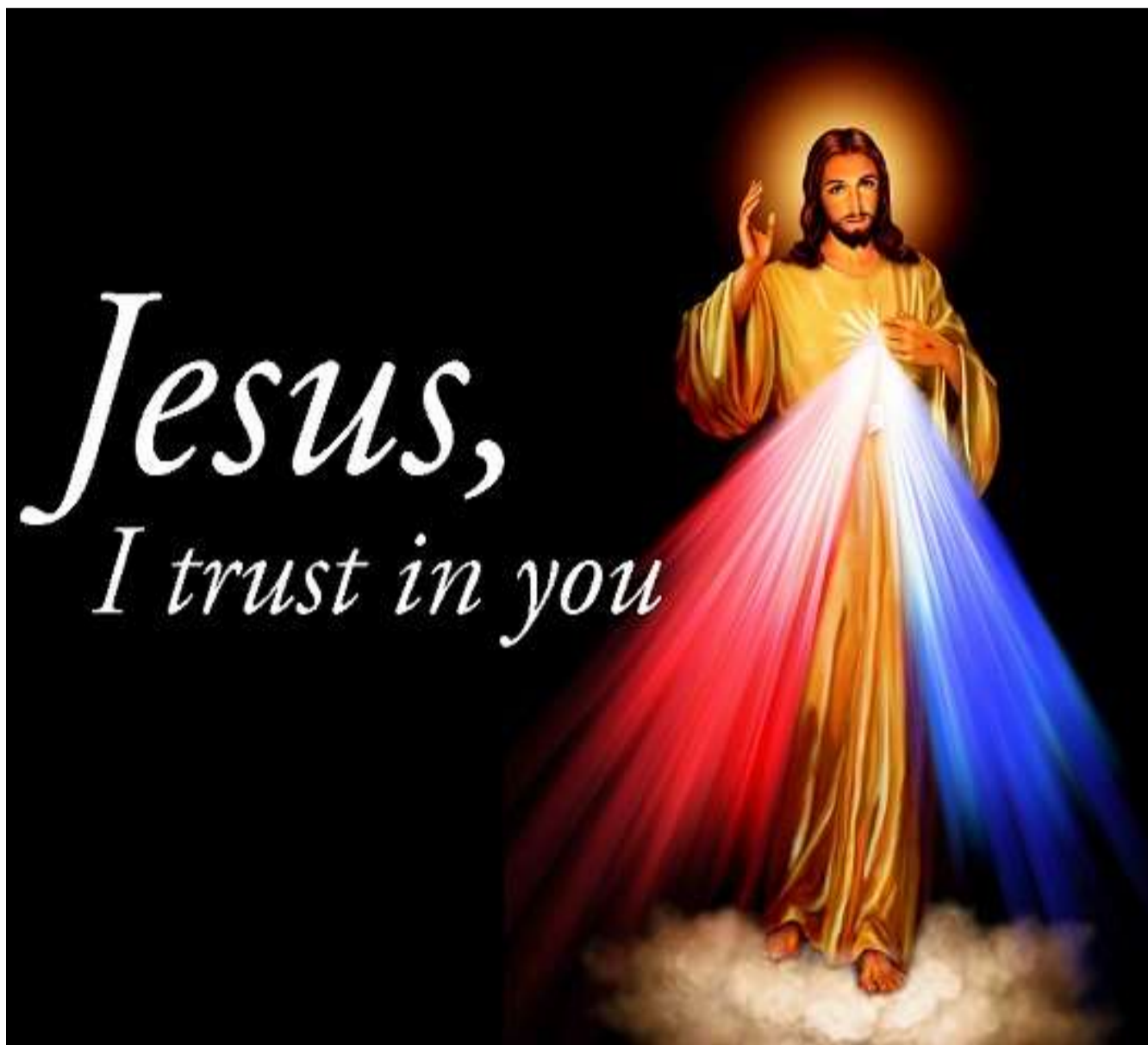
PYMBLE CATHOLIC PARISH

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 YEAR OF PRAYER



*Divine Mercy
Sunday*

~ ~ ~

Eternal Father,

I offer you the Body and Blood
Soul and Divinity of your

Dearly beloved son,

Our Lord, Jesus Christ,

In atonement for our sins and
those of the whole world.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
ENDS THIS WEEKEND**

*Please wind back your clocks
by an hour*

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL



For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.



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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Baptisms at Pymble Parish

For enquiries please contact the Parish office on 9144 2702 or via email on office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au
Our upcoming Baptism Formation Class will be held on:
Monday, 8 April 2024 at 7pm
Sacred Heart Church
Bookings are essential

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

Parish Team

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:

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

Weekend:

Saturday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 8:00 am (Quiet Mass)

Reconciliation:

Saturdays 9.30 am

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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*

PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

SACRED HEART

Principal: Kerry Paxton

Telephone: (02) 7256 2142

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OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

Principal: Jodi Jefferson

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LECTIO: MARY

The Bible and the
Mother of God
With Dr Brant Pitre



CONTEXT

Why is Mary so important to Catholics, and why have so many people been devoted to her over the centuries? We examine what the Old and New Testaments, the life of Christ, and the early Church fathers reveal about the life and identity of Mary.

JOIN IN

Please join in with this opportunity to learn, share your thoughts and to get to know others in our Parish community.

7pm alternate Tuesday evenings
Starting: 27 February 2024
Sacred Heart Church Pymble

INVITATION


You are invited to join our eight part **Mary** series based on the Lectio program by Dr Brant Pitre.

TOPICS

The Mary program topics include:

- The New Eve
- The New Ark
- Mother of the Messiah
- The Queen Mother
- The Perpetual Virgin
- Mother of Sorrows
- The New Rachel
- Question & Answer

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

 (02) 9144 2702

DR BRANT PITRE

Dr Brant Pitre is Distinguished Research Professor of Scripture at the Augustine Institute, Graduate School of Theology.



PYMBLE CATHOLIC PARISH
2 RICHARD PORTER WAY PYMBLE



We welcome to Pymble Parish
the newest member of
our community

Laura

who will baptised
this weekend at our Parish.

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

Sunday, 7 April

Divine Mercy Sunday

Presentation Masses for Confirmation

8:00am Mass at OLPS
 9:30am Family Mass at Sacred Heart
 10:30am Confirmation Class (appointment only)
 3:00pm Divine Mercy Adoration & Reconciliation
 6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart

Monday, 8 April

The Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity)

7:00pm Baptism Formation Class

Tuesday, 9 April

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart
 12:00pm Mass at OLPS
 7:00pm Lectio: Mary at Sacred Heart
 7:30am Charismatic Prayer Group

Wednesday, 10 April

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

Thursday, 11 April

St Stanislaus, bishop, martyr (Memorial)

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart
 6:00pm Men's Fellowship Meeting
 6:00pm Parish Finance Committee meeting

Friday, 12 April

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

Saturday, 13 April

St Martin I, pope, martyr (Optional)

9:00am Mass at OLPS with morning prayer (Breviary)
 5:00pm Mass at OLPS

Sunday, 14 April

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:

Nancy Dal Cin, Karenne Crow, Victor Ho, Ursula Middleton, Michael Ryan, Monica Wheeler, Lucy Sibyl Orenstein, Elizabeth George, Phuong Dung Le, David Gardener, Sarinder Tamana, Frieda Nassar, Bruce Fisher, Desmond Buckley, Seema Shrestha Thapa

Death Anniversaries:

Angus Ross, Santa Celio, Owen Thomas, Janine Parker, Lucia Sudiro, Judy Carson, Lilian Castillo, Judy, Carson, Owen Thomas, Edith & Harold Burford, Geoff & Dorothy Thomas, Luciano Dumrique, Win & Bill Colman, Luciano Dumrique, Patricia Shepherd

Prayers for the sick:

Pamela Seaman, Joseph Hendryjanto, Margaret Browne, Danny Ung

Weekly prayer intention:

This week we pray that during this Season of Easter, we may remember to give out the grace and forgiveness that you have freely given us. 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— 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.

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 PARISH

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 to of Catholics.

If you would like more information on Gifts in Wills, please contact Fr. Ireneusz.
 Email: Fr.ireneusz@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Parish Safeguarding

Dear Parishioners,

We take our responsibility to safeguard the vulnerable, whether they be children, the young, the elderly or the disabled very seriously. We work to 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

Children, the young, and the vulnerable must be safe

Supported by adults who ...



CARE for us as we are a precious gift from God	RESPECT our rights, abilities, contributions, needs and wishes
ASK us how we are feeling and what we are thinking, ask us what we need	LISTEN to what we are really saying
SEE what other adults are doing, and how they are behaving	TELL us about dangers - and what's being done to protect us
DO what they are supposed to do and what they say they will do	

STEP UP AND SPEAK OUT
 when we are being hurt, bullied or treated badly

Divine Mercy Sunday

Saint Faustina's Diary (Divine Mercy in My Soul), contains at least 14 passages in which Our Lord is quoted as requesting that a "Feast of Mercy" be officially established in the Church.

There is a very close link between the meaning of the Divine Mercy image and the liturgy of the first Sunday after Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday). On that day the Gospel reading throughout the Church is about the appearance of the Risen Christ in the Upper Room, and about the institution of the sacrament of Reconciliation. The rays of blood and water flowing from the Saviour's pierced Heart and the wounds on His hands and feet recall the events of Good Friday.

"I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy." (Diary 299) "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened." (Diary 699) "Souls perish in spite of My bitter Passion. I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy." (Diary 965) The conditions required to receive such a great grace are: to place complete trust in God, to carry out acts of mercy, to be in a state of grace (having received the sacrament of Confession), and to receive Holy Communion.

The preparation for the Feast is to be a novena consisting of the recitation of the Divine Mercy chaplet for 9 days, beginning on Good Friday. Jesus said, "By this novena, I will grant every possible grace to souls." (Diary 796)

On Sunday, 30th April, 2000, (the canonisation of Saint Faustina and Feast of Divine Mercy), Pope John Paul II announced to the world, "It is important that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter (first Sunday after Easter), which from now on throughout the Church will be called 'Divine Mercy Sunday'."

The origins of this image are associated with the vision that Saint Faustina of the Congregation of Our Lady of Mercy had in the convent in Poland on 22nd February, 1931.

She wrote in her diary, "In the evening, when I was in my cell, I saw the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand [was] raised in the gesture of blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. From beneath the garment, slightly drawn aside at the breast, there were emanating two large rays, one red, the other pale . . . After a while, Jesus said to me, "Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature; Jesus I Trust in You.

I desire that this image be venerated first in your chapel and then throughout the world." (Diary 47) "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory." (Diary 48) Jesus, when asked what the rays meant said, "The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. . . Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter." (Diary 299)

It is of course the sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation that purify the soul and the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist that is the life of the soul. Thus Jesus is again directing us to this infinite source of His mercy and love. The words contained in the image, Jesus I Trust in You, are a reminder that we must totally trust in Him and show mercy always to others. Jesus said, "[The image] is to be a reminder of the demands of My mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works." (Diary 742)



"My gaze from this image is like My gaze from the cross." (Diary 326) "I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: 'Jesus, I trust in You.' " (Diary 327)

The veneration of the image is based on confident prayer joined with deeds of mercy, to which Jesus attached the following promises; the grace of salvation, great progress on the road to Christian perfection, the grace of a happy death, and all other graces and temporal blessings which people who practice mercy will ask Him for with trust.

The Hour of Great Mercy (Three o'clock in the hour)

In October 1937, Jesus recommended with particular emphasis the veneration of the hour of his death:

"At three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony. This is the hour of great mercy for the whole world . . . In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion. . . ." (Diary 1320) "You can obtain everything for yourself and for others for the asking; it was the hour of grace for the whole world - mercy triumphed over justice." (Diary 1572)

In February 1938, Jesus said to Saint Faustina, "Try your best to make the Stations of the Cross in this hour, provided that your duties permit it; and if you are not able . . . then at least step into the chapel for a moment and adore, in the Blessed Sacrament, My Heart, which is full of mercy; should you be unable to step into the chapel, immerse yourself in prayer there where you happen to be, if only for a very brief instant." (Diary 1572)



Jesus laid down three conditions necessary for the prayers which shall be offered up at the hour of mercy in order for them to be heard and answered; the prayer is to be directed to Him, it is to take place at 3.00pm, and it is to appeal to the merits of His Passion. Furthermore, it is to be a prayer full of trust and accompanied by works of mercy toward one's neighbour. Appropriate prayers for the Hour of Mercy, frequently recited by Saint Faustina, would be:

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us. (Diary 1319)

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You. (Diary 84)

Sister Faustina was a young, uneducated nun in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland during the 1930s. She came from a poor family that struggled during the years of World War I. She had only three years of simple education, so hers were the humblest tasks in the convent, usually in the kitchen or garden. However, she received extraordinary revelations — or messages — from our Lord Jesus. Jesus asked Sr. Faustina to record these experiences, which she compiled into notebooks. These notebooks are known today as the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, and the words contained within are God's loving message of Divine Mercy.

Though the Divine Mercy message is not new to the teachings of the Church, Sr. Faustina's Diary sparked a great movement, and a strong and significant focus on the mercy of Christ. Saint John Paul II canonised Sr. Faustina in 2000 making her the "first saint of the new millennium." Speaking of Sr. Faustina and the importance of the message contained in her Diary, the Pope called her "the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time."

Today, we continue to rely on St. Faustina as a constant reminder of the message to trust in Jesus' endless mercy, and to live life mercifully toward others. We also turn to her in prayer and request her intercession to our merciful Saviour on our behalf.

Saint Faustina, you told us that your mission would continue after your death and that you would not forget us. Our Lord also granted you a great privilege, telling you to "distribute graces as you will, to who you will, and when you will." Relying on this, we ask your intercession for the graces we need, especially for the intentions just mentioned. Help us, above all, to trust in Jesus as you did and thus to glorify His mercy every moment of our lives. Amen .

Graces and Miracles Received

Miracles attributed to the intercession of Sr. Maria Faustina lead to her canonisation on April 30, 2000. Today, people from around the world rely on St. Faustina to intercede on their behalf to Our Lord.

Miracle received by Maureen Digan

Before the age of 15, Maureen Digan enjoyed a normal healthy life. Then she was struck down with a very serious, slowly progressive but terminal disease called lymphedema. This is a disease that does not respond to medication and does not go into remission. Within the next ten years Maureen had fifty operations and had lengthy confinements in the hospital of up to a year at a time. Friends and relations suggested she should pray and put her trust in God. But Maureen could not understand why God had allowed her to get this disease in the first place, and had lost her faith completely. Eventually her deteriorating condition would require the amputation of one leg.

One evening while Maureen was in the hospital her husband Bob watched a film on Divine Mercy and there he became convinced of the healing powers of intercession by Sr. Faustina. Bob persuaded Maureen and the doctors that she should go to the tomb of Sr. Faustina in Poland. Together with her husband, son, and Fr. Seraphim Michalenko, MIC (a priest of the Congregation of Marians of the Immaculate Conception), they traveled to St. Faustina's tomb at the Shrine of The Divine Mercy outside Krakow, Poland. They arrived in Poland on March 23, 1981 and Maureen went to confession for the first time since she was a young girl.

At the tomb Maureen remembers saying "Okay, Faustina I came a long way, now do something." Innerly she heard Sr. Faustina say: "If you ask for my help, I will give it to you." Suddenly she thought she was losing her mind. All the pain seemed to drain out of her body and her swollen leg, which was due to be amputated shortly, went back to its normal size. When she returned to the USA she was examined by five independent doctors who came to the conclusion that she was completely healed. They had no medical explanation for the sudden healing of this incurable disease.

The accumulated evidence of this miracle was examined in consultation by five doctors appointed by the Sacred Congregation for the Causes of Saints. Having passed this test it was examined by a team of theologians, and finally by a team of cardinals and bishops. The cure was accepted by all as a miracle caused by Sr. Faustina's intercession to the Divine Mercy. Sr. Faustina was beatified on April 18, 1993.

Proof that 'Miracles Do Happen'

Father Ron Pytel has had some big days, but few were as important as Divine Mercy Sunday 2000. "After my ordination, it was the most emotional day of my life," Fr. Ron says of standing alongside the Holy Father on April 30 and hearing him declare Sr. Maria Faustina the first saint of the Great Jubilee.

"I've been blessed by the Lord with a wonderful healing through Sr. Faustina's intercession. My healing became the canonisation miracle. So it was awesome to see her become a saint. And now, more people than ever will hear of the message of mercy," he says.

It has been nearly five years since doctors gave Fr. Ron three to five years to live. At that time, he was extremely thin and pale with a badly damaged heart. "I suppose I probably shouldn't be around anymore," jokes the 52-year-old pastor of Holy Rosary parish in Baltimore, Md. "But I'm living proof that miracles do happen."

The miracle is not only that Fr. Ron is alive, but that his permanent heart ailment is gone. As a matter of fact, he says he is in better health today than he's ever been.

'His Heart Touched Mine'

On Oct. 5, 1995, the feast day of St. Faustina (who was then a blessed), Fr. Ron and some friends gathered for prayer at Holy Rosary Church, which is also the Baltimore archdiocesan Shrine of The Divine Mercy. After a time of prayer for the healing of his heart through Sr. Faustina's intercession, Fr. Ron venerated a relic of St. Faustina and collapsed. He felt paralysed, but was completely at peace. A subsequent visit to his cardiologist showed that his heart had been healed.

Although he was healed through St. Faustina's intercession, Fr. Ron is quick to point out that Jesus healed him. "I know in my heart that Faustina put in a word with Jesus, and His Heart touched mine. It's as simple as that," he explains. After almost three years of examining Fr. Ron and his medical records, doctors and theologians from the Congregation for the Cause of Saints concluded an exhaustive investigation of the healing.

And on Dec. 20, 1999, Pope John Paul II ordered publication of the fact of the healing as a miracle through Sr. Faustina's intercession, leading to her canonisation on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 30, in St. Peter's Square.

Blessed with Peace

When you meet Fr. Ron, the first thing you notice is how radiant he is - and that he's a man completely at peace. And when you hear him speak, his enthusiasm for St. Faustina and Divine Mercy is infectious.

"Personally, I'm still in awe," he says. "Sometimes I wake up and ask myself if I've just had a four-year dream. Spiritually, my prayer life has intensified tremendously. "I've had a peace that has been with me through everything that has taken place," he explains. "I've also been blessed with a calmness, a gentleness. I think it's made me more open to the struggles of other people."

Accepting God's Timing

During the investigation of his healing, Fr. Ron says he was hoping for a quick decision from the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. However, as the case dragged on, Fr. Ron became more willing to accept the Lord's timing.

"And as it turns out, God's timing was perfect," he explains enthusiastically. "She's the saint of the millennium! She's being held up as the model for us. And the significance of the date on which she was canonised is perfect. On April 30, 1926, she received her habit and her name - Faustina. And 74 years later, she has a new name - St. Faustina!"

Easter Assembly at Turramurra Public School

Pymble CCD hosted the 2024 Easter Assembly at Turramurra Public School on the 27th of March. 215 Catholic and Protestant children attended along with their class teachers and the other SRE teachers.

We were very grateful to have the support of our Cantor, Peter Hogg, his mother Ms Suzanne Maslen on keyboard and our Parish Priest Fr. Irek.

The Assembly was centred on Holy Week and the Stations of the Cross with Peter singing some beautiful traditional hymns that included alternate verses from Stabat Mater (Latin/English) between each Station of the Cross.

Fr. Irek explained to the children and teachers present the origin of the word Alleluia and the meaning of the Resurrection for us all.

Please consider becoming a Catechist!
michele@pymblecatholicparish.org.au



L-R: Michele Brack, Ms Suzanne Maslen, Fr. Irek, Peter Hogg, Margaret Tang

Congratulations

to **Sristy O'Brien** on receiving your Sacraments at our Easter Vigil last weekend. We wish you God's many blessings and will continue to keep you in our prayers.

Thank you for your decision to follow Jesus.



THANK YOU

It was wonderful to see so many parishioners gathered in both our Churches to celebrate Easter through all the ceremonies from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday.

A huge thank you to all who helped prior to and during Easter at both OLPS and Sacred Heart. We are forever grateful for your willingness and kindness to volunteer. You truly helped make Easter at Pymble Parish this year a memorable one.

*We would also like to thank **Fr George** for visiting us from Perth to help us celebrate Easter!*

May God bless you all!



The Sisters of St Joseph at the Orphanage for the deaf and blind in East Nusa Tenggara have sent this image to say thank you.



\$1200 was raised.

Individual donors also sent donations directly to the orphanage.

The sisters will use the funds to buy more chickens so that they can sell the eggs to raise money for the orphanage and to educate the children and teach them life skills.

The sisters are very grateful for the large amount that has been donated.

There was a prize draw for two prizes for people who donated to the orphanage.

The winners were: Keith O'Malley and Rachel Pereira
 They each won a Christian book.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO LEAD AND ASSIST

Please consider helping to
 share the Gospel



We are looking for additional leaders to assist with Children's Liturgy at Sacred Heart Church. We offer Children's Liturgy at the Sunday 9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart on the first and third Sundays of each month during school terms. Commitment to lead or assist would be once or twice a term.

If you have any questions or would like to join our team, please contact the Parish Office on 9144 2702.

Easter at Pymble Parish was a truly joyous occasion filled with love, faith, and community spirit.

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, West Pymble: Our morning began with a beautiful Mass celebrated by Fr. Irek. The church was filled with parishioners, coming together to commemorate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Following the Mass, parishioners gathered for a delightful morning tea and drawing of the raffle from the funds raised for the Orphanage for the Deaf and Blind, Foundation Karya Murni Medan.

Sacred Heart, Pymble: At Sacred Heart, the celebration continued with Mass celebrated by Fr. George, who graced us with his presence all the way from Perth. His wonderful homily, tailored especially for the children, captivated young hearts and minds, reminding us of the profound significance of Easter and the hope it brings.

Photos: Attached are some snapshots capturing the essence of our Easter Sunday Masses. We hope these images serve as a beautiful reminder of the love and unity we share as a parish community.



Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church



Sacred Church



Let us continue to carry the spirit of Easter in our hearts, spreading love, hope, and compassion wherever we go.



Donors within the Parish community provide home cooked frozen meals for Father Chris Riley's Youth Off The Streets program.

Frozen meal donations for April should be dropped off at the Parish office **between 9am and 10am on Friday, 19 April 2024**. At 10am sharp, the meals will be transported to Youth Off The Streets. Frozen meal collections are scheduled for the third Friday of each month.

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 a safe and stable future.

Thank you for your support.



Divine Mercy Sunday is **Sunday, 7 April 2024**

St Faustina's Diary (Divine Mercy in My Soul), contains at least 14 passages in which Our Lord is quoted as requesting that a "Feast of Mercy" be formally established in the Church.

Leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday, in the week of 1 - 6 April, we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet after all Masses during the week.

Additionally, on Divine Sunday there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 3pm in the Sacred Heart Church Pymble with an opportunity for Reconciliation.

We will then pray The Chaplet of Divine Mercy before Benediction at 4pm.



SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

Father Aldrin Valdehueza, Assistant Priest at Epping/ Carlingford Parish and Serra Chaplain will be celebrating Mass for Serra at **Sacred Heart Church 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble** on Thursday 18th April 2024. There is plenty of parking available in the Parish car park.

The evening commences with Mass at **6.00 PM** followed by a light meal and a short meeting. ***Following the meeting Father Aldrin will be our guest speaker, his topic will be "What is a Church". Everyone is welcome. Please "come and see".***

Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians, and novices and for the perseverance of existing vocations.

For catering purposes kindly telephone Henry or Anna Leung on **0478 083 116** or email henrywk@yahoo.com.au or telephone Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you are planning to attend.

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Confirmation Formation has Commenced

We are blessed to have Confirmation celebrations at our Parish on the 26th of May 2024.

We have 65 candidates who have commenced their formation. These candidates will be guided on their faith journey primarily by parents, sponsors, godparents, and families, and further supported by their schools and the Pymble Parish Sacramental Team.

**Confirmation builds upon and strengthens
what began at Baptism.**

**Confirmation grounds us more deeply in our relationship
with God, unites us more firmly to Christ, and through
the Holy Spirit draws the candidates more intimately
to the community of faith.**

Please pray for the candidates, their parents, families and sponsors as they prepare to receive this important Sacrament.



Australian parish priests to be heard in the Vatican

The names have been released of two Australian parish priests selected to attend a global gathering of 300 priests at the Vatican. Fr David Ranson (Chatswood) and Fr Paul Crotty (Coober Pedy) will attend the "Parish Priests for the Synod: An International Meeting" between 28 April and 2 May 2024 in Rome.

Fr David was the secretary of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia, and is the parish priest of Chatswood in the Diocese of Broken Bay. He has pioneered the Parish-in-Council project to identify the Chatswood parish mission to "Bring the light of Christ to the city". Fr Paul is the parish priest in Coober Pedy, in the Diocese of Port Pirie, South Australia. For nearly five years, he has been in the Parish of Coober Pedy Inland Mission, which is the size of France and includes families in small towns, on cattle stations, and on the Aboriginal Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) lands. "Effective ministry out here in the outback is being present with the people. Pope Francis would say 'to have the smell of the sheep'", he said.

Fr Paul will also share with other priests from around the world the experience of the Port Pirie diocesan assembly, which had for over 25 years "practised the rudiments of synodality - reflecting, praying and listening as Church".

The number of participants was determined using criterion similar to that used for the election of the members of the Synodal Assembly. Each bishops conference was asked to provide parish priests with "significant experience in the perspective of a synodal Church", while also ensuring the attendees are from a variety of pastoral backgrounds.

During the five-day meeting in Rome, the priests will participate in roundtable discussions, liturgical celebrations, workshops on pastoral proposals, and discussion with experts. The goal is to listen to and value the experience of parish priests, giving them an opportunity to experience the "dynamism of synodal work at a universal level".

The meeting is being held in the lead-up to the second session of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops to be convened in Rome in October 2024. The first session of the "Synod on Synodality" finished in late October 2023 with a 42-page document known as the Synthesis Report. That report recommended ways for a "more active involvement of deacons, priests and bishops in the synodal process", which inspired the gathering of priests.

The priests will have an audience with Pope Francis on 2 May, and the meeting will contribute to the drafting of Instrumentum Laboris, the working document for the second session of the synod assembly.

The meeting will be held at the Fraternal Domus retreat and conference center in Sacrofano on the outskirts of Rome. It is about 30 minutes north west of Rome.

Blessings of Homes

Dear Parishioners, following Easter, Fr Irek will be available to bless your homes. If you would like him to come to your place, please contact the parish office or directly speak to him after Mass, indicating your preferred day.

Thank you.





Liturgy of the Word

Second Sunday of Easter

Year B

Entrance Antiphon 1 Peter 2:2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 4: 32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117: 2-4, 15-18, 22-24, R.v. 1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

- Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' **(R.)**
- The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die. **(R.)**
- The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 John 5: 1-6

A reading from the letter of St John

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is - keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world—our faith.

Who can overcome the world?
Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God;
Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only,
but with water and blood;
with the Spirit as another witness—
since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Corinthians 5: 7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 20: 19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

Gospel Reflection

Meditation: Do you know the joy of the resurrection? The Risen Lord Jesus revealed the glory of his resurrection to his disciples gradually and over a period of time. Even after the apostles saw the empty tomb and heard the

reports of Jesus' appearance to the women, they were still weak in faith and fearful of being arrested by the Jewish authorities. When Jesus appeared to them he offered proofs of his resurrection by showing them the wounds of his passion, his pierced hands and side. He calmed their fears and brought them peace, the peace which reconciles sinners and makes us friends of God.

Live and proclaim the Gospel of mercy in the power of the Holy Spirit

Jesus did something which only love and trust can do. He commissioned his weak and timid apostles to bring the good news of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. This sending out of the disciples is parallel to the sending out of Jesus by his heavenly Father. Jesus fulfilled his mission through his perfect love and obedience to the will of his Father. He called his first disciples and he now calls each one of us to do the same. Just as he gave his first disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit, so he breathes on each of us the same Holy Spirit who equips us with new life, power, joy, and courage to live each day as followers of the Risen Lord.

The last apostle to meet the resurrected Lord was the first to go with him to Jerusalem at Passover time. The apostle Thomas was a natural pessimist. When Jesus proposed that they visit Lazarus after receiving news of his illness, Thomas said to the disciples: "Let us also go, that we may die with him" (John 11:16). While Thomas deeply loved the Lord, he lacked the courage to stand with Jesus in his passion and crucifixion. After Jesus' death, Thomas made the mistake of withdrawing from the other apostles. He sought loneliness rather than fellowship in his time of trial and adversity. He doubted the women who saw the resurrected Jesus and he doubted his own fellow apostles.

Through the gift of faith we recognize the Risen Lord and receive new life

When Thomas finally had the courage to rejoin the other apostles, the Lord Jesus made his presence known to him and reassured him that he had indeed overcome death and risen again. When Thomas recognized his Master, he believed and exclaimed that Jesus was truly Lord and truly God! Through the gift of faith we, too, proclaim that Jesus is our personal Lord and our God. He died and rose that we, too, might have new life in him. The Lord offers each of us new life in his Holy Spirit that we may know him personally and walk in this new way of life through the power of his resurrection. Do you believe in the good news of the Gospel and in the power of the Holy Spirit to bring you new life, hope, and joy?

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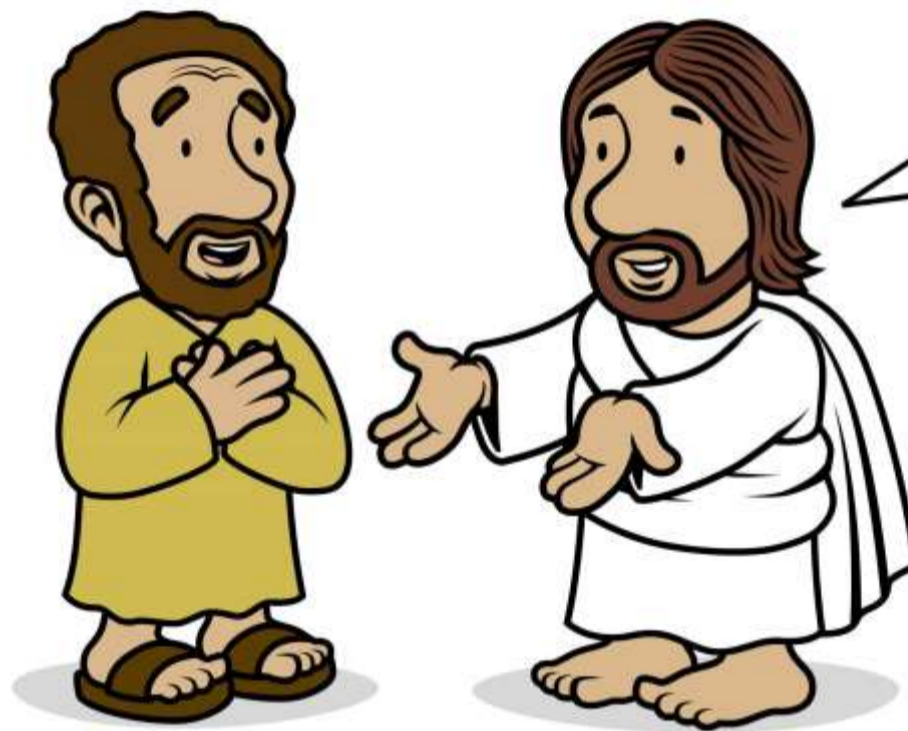
Pymble Parish Roster 13/14 April 2024

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Projector		
Readers	P D'Souza	N Saber
Altar Society	13 April:	
Counters	14 April: P Ward / J Witcombe / M Tang	

OLPS (West Pymble)	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 8:00am
Acolytes	J Pease	M D'Silva
Altar Servers	A Pease	W & M Saba / M Jordan
Readers	E & Z Victor	R Millane
Altar Cloth	13 April: A Glover	

Children's Corner

Thomas had doubts about Jesus being alive. But later when he saw Jesus he did believe. Draw the nail marks in Jesus' hands and feet.



Have you believed because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'



Thomas had doubts about Jesus being alive. He wanted to see Jesus' hands and side before he would believe that Jesus had come back to life. Re-arrange the tiles to discover the important message Jesus gave to Thomas.

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What are some things in today's world that show us that Jesus' spirit is with us?
Circle the correct answers and add some of your own.



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9:30am at Sacred Heart

6:00pm at Sacred Heart



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