



# 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 JUBILEE YEAR**



The one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.



Matthew 3:11



## Family Advent Prayer

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Help us to live in that love together as a family this Advent.

Prepare our hearts for Christmas. Bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you.

Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Amen.



We welcome to Pymble Parish the newest members of our community

Charlie  
Maverick  
Toby  
Valentina

who will be baptised this weekend at our Parish.



**Pope Leo XIV's**  
official prayer  
intention for  
December

### For Christians in Conflict

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

**A warm welcome to all our Parishioners and visitors who are participating in Mass with us this weekend.**






## Prayer for the Intercession of Blessed Francis Jordan


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

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

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

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<b>Sacred Heart</b> <b>2 Richard Porter Way, Pymble NSW 2073</b>  <b>Weekdays:</b> Tuesday to Friday 9:00am <b>Rosary:</b> Tuesday to Friday after morning Mass <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:</b> Friday after morning Mass  <b>Weekend:</b> Sunday: 9:30 am, 6:00 pm <b>Reconciliation:</b> Tuesday - Friday 8:45am Sunday 9:15am, 5:30 pm	
<b>Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</b> <b>64 Kendall St, West Pymble, NSW, 2073</b>  <b>Weekend:</b> Saturday: 9:00 am Saturday: 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass) Sunday: 8:00 am (Quiet Mass) <b>Reconciliation:</b> Saturday 9:30am, 4:45am Sunday 7:45am	
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For information about Weddings please contact the Parish Office. For information about the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Eucharist, please contact Rebecca	
Giving at the Parish	
The <b>First Collection</b> goes to the upkeep of the clergy, Salvatorian Regional Office and the Broken Bay Diocese sustentation funds.  The <b>Second Collection</b> goes towards maintaining our Churches and the upkeep of the Parish, supporting the ministries of our Parish (including our Sacramental programs and Catechist work), helping us continue our good works.  Thank you for your ongoing support.	 First Collection  Second Collection

Parish Primary Schools
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<b>Salvatorian Fathers</b> <b>Foundation day</b> <b>8th December 1881</b>  <div>  <p>The Salvatorian Family consists of the members of the Society of the Divine Saviour (Societas Divini Salvatoris), members of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Divine Saviour (Sorores Divini Salvatoris) and Lay Salvatorians. Fr Francis Jordan was the Founder of the Salvatorian Family. Here is a little about Fr Jordan's life.</p> <p><b>His Family of Origin</b>            John Baptist Jordan was born in a family of modest means on 16 June 1848, in Gurtwell, a village in southern Germany close to the Swiss border. Together with his family, he led a simple life, not without economic difficulties and sacrifices.</p> <p><b>His Youth</b>            The young John Baptist Jordan was an indefatigable worker, who dedicated himself totally to the support of his family. And although he did not have time for study because of his work, he had the opportunity to travel and make himself familiar with the reality of his country.</p> <p><b>His Vocation</b>            Adverse circumstances did not allow John Baptist Jordan to study at the best moment. However, at the same time, they gave him the opportunity to foster his vocation. Later he was able to take up studies with diligence and many talents, above all learning very quickly foreign languages. This way he widened his vision of the world and of the Church, always in need of renewal.</p> <p><b>The Time of Discernment</b>            On 21 January 1880 John Baptist Jordan left for his trip to the Middle East. It was a kind of a pilgrimage to the holy places. It was also useful for perfecting the languages and for exploring the amazing missionary horizons through direct discussion with the persons important for the project he had in his heart and which at this point he did not keep secret.</p> <p><b>The Start of the Work</b>            On 8 December 1881 Jordan officially founded the First Grade of the Apostolic Teaching Society together with Fathers von Leonhardi and Luthen in the St Brigit Chapel.</p> <p><b>The Female Branch</b>            To include all people in his project was a dream of Francis Jordan. As such, he started the new branch of his missionary work to include his spiritual daughters in 1882.</p> <p><b>Sending out the First Missionaries</b>            One of the convictions of France Jordan was that “the works of God flourish only in the shadow of the Cross.” After so many sacrifices and desertions because of the interventions of the Church, the work flourished and took up the mission of announcing salvation, sowing the seed of life and of hope in every corner of the world.</p> <p><b>His final years</b>            Fr Francis Jordan carried his cross until the end. Despite the difficulties in his life, he was marked by obedience to the will of God until the final abandonment of himself into God's arms.</p> </div>

WHAT’S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

**Saturday, 6 December**  
9:00am Mass at OLPS followed by First Friday Devotion with Adoration and Prayers for New Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life  
5:00pm Family Mass at OLPS, followed by BBQ

**Sunday, 7 December**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**  
8:00am Mass at OLPS (quiet)  
9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart  
10:30am Baptism Formation Class  
5:00pm Taize at Sacred Heart  
5:30pm Reconciliation at Sacred Heart  
6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart

**Tuesday, 9 December**  
**St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin, hermit (Optional)**  
9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart  
5:00pm Sacred Heart Yr 6 Graduation Mass  
7:00pm Faith Formation - Lectio: God

**Wednesday, 10 December**  
**Our Lady of Loreto (Optional)**  
9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart  
5:00pm OLPS Yr 6 Graduation Mass  
7:00pm Salvatorian Collaborators Meeting

**Thursday, 11 December**  
**St Damasus I, pope (Optional)**  
9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

**Friday, 12 December**  
**Our Lady of Guadalupe (Optional)**  
9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart followed by Adoration and Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
10:00am Bible Study - last meeting for the year

**Saturday, 13 December**  
**St Lucy, virgin, martyr (Memorial)**  
9:00am Mass at OLPS with Morning Prayers (Breviary)  
5:00pm Mass at OLPS

**Sunday, 14 December**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**  
8:00am Mass at OLPS (quiet)  
9:30am Healing Mass and Talk at Sacred Heart - Fr Justin Torres  
5:30pm Reconciliation at Sacred Heart  
6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart

*The Rosary is recited after all weekday Masses at Sacred Heart Church and 9am Saturday Mass at OLPS*

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:**  
Daniel de Groen, Diana Tam, Sandra Sinclair, Joe Pereira, John Clark, Ada Yu, Joe Pereira, Anthony Machedo, Graham Lynch, Gilbert Tomlinson, Kevin Moloney, Beulah Erin Wahab, Margaret Therese Eadie, Irene Buckley, Melissa Self, Jim Harrison, Joe Woods

**Death Anniversaries:**  
Elizabeth Megawati Bambang, Joe Dias, Joan Catherine Bernie, Bernardino Castillo, Frances Pettengill, Frieda Nassar, Rosario S. Ortiz, Serofin Peralta Jr, Melinda Ballat Magpayo, Leslie Cashman, Katherine Cashman, Peter Goh, Kwong Tsui Yu, Paula Freeman, Constance & Elwyn Glazier, Judith English, Alfonso Fuente-Marchat, Victor Hugo Aguilera, Justin Whitehorse

**Prayers for the sick:**  
Stan Brataniec, Craig Shepherd, Daniel Fileman, Maria Witebsky, Tom Ryan, Jan Drobczyk, Janusz Czech, Elliot Leahy, Iris Garate-Marchant, Antonios Ghabach, Mrs Mary Sidaway, Pamela Seaman, Joseph Hendryjanto, Margaret Browne


**Monthly prayer intention:**  
This month we pray that we may find new opportunities to serve those in need during Advent as we prepare for the coming of Christ.

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.

Serra Vocations Prayer Calendar-December 2025  
Please pray daily for all clergy using the prayer provided on the side. Additionally, say a prayer each day for the priests listed in the calendar below .

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 Fr Paul Finucane	2 Fr Paul Durkin	3 Fr Bogdan Skupien Fr Eliseus Shin	4 Fr Chima Ofor	5 Fr Marek Woldan	6 Fr Joshi Naduppura	7 Fr Philip Thottam MSFS
8 Fr Grzegorz (Greg) Skulski SDS	9 Fr Bronislaw (Bronek) Pietruszewicz SDS	10 Fr Ryszard (Richard) Sadowski SDS	11 Fr Zygmunt Smigowski SDS	12 Fr Bill Stevens	13 Fr Harry Kennedy	14 Fr Stephen Hamilton
15 Fr Rex Curry	16 Fr Jack Robson	17 Fr Stan Skibicki	18 Fr Robert Brogan	19 Fr Geoff Bugden	20 Sr Marea Ross rsj	21 Sr Josefa Mabini OSA Sr Jenifer Canillas OSA
22 Seminarians Shayne D'Cunha	23 Seminarians Matthew French Tan Nguyen	24 Seminarians Victor Atuhura Huy Tran	25 Fr Robert Crawford	26 Sr Ann Duncan rsj	27 Fr Carmelo Sciberas	28 Fr Jim Tierney
29 Fr Clem Hill	30 Fr Terry Johns	31 Sister Damian Lai				

DAILY PRAYER  
FOR  
VOCATIONS



Heavenly Father, we praise You for Your goodness and thank You for Your gifts. Help us respond to and live out our mission in the Church. Assist all Your people to know their vocation in life and help them to prepare for it. Call many to be priests, deacons and consecrated men and women for Your greater glory, and for the service of Your people. Give those whom You call the grace to respond generously and to persevere faithful. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# PYMBLE MEN'S GROUP

Join us for our end of year celebration with a round of putt-putt golf and burgers after.



**17 DECEMBER 2025**

**6:30pm**

Thornleigh Golf Centre  
142-178 Pennant Hills Rd  
Thornleigh

RSVP Chris at [crgreedy@hotmail.com](mailto:crgreedy@hotmail.com)  
by COB 12 December



**Vinnies Christmas Appeal**



St Vincent de Paul Society  
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On behalf of the Pymble Conference of St Vincent de Paul, and our clients, we want to express our heartfelt thanks to our Parish community for your incredible support of our Annual Christmas Hamper Appeal.

In these challenging economic times, calls for our assistance are ever increasing, with more and more families and single people of all ages struggling to make ends meet. Your donations and hampers will bring so much Christmas joy to them this Christmas.

Thank you for your generosity.



## Healing Mass



**9:30am, Sunday, 14 December 2025**  
**Sacred Heart Church**  
**2 Richard Porter Way, Pymble**

With celebrant Fr Justin Torres, a Philippine priest of the Oblate Apostles of the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary. Fr Torres shares his ministry of Discernment and Healing from Jesus through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Fr Justin brings with him a deep devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe - come and encounter the peace, grace and healing love of Jesus and Mary.

Everyone is welcome

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*Thank You*

A heartfelt thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers. We are so grateful for your generosity and support. We hope you enjoyed our High Tea to celebrate what was a fabulous 2025. Thank you to our Social Committee for putting such a wonderful event last weekend.

30 NOVEMBER 2025



## Christmas Masses Volunteers

This festive season, immerse yourself in the joy of our Christmas Masses!

We're seeking volunteers to contribute their time and talents to make this festive season extra special.

If you are interested and willing to help please put your name down on the volunteer sheets which are located at the back of the church.

Readers  
Eucharistic Ministers  
Wardens

Musicians  
Projectionists



Please be aware that we have received reports that people have been impersonating themselves as Fr Irek, and sending text messages to parishioners' mobile phones, asking our parishioners to purchase Apple Gift Cards for

Father. **Please note, in no circumstances, would Father Irek contact any one in the Parish and ask for money in any form.** If you receive such a message either by text or email, please disregard it and notify the Parish Office.

# Lighting the Advent Wreath

## Second Candle - The Candle of Peace



**Priest:** In the **Second Week of Advent**, we consider our relationships with ourselves and with God. We ask, "Do I always appreciate what others do for me and accept who I am?" Am I aware of the wonder of "self," the gift bestowed up on me by the Creator? Do I appreciate and use my talents and abilities for God's glory?

In prayer and worship, let us acknowledge the divine Presence of God among us.

**Meditation:** "Make ready the way of the Lord. Clear Him a straight path." (Luke 3:4)

*Light the second purple candle*

**Priest:** Let us pray:  
Almighty and loving God, You Who dwell within our hearts at every waking moment, keep us always close to You. Help us to recognise and appreciate the gifts You have given us. Teach us to use our talents for the good of others and the glory of Your Son Jesus, Whose promise is too precious to ignore. Keep our hearts and minds ever alert to Your personal and loving touch in every prayer and in every act of worship.

**All:** Amen.



# HEALING

JOIN US FOR OUR HEALING MASS  
FOLLOWED BY MORNING TEA

Thursday, 18 December @ 10am  
Sacred Heart Church

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Please note there will be no 9am Mass on the day.

## OFFICE CLOSED

The Office will be closed from 8 December until the end of the month. During this period, if you need assistance please send us an email at [office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au](mailto:office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au) or give us a call on **9144 2702**. The office will however be opened on Thursday mornings during this time. Thank you for your understanding.

# PASTORAL WORKS Broken Bay

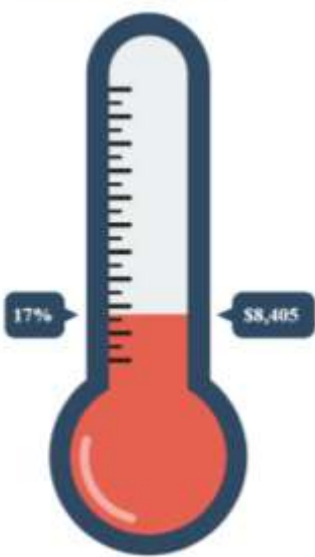
Our parish quota for the **2025/2026 Pastoral Works Fund** has increased by **34% to \$49,373**, and we are grateful to have already raised **\$8,405**, through your generous donations during November and our recent cake stall!


This fund supports essential initiatives such as CatholicCare, chaplaincies, and faith education programs that serve our community.

While our next formal appeal is in May, we warmly invite parishioners to continue contributing in the coming months. Every donation helps us reach our goal.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity. Together, we can make a lasting difference!

GOAL: \$49,373





## Brief and Simple Homilies for Everyone



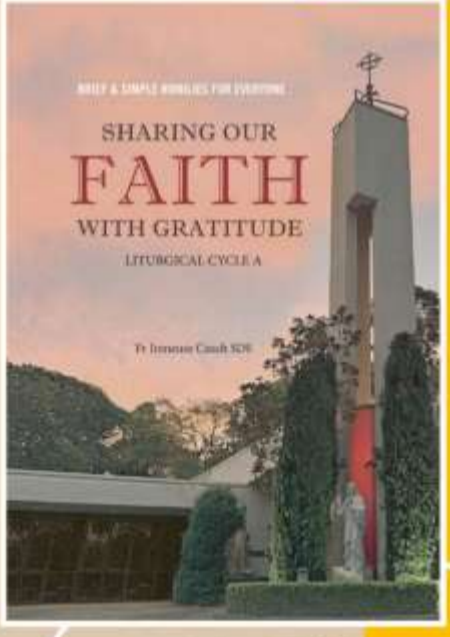
### Sharing Our Faith With Gratitude

#### Liturgical Cycle A

By Ireneusz Czech SDS

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**Paper copies of the books will be available at both Churches for \$30 from 11 December. Thank you.**



## Entrance Antiphon

O people of Sion, behold,  
the Lord will come to save the nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice  
heard  
in the joy of your heart.

**First Reading**      Isaiah 11: 1-10

## A reading from the prophet Isaiah

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,  
a scion thrusts from his roots:  
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,  
a spirit of wisdom and insight,  
a spirit of counsel and power,  
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.  
(The fear of the Lord is his breath,)  
He does not judge by appearances,  
he gives no verdict on hearsay,  
but judges the wretched with integrity,  
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.  
His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless,  
his sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,  
faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb,  
the panther lies down with the kid,  
calf and lion cub feed together  
with a little boy to lead them.  
The cow and the bear make friends,  
their young lie down together.  
The lion eats straw like the ox.  
The infant plays over the cobra's hole;  
into the viper's lair  
the young child puts his hand.  
They do no hurt, no harm,  
on all my holy mountain,  
for the country is filled with the knowledge of  
the Lord  
as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse  
shall stand as a signal to the peoples.  
It will be sought out by the nations  
and its home will be glorious.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 71: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13 R. cf  
v.7

**(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**

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 the earth's  
bounds. **(R.)**
3. For he shall save the poor when they cry  
And the needy who are helpless.

He will have pity on the weak  
And save the lives of the poor. (R.)

4. May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. **(R.)**

**Second Reading**     Romans 15: 4-9

## A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

**Gospel Acclamation** Luke 3: 4, 6

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his  
paths:  
all people shall see the salvation of God.  
*Alleluia!*

**Gospel**      **Matthew 3: 1-12**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:  
Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the

appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, “We have Abraham for our father,” because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.’

## Gospel Reflection

### Isaiah's prophecy of the Messiah

Isaiah prophesied that the Messiah would be equipped with the gifts of the Spirit - with wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, and fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:2 - for an explanation of the gifts see this helpful article). This king would establish the kingdom of God, not by force of human will and military power, but by offering his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sin of the world. Through his death on the cross, Jesus, the true Messiah King, would defeat Satan, overcome death, and win pardon and reconciliation for sinners. God's plan of redemption included not only the Jewish people but all the nations of the earth as well. Through his death and resurrection Jesus makes us citizens of heaven and friends of God. The Lord Jesus wants us to live in joyful hope and confident expectation that he will come again to fully establish his kingdom of righteousness and peace.

## A new era of God's restoration begins

Jesus tells us that John the Baptist was more than a prophet (Luke 7:26). John was the voice of the Consoler who is coming (John 1:23; Isaiah 40:1-3). He completed the cycle of prophets begun by Elijah (Matthew 11:13-14). What the prophets had carefully searched for and angels longed to see, now came to completion as John made the way ready for the coming of the Messiah, God's Anointed Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. With John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit begins the restoration to the human race of the "divine likeness", prefiguring what would be achieved with and in the Lord Jesus.

**Lord, let your light burn brightly in my heart that I may know the joy and freedom of your kingdom. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and empower me to witness the truth of your Gospel and to point others to Jesus Christ.**

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Pymble Parish Roster - 13 & 14 December 2025		
Sacred Heart (Pymble)	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes	T McLeod	P Adams
Altar Servers	Volunteers needed	F Seeto / A Perera
Readers	B Allen	E Lloyd-Jones
Altar Society	13 December:	
Counters	14 December: J Witcombe / C Gwynn / M Boland	
OLPS (West Pymble)	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 8:00am
Acolytes	J Pease	J Walton
Altar Servers	William & Magdalene	Volunteers needed
Readers	J Pease	R Millane
Altar Cloth	13 December: P Ryan	

# Children’s Liturgy at Sacred Heart

Last Sunday was the first day of Advent.

At children’s liturgy, the children were taught that Advent is the time to prepare for the coming of someone very significant and important - Jesus Christ.

The different parts of the Advent wreath were explained. For example we discussed that the shape and the colour of the Advent wreath symbolises God’s everlasting love for us all. We also discussed each of the candles, and the meaning of each one; the candle to be lit on the third Sunday of Advent is the Shepherd’s candle and that it represents joy, being pink, rejoicing for the near arrival of Baby Jesus.

The children were also presented with an advent calendar for them to put heart stickers on or colour in whenever they do something loving or kind in preparation for Christmas, and a paper model of the candles, which is also a cootie catcher, and a wreath to colour so that they can make their own wreath at home.

We wish all the children and families in our parish a wonderful Advent Season in preparation of our Lord Jesus.



# Christmas at OLPS

Please help us celebrate Christmas at OLPS this year at our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses

## Christmas Eve - 5pm Family Mass

We’re looking for readers at our 5pm Christmas Eve Family Mass at. Students may volunteer for a role in Reading, Prayers of the Faithful, Offertory or Gospel Procession.

To participate, please contact Louise Johnston on 0413 137 534 with your child’s name, year group and school, as well as your mobile number.

## Christmas Day - 9am Mass

We are looking for 6 or more people from Yr 4+ to ring belss at Christmas at the 9am Mass with handbells. There’s no need to read music, but you just need to know how to count (like crazy!). If you or your children can help please reach out to Peter at peter.r.hogg@gmail.com and we can organize a rehearsal before then.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
SUPPORT!

## Christmas Eve BBQ Helpers Needed!

After our 5pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church on Christmas Eve, we’ll gather for a festive BBQ to celebrate together. To make it a joyful and smooth evening, we’re looking for volunteers to lend a hand with cooking, serving, and clean-up.

If you can spare some time, your help will make all the difference in creating a welcoming celebration for everyone.

Please contact Rebecca on 0431 186 952 if you’re able to help.  
Thank you!

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

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

Yours in Christ,  
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**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

**TELL** us about dangers – and what's being done to protect us

**SEE** what other adults are doing, and how they are behaving

**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.



**"Christ has no hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on this world."**

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