



# PYMBLE CATHOLIC PARISH

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*Building a Christ-centred community of Love and Mercy*

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



"Go and find out all about the child."

Matthew 2:8

### Prayer on the Epiphany

Arise, shine, for the  
 Light of the World has come!  
 Darkness covers the earth  
 and its people,  
 but the radiance of God's Light  
 burns away its shadows,  
 illuminates the smallest corner,  
 and heralds in the start  
 of a new dawn,  
 where hearts no longer fear,  
 souls might be set free,  
 and sister shall follow brother,  
 nation shall follow nation,  
 and kings and princes bow down in awe  
 before the one who comes to reign.  
 Arise, shine, for the Light of the World  
 has come!  
 Alleluia!



### Pymble Parish Office Christmas Break

The Parish Office will be closed until Friday, 12 January 2024.

You can still contact us by email during this time the office is closed.

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

**Contact details:**

(02) 9144 2702

office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au  
www.pymblecatholicparish.org.au

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January

FOR THE GIFT OF DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH



Let us pray that the Spirit help us recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

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



### Prayer for the Intercession of Blessed Francis Jordan

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

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

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

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## Parish Team

### Pastoral care

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## Parish Mass Times

### Sacred Heart

2 Richard Porter Way, Pymble NSW 2073

#### Weekdays:

Tuesday to Friday 9:00am

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

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

#### Weekend:

Sunday: 9:30am and 6:00pm

#### Reconciliation:

Friday 8:45am

Sunday 5:30pm

### Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

64 Kendall St, West Pymble, NSW, 2073

#### Weekdays:

Tuesday: 12pm

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

#### Weekend:

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

Sunday: 8:00am (Quiet Mass)

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 9:30am

## Contact details

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

Friday 8.30am to 1pm

*For information about Weddings please contact*

*Daniela in the Parish Office.*

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

*Reconciliation and First Eucharist, please contact*

*Melanie at melanie@pymblecatholicparish.org.au*

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

Schools with catechist assignments across one or more year groups:

- \* **Gordon East Public School**  
Tuesday: 9:15-9:45am
- \* **Gordon West Public School**  
Tuesday: 12:30-1:00pm
- \* **Turramurra Public School**  
Wednesday: 9:15-9:45am  
Wednesday: 9:55-10:25am
- \* **West Pymble Public School**  
Wednesday: 1:15-1:50pm
- \* **Pymble Public School**  
Wednesday: 1:40-2:10pm  
Wednesday: 2:15-2:45pm

Please consider joining this wonderful Ministry.

Contact **Michele** at 0409 651 637 or [michele@pymblecatholicparish.org.au](mailto:michele@pymblecatholicparish.org.au)

Pymble Catholic Parish | 02 9144 2702

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

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

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

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

## WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

### Sunday, 7 January

#### **Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity)**

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

### Monday, 8 January

#### **Baptism of the Lord (Feast)**

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

### Tuesday, 9 January

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

### Wednesday, 10 January

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

### Thursday, 11 January

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

### Friday, 12 January

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

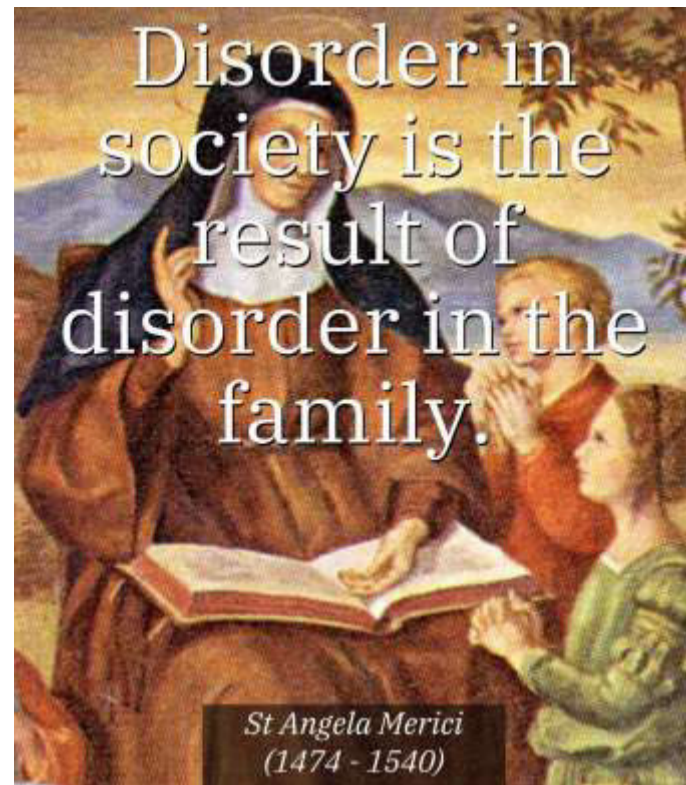
### Saturday, 13 January

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

### Sunday, 14 January

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

The Rosary is recited after all weekday Masses.



**Thank you for your generous support!**

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### Baptisms at Pymble Parish

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

**Monday, 12 February 2024**

**7pm**

**Sacred Heart Church**

Bookings are essential.

## Parish Prayer Zone

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

### Recently Deceased:

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

### Death Anniversaries:

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

### Prayers for the sick:

Sister Gemma OP, Dominican Sisters in Perth, Margaret Browne, Paul Lum, Danny Ung, Ryan Kim, David Gardener

### Weekly prayer intention:

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

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



# Liturgy of the Word

## The Epiphany of the Lord

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf Malachi 3:1, 1 Chr 29:12

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

**First Reading** Isaiah 60:1-6

**A reading from the book of Isaiah**

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

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

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

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

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

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 71: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13 R. v11

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

1. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. **(R.)**

2. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. **(R.)**

3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. **(R.)**

4. 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.)**

**Second Reading** Eph 3:2-3. 5-6

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians**

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

**Gospel Acclamation** Matthew 2:2

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

**Gospel** Matthew 2:1-12

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

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

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

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

**Gospel Reflection**

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

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

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

To know and to encounter Jesus Christ is to know God personally. In the encounter of the wise men with Jesus we see the plan of God to give his only Son as King and Saviour, not just for the Jewish people but for all the nations as well. The Lord Jesus came that both Jew and Gentile might find true and lasting peace with God. Let us pray today that Jew and Gentile alike will find the Lord and Saviour on their journey of life. Do you bring the light of Jesus Christ to those you meet through the witness of your life and testimony?

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**Father Irek's  
homily**

Homily for the  
Epiphany of the  
Lord - Solemnity



Homily for the  
Baptism of the  
Lord - B

As we are expecting more parishioners and their families and friends as well as visitors, these Holidays, could we request that if you are able to volunteer and fill any of the available positions, please arrive to Mass at least 15 minutes before its commencing and let the Priest know that you are available.


Rosters for 2024 will be available by the end of January 2024.

Many thanks for your help!

### Pymble Parish Roster 13/14 January 2024

Sacred Heart (Pymble)	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 6.00pm
Acolytes	Tania McLeod	Paul Adams
Music	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed
Projector	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed
Readers	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed
Counters	14 January: T Scanlan / J Challita / A Mazzei	
Altar Society	13 January: Jan / Teresa / Marie	
OLPS (West Pymble)	Saturday 5.00pm	Sunday 8.00am
Acolytes	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed
Altar Servers	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed
Music and Projector	Volunteers needed	QUIET MASS
Altar Cloth	13 January: N Simpkins	

## Children's Corner

 The wise men had to search for Jesus. Where are some of the places we can find Jesus in our world today?

Help the wise men find their way to Bethlehem - watch out for King Herod!



Some Wise Men came from the East to worship the newly born king. They came bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Draw yourself offering a special gift to Jesus.



**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](mailto:info@pymblecatholicparish.org.au)**

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# New Mass Schedule

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

### Saturday

9:00am at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

5:00pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

### Sunday

8:00am at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

9:30am at Sacred Heart

6:00pm at Sacred Heart



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