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

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## 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, 13 January 2023. You can still contact us by phone during this time the office is closed.

The Office will reopen on  
**Monday, 16 January 2022 at  
8:30am.**

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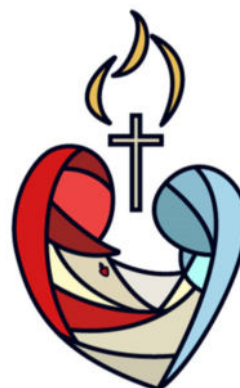
## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January



### FOR EDUCATORS

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

**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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## WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

### Sunday, 8 January

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

7:45am Mass at Sacred Heart  
 9:00am Family Mass at OLPS  
 9:30am Family Mass at Sacred Heart  
 6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart

### Monday, 9 January

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

### Tuesday, 10 January

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

### Wednesday, 11 January

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

### Thursday, 12 January

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

### Friday, 13 January

#### *St Hilary, bishop, doctor (Optional)*

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

### Saturday, 14 January

9:00am Mass with Morning Prayer at OLPS  
 5:00pm Mass at OLPS  
 5:30pm Mass at Sacred Heart

### Sunday, 15 January

7:45am Mass at Sacred Heart  
 9:00am Mass at OLPS  
 9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart  
 6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart

The Rosary is recited after all weekday Masses.



## 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

Baptism Formation Classes will resume in February 2023.



## Thank you for your generous support!

Thank you to all our parishioners who have so generously supported the Parish in the past year. We will always be grateful.

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Pymble Catholic Parish

# Christmas Break

Parish groups taking a break over the Christmas New Year period will resume as below

Office: Monday, 16 January 2023  
 RCIA: Friday, 30 January 2023  
 Charismatic Prayer Group: Tuesday, 31 January 2023  
 Mens Fellowship: Thursday, 2 February 2023  
 Taizé Group: Friday, 3 February 2023  
 Bible Study: Friday, 3 February 2023  
 Youth off the Streets: Friday, 17 February 2023

We wish everyone all the blessings of Christmas

## 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:

Edith & Harold Burford, Geoff & Dorothy Thomas, Margaret Kime, Silvy Gomez, Peter Pedulla, Nina Gomes, Julian Costa Silva, Maria Elizabeth Miranda, Elaine Giddy, Matthew McFadden, Judith Clubb, Judith English, Monica Steele, Janice Lemon, Michael Schmaedicke, Louisa Garcia, Lisbello Do Rozario, Mary Dunne, Mdm Wei Took Heng, Ranjan Fernando, Lorenta Vida Water.

### Death Anniversaries:

Bruce McLeod, Tony Awad, Peter O'Sullivan, Wayne Simpkins, Tony Sanchez, Franciszek Lucjan Skrodzki, Les Cashman, Jim Hussin, Jane & David Wilkinson, Maria Karayannis, Yu Tso Kwong Tsui, Paul & George Neily, Salim, Virginia, Carlos & Salvador Younes

### Prayers for the sick:

Angie, Wendy Tan, Alice Chapman, David Gardener

### Weekly prayer intention:

This week we pray for Pope Francis, that his pastoral care for the whole human family will inspire the leaders of every nation. 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

Year A

### Entrance Antiphon

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

### First Reading

Is 60:1-6

#### A reading from the book of Isaiah

*The glory of the Lord shines upon you.*

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

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

**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

*The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.*

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

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

### Gospel

Mt 2:1-12

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

*We have come from the East to worship the king.*

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 (John 1:10-11). Jesus was born in obscurity. Only the lowly shepherds recognized him at his birth. Some wise men also found their way to Bethlehem to pay homage to the newborn King of Israel. These men were not Israelites, but foreigners. They likely had read and discussed the Messianic prophecies and were anxious to see when this Messianic King would appear. God led them by means of an extraordinary star across the desert to the little town of Bethlehem where Jesus was born.

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

The Lord of the universe who revealed the star of Bethlehem to the Gentiles of the East so they could come and worship Jesus, the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6) and King of Kings (Revelations 19:16), gives each one of us the same light of revelation to recognize and accept Jesus as our Lord and 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?

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

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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 2023 will be available by the end of January 2023.

Many thanks for your help!

### Pymble Parish Roster 14/15 January 2023

Sacred Heart (Pymble)	Saturday 5.30pm	Sunday 7.45am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 6.00pm
Acolytes	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed
Music	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed
Projector	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed
Readers	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed
Counters	15 January: C Gwynn / T Scanlan / J Witcombe			
Altar Society	14 January: P Awad / R Wahab			
OLPS (West Pymble)	Saturday 5.00pm	Sunday 9.00am		
Acolytes	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed		
Altar Servers	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed		
Music and Projector	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed		
Altar Cloth	14 January: N Simpkins			

## Children's Corner

Three 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.



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

**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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