



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



Parents Prayer for Vocations

Almighty and eternal God, in your unfailing love you provide ministers for your Church. We pray for those whom you call to serve the Church as priests. Inspire in them a generous response. Grant them courage and vision to serve your people.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



We welcome to Pymble Parish the newest member of our community

Joseph Cowley

who will be Baptised in our Parish this weekend.



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

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

FAITH-FILLED YOUNG PEOPLE

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.



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.

www.pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Parish Team

Pastoral care

Salvatorian Fathers

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Parish Mass Times

Sacred Heart

2 Richard Porter Way, Pymble NSW 2073

Weekdays:

Tuesday to Friday 9:00am

Rosary: Tuesday to Friday after morning Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday after morning Mass

Weekend:

Saturday (Vigil Mass): 5:30pm

Sunday: 7:45am, 9:30am and 6:00pm

Reconciliation: Friday 8:30am, Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 5:30pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

64 Kendall St, West Pymble, NSW, 2073

Weekdays:

Tuesday: 12pm

During School Term as advertised in the Parish weekly calendar section

Weekend:

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

Sunday: 9:00am

Reconciliation: Saturday 9:30am

Contact details

Address: 2 Richard Porter Way, Pymble, NSW 2073

Postal address: PO BOX 231 Turramurra NSW 2074

Telephone: (02) 9144 2702

Email: office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Website: www.pymblecatholicparish.org.au

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

Friday 8.30am to 1pm

For information about Baptisms and Weddings please contact Daniela in the Parish Office.

For information about the sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Eucharist, please contact Melanie on melanie@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

SACRED HEART

Principal: Mrs Mary Hor

Telephone: (02) 94408056

www.shpddb.catholic.edu.au

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

Principal: Mrs Sue Host

Telephone: (02) 9498 6060

www.olpsddb.catholic.edu.au

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Students in 5M explored the themes of Lent and Easter in a creative and integrated way. They were encouraged to reflect on Lent as an opportunity for conversion, not just as a temporary measure but as life changing.

The students also studied key Gospel accounts of incidents during Jesus' passion and death which demanded decisions of Jesus and others.

For their journey into the Easter season, students explored what Jesus meant by the invitation, 'Come, follow me' and how they could respond.



The students of 5M also examined the celebration of the Eucharist as both a memorial sacrifice and memorial meal. They focused on how Christ nourishes us through the celebration of the Eucharist through the gift of himself present in the assembly, celebrant, Word and Eucharistic elements.

They also explored the concept of 'Spiritual Health'



Baptisms at Pymble Parish

If you would like to know or if you have any questions about the Baptism process in our Parish, please contact the Parish office on 9144 2702 or office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au Our upcoming Baptism Formation Class will be held on

Wednesday, 11 May 2022
7:30pm at the Sacred Heart Church
Bookings are essential.

WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, 8 May

Mother's Day

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

Tuesday, 10 May

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart
 7.30pm Charismatic Prayer Group

Wednesday, 11 May

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart
 7:30pm Baptism Formation Class

Thursday, 12 May

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart
 11:00am Mass at Northaven
 7:00pm Pymble Men's Fellowship Meeting

Friday, 13 May

Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart
 10:00am Bible Study

Saturday, 14 May

Feast of St Matthias

9:00am Mass with Morning Prayer at OLPS
 2:00pm Confirmation formation class at 4:00pm Sacred Heart
 5:00pm Mass at OLPS
 5:30pm Mass at Sacred Heart

Sunday, 15 May

OLPS Church Anniversary

7:45am Mass at Sacred Heart
 9:00am Mass at OLPS
 10:30am Confirmation formation class at Sacred Heart
 9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart
 6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart



Parish Prayer Zone

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

Recently Deceased:

Anna Kowalczyk, Corey Wittenberg, Ignatius Fernandes, Michael John Hanson, Anthony Abbas, Julie Jillard, Sr Florianna Melinz MSC, Maria Boonjung Kim, Peter Brassil, Zita Leung, Phillip Duggan, Brian Ellis, John Richardson, Rita White, Rita Roache, Orfeo Calacoci, Ivo Felizzi, Fr Manoj Manuel

Death Anniversaries:

Laura Bowe, Odette McLeod, Margaret Harris, Jane Clare Sprouster, Ed Rickard, Margareta Hetty, Lilian Castillo, Sergio Contardo, Anna Lobo, Dawn Prins, Joseph Matthew Lyons, Joseph Francis Sprouster, Luciano Dumrique, Santa Celio, Juliana Eujin Cho, Joe Tumulty, Patricia Grass, Kerry Oei, Amanda Duggan

Prayers for the sick:

Alice Chapman, Jeremy Ward, David Gardener

Weekly prayer intention:

This week we pray that the Lord will raise up shepherds after his own heart—Priests, Deacons and Consecrated Religious who will witness by their lives and words to this Good News.

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.

Keep in touch with us

Register to receive email updates from different groups within the Pymble Parish

flocknote.com/pymblecatholicparish

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



This weekend, we will be celebrating the World Day of Prayer for Vocations also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 0:2).

Please, pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

An extra collection will be organised at both Churches to support Salvatorian Seminaries around the world.

Thank you for your generosity.

Charismatic prayer All are welcome

7.30pm, Tuesdays

Sacred Heart Church Meeting Room

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist 2022 at Pymble Catholic Parish

Preparation for these sacraments will be happening in the coming months.

First Reconciliation services will be in June

First Eucharist services will be in August.

Enrolments CLOSE this weekend

You can enrol your child at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BWLBU>



Children are eligible to partake in this program if they have been baptised, made their Confirmation, and are in Year 4 or above.

For more details, visit our Parish website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/pymble/sacraments/sacramental-program



YOUTH GROUP

Sunday 8 May we begin a new **Youth Group** in our Parish.

Join us in Youth Mass at 6pm followed by fellowship, fun, spiritual formation and Pizza in the Crying Room at Sacred Heart Church, Pymble.



THE MONTH OF MARY

Praying the Rosary during the Month of May

May is the month of Mary. We encourage you to use this month as an opportunity to renew your relationship with our spiritual Mother. Please join us in the Marian Devotion (Loreto Litany) after each weekday morning Mass, followed by the Rosary.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue Home Visitation

The Pilgrim Virgin Statue is a Blessed replica of our Lady of the Rosary. From May to October (Commencing 1st May) and by request only, you are welcome to transport and install the statue in your home to create a prayerful, sanctifying space where family and friends are encouraged to pray the Rosary. The statue will remain in your home for one week. You are then asked to bring her back for the next family to take her.

Sacred Heart Church

Pick up after Mass.

Drop off after Mass the week after.

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Pick up after the 9am Sunday Mass.

Drop off before the 9am Sunday Mass.

Please contact the parish office on 9144 2702 to book your week.

Blessing of Homes

During this Easter Season, Fr Irek is available to bless the houses of our parishioners.

If you would like your house to be blessed, please contact the Parish Office on 9144 2702.

Thank you.



As the house of God, we want our Church to look beautiful and to be kept clean. We would be very grateful if you would consider volunteering to help clean the Church.

Many hands make light work, so the more volunteers we have, the more the cleaning work can be shared. All the little things we do can, together, build the Kingdom of God in their own way – for God is present in all things. It can also be an opportunity to meet other parishioners. If you are able to help, please contact the Parish office on 9144 2702. Thank you!



Help renew and rebuild families and parish communities in Broken Bay.

Give now before 30 June

Visit: bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks

Scan to give:

Parish Envelope:



All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible and contribute to parish target.

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine
CCD - Catechists

Pastoral Care and Hospital Chaplaincy

St Lucy's School
K-6 students with disabilities

St Edmund's College
7-12 students with disabilities

Ephpheta Centre
Catholic Deaf Community

Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the new name for CWF



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

PASTORAL WORKS Broken Bay

We give thanks to God for the blessing these pastoral works offer to those in hospital, at school, across neighbourhoods and local parishes of Broken Bay.

Parish numbers for the Pastoral Works Appeal:

Parish Quota 2021/22 Financial Year	\$34,892.00
Amount raised in August 2021 and February 2022 plus Give Now Donations	\$11,264.42
Amount to be raised in May 2022	\$23,627.58

Thank you for your contributions towards the pastoral works of the Church. God Bless.



PYMBLE PARISH DEMOCRACY SAUSAGE SIZZLE



Saturday, 21 May
Sacred Heart, Pymble

7.30am to 3pm or until sold out

Save These DATES

29 May 2022, Sunday after 6.00pm Mass

Dinner for Fr Irek's 25th Anniversary of the Ordination Parish/School Hall after. **RSVP by 22 May.**

4/5 June 2022,

Evening/morning teas/coffees at West Pymble church after both Masses.

25/26 June 2022, Saturday/Sunday

Patronal Feast of our Parish (Sacred Heart 24 June and OLPS 27 June) Evening/morning teas/coffees in both churches after all Masses.

2 July 2022, Saturday 6.30pm

Birthday BBQ for Fr Irek and welcome to our new Assistant Priest, Fr Paul Tran.

2022 NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE

The 2022 Diocesan count will take place over the following four weekends (beginning with the Vigil Mass on Saturday 7 May):

7 & 8 May, 14 & 15 May, 21 & 22 May and 28 & 29 May.

As always, we thank our parishioners for helping with this task over these 4 weekends.

Introducing FORMED: The Catholic Faith. On demand.

As part of a new Parish initiative, the Parish is implementing a parish subscription to FORMED. FORMED is a premier online service providing over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, audio dramas, talks, e-books, and even cartoons for our children. FORMED has content from over 60 apostolates (such as Augustine Institute, Ignatius Press, etc.) with material that is professionally produced, engaging, and solid in its catechism.

All of this material is available to you as a Pymble Parish participant at no charge.

You can enjoy FORMED with your computer or tablet or with your TV via the FORMED app using Apple TV or Google Chromecast. You can use your phone and the FORMED app to listen as you commute or do your work. To gain access to all of the Parish FORMED content, please follow:

1. Go to signup.formed.org
2. Enter the parish name "Pymble Catholic Parish"
3. Enter your name and your email address

That's all that is needed. You can access the free FORMED app for your phone by searching for "FORMED Catholic" in your app store.

FORMED
The Catholic Faith.
On demand.





Youth Off The Streets Meals

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

Your frozen meal donations for May should be dropped off at the Parish office between 9am and 10am on **Friday, May 20**. 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.



CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

What does Ecological Conversion look like in our Parish Communities?

You are invited to join us at
St Anthony in the Fields
at Terrey Hills on 28 May 2022
10am - 12 noon
Register at: www.bbcatholic.org.au

Professor Neil Ormerod and
Ms Thea Ormerod will unpack
the theological and practical
framework for parishes to care
for our common home.

PYMBLE PARISH BIBLE STUDY

EVERY FRIDAY AFTER MASS (10AM) PARISH OFFICE & VIA ZOOM

If you would like to join us via zoom, please send us your email address to office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au and we will get in contact

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!

Confirmation Presentation

Mass Success

Thank you to the Confirmation Candidates, along with their families, who attended mass this weekend at OLPS Church and Sacred Heart Church. It was lovely to have so many families in attendance at Mass.

Presentation Mass affirms the children's belonging in the Parish community and accentuates that sacraments are not 'private actions' but celebrations of the whole faith community.

Please take a moment, when entering or exiting church, to have a look at the lovely Presentation Mass Cards the children completed with their chosen Confirmation Saint name.

Saints exhibited qualities the Church most needed modelled at a particular point in history.

Have a look at the Saints chosen: for a bit of fun, research one you would like to know more about!

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



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.



Music Co-ordinator & Liturgy Co-ordinator For Sacred Heart



Our Masses and Liturgies are enriched by the talent and time shared by our talented musicians of our Parish. We are currently looking for a **Music Co-ordinator** to assist with the organisation of music and rostering.

We are also looking for a **Liturgy Co-ordinator** to assist with the rostering of readers.

If you are interested in helping out with either of the above roles, please contact the Parish Office on 9144 2702 or office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au.

Ukraine Appeal

As we see on a daily basis, the people of Ukraine are still desperate for our support. They need food, water, clothing (especially for women and children) and medical supplies. Many aid organisations have responded. If you can contribute via the following websites:

<https://www.ukrainecrisisappeal.org/>

<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/ukraine/>



Dear Mothers

On this special Day I would like to thank you for being dedicated and loving mothers. I wish you all the best from the bottom of my heart.

May God bless you and fill you with His strength and joy.
May Mother Mary protect you and help you to be faithful to your vocation saying 'yes' to God's will every day.

You are in my prayers. Happy Mother's Day.
Fr Ireneusz.

Children's Liturgy at Pymble Parish



Sacred Heart Sunday 9:30am Mass	OLPS Sunday 9am Mass
8 May 22 May 5 June 19 June	Every Sunday from 15 May



Aid to the Church in Need ACN AUSTRALIA

This month can you provide transport to help priests and religious reach and nourish the faithful in Tanzania?

Your offering will bridge the divide between priests and their people in Tanzania due to the harsh terrain and dangerous travel. By providing a means of transport, the faithful will be able to participate in more frequent Masses and partake of the Sacraments, as well as providing a means of help to the people, including pregnant mothers, to reach medical facilities. To make an offering to ACN's Project of the Month visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject

NSW Catholic Charismatic Renewal



Catholic Charismatic Renewal

The NSW Catholic Charismatic Renewal are holding a **Presence and Power conference** 21st - 22nd May at St. John XXIII Catholic College, The Hub, Stanhope Gardens. It is held over 2 days and attendance can be either in person or via Youtube.

This is a wonderful opportunity to come together again, to be refreshed and renewed.

For more information and to register please email Catholic Charismatic Renewal (email@ccnsw.org.au).

Registrations close 13th May 2022

Pentecost Sunday

An afternoon of Praise and Worship

Where: Our Lady Queen of Peace
198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes

Theme: We are one in the Spirit
1.30 - 2pm Praise & Worship
2pm - 3.20 Mass
3.20 - 4.30 pm Ministry

For enquiries: Contact Mervyn on 0411404090 or via email email@ccnsw.org.au



Men of Pymble Parish

BBQ AND BEER

You are invited to a Pymble Men's Mass at 7pm on Thursday, 30 June at the Sacred Heart Church, Pymble. Mass will be followed by a BBQ.

For catering, please RSVP to Chris Greedy (0401 384 785) or to the Parish office.



An opportunity for Catholic fellowship

Pymble Men's Fellowship
Pymble Catholic Parish
02 9144 2702



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



PYMBLE PARISH

Mother's Day Raffle

For Sale 30th April, 1st & 7th May,
at both churches

1 x \$5
or
3 for \$10

All funds will go to help support the Salvatorian
Seminaries and the education of our future
Priests & Brothers



1ST PRIZE

ECOYA Hamper
(Lotus flower fragranced car diffuser,
room spray, hand & body lotion,
diffuser, candle & shower gel) kindly
donated by Matthew & Renee from
Pymble Pharmacy worth \$220



2ND PRIZE

Hamper including Tea for one Gift set,
Ferrero Chocolates, Lavender & Fresh
linen reel diffuser, flavoured coffee mix
set, Madura Tea Leaves, Grinders
Coffee, Cold Fusion Tea Set, Tea Towels
& a Soft Plush Throw.



3RD PRIZE

Handmade Acrylic "Our Father" Cross
with the word Mum engraved on the
stand, kindly donated by Julie from
GLOW worth \$150
size: 26cm (w) x 40 cm (h)

Prizes will be drawn on Sunday the 8th of May 2022
after Sacred Heart 9.30am Family Mass



Pymble Pharmacy has generously donated the beautiful First Prize for our Mother's Day Raffle, comprising a range of Ecoya products worth over \$200. We are most grateful for Matthew Burton's generosity and his incredible support of our Parish.

Please support Matthew, our parishioner, by visiting our local Pymble Pharmacy on Grandview Street.

99-101 Grandview St, Pymble NSW 2073

9144 1651



Pymble Pharmacy

Glow
not just a candle

We thank Julie from Glow who has generously donated a beautiful Acrylic "Our Father" cross for our Mother's Day raffle. It is cut from high grade acrylic to give it a smooth clean finish and comes especially dedicated to Mum.

Julie makes hand crafted soy scented candles, sacramental gifts, melts and hampers for all occasions. You can contact Julie via instagram on <https://www.instagram.com/glow.sydney/>

Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen.

A MESSAGE TO OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES FROM FR. IREK

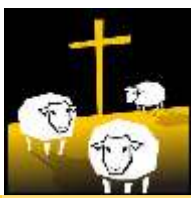
Go to <https://youtu.be/8tpqrsoVoRQ> and watch him explain the Sacrament of Confirmation.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES AS THEY PREPARE FOR THIS SACRAMENT

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| BLESSED OLIVIA | ST ISABELLA OF PORTUGAL |
| NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LOURDES | ST ISIDORE OF SEVILLE |
| ST ABIGAIL | ST JEREMY |
| ST ALOYSIUS | ST JEROME |
| ST ANNE, MOTHER OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY | ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM |
| ST ANTHONY | ST JOHN THE APOSTLE |
| ST ANTHONY OF PADUA | ST JOHN THE BAPTIST |
| ST AVA | ST JOSEPH |
| ST BONIFACE | ST JUDITH |
| ST CATHERINE LABOURE | ST LEO |
| ST CECILIA | ST LEO THE GREAT |
| ST CHLOÉ OF SOLARIA | ST LUCY |
| ST CLARE OF ASSISI | ST LUKE |
| ST DAMIEN OF MOLOKAI | ST MARK |
| ST ELIZABETH | ST MARY OF THE CROSS |
| ST EMILY DE VIALAR | ST MATTHEW |
| ST EMILY OF RODAT | ST MELANIA |
| ST FELICITY | ST MICHAEL |
| ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI | ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA |
| ST FRANCIS XAVIER | ST PATRICK |
| ST GABRIEL | ST PETER THE APOSTLE |
| ST GEMMA GALGANI | ST RAPHAEL |
| ST GEORGE OF LYDDA | ST ROSE OF LIMA |
| ST HARVEY | ST SEBASTIAN |
| ST HELENA | ST STEPHEN |
| ST ISAAC JOGUES | ST TARCISIUS |
| ST ISABEL OF FRANCE | ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA |
| ST ISABELLA | ST VINCENT DE PAUL |
| | VENERABLE BEDE |

St Anthony in the Fields
46 Myoora Rd, Terrey Hills
4-8pm
Booking Essential at www.trybooking.com/BYCFY



Liturgy of the Word

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 13: 14, 43-52

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,
So that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. **(R.)**
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
We are his people, the sheep of his flock. **(R.)**
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
Eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Rv 7:9, 14-17

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 10:27-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;
I know them and they follow me.
I give them eternal life;
they will never be lost
and no one will ever steal them from me.
The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,
and no one can steal from the Father.
The Father and I are one.'

Reflection

How secure is your faith and trust in God? Jesus speaks of the tremendous trust he has in God his Father and the tremendous trust we ought to have in him because he is our good shepherd (John 10:11). What is the significance of Jesus calling himself the Good Shepherd? Shepherds were very common in the land of Jesus' time. A shepherd could have hundreds or thousands of sheep under his care. Sheep without a shepherd were vulnerable prey for predators, such as wolves and thieves. If a sheep strayed from the fold it could easily get lost, fall into a ravine, or become injured. Shepherds had to keep a constant watch over their folds by day and by night. That is why shepherds had to literally live with their sheep so they could lead them out to good pasture for grazing during the day and bring them to a safe place at night for rest and shelter. Shepherds got to know their sheep well and kept a careful count each evening. They also called their sheep by name so the sheep could recognize the shepherd's voice when he called them to follow him.

The Good Shepherd and Guardian of our souls

God used the image of a shepherd to describe his covenant relationship and care for his chosen people who were called by his name (Psalm 80:1 and

100:3). God called David, who shepherded his father's flock in his youth, to be the anointed king and shepherd for his people Israel (Ezekiel 37:24). Jesus, God's anointed Messiah and King, born from the tribe of David, called himself the Good Shepherd of the people whom his Father had entrusted to his care (John 10:29).

Peter the Apostle tells us that the Lord Jesus is the *Good Shepherd and Guardian of our souls* (1 Peter 2:25). He keeps a close and personal watch over every one of his sheep - his followers (disciples) who belong to him. He calls each of us personally by name to follow him. And he promises to be our guardian and protector from the snares of our enemy, Satan, the father of lies and a murderer from the beginning (John 8:44). The Lord leads us each day to good pastures - places where we can feed on his word and drink from the well-springs of living water which is his Holy Spirit (John 7:38-39, John 4:14). If we feed on his word and drink from the living water of the Holy Spirit, we will find the nourishment and strength we need to live each day for his glory and honor. Do you recognize the voice of your Shepherd and Guardian who calls to you each day?

"My sheep follow me"

Cyril of Alexandria (376-444 AD), an early church father and theologian, contrasts those who listen for the voice of the Good Shepherd, and those who close their ears to his call.

The Lord opens our ears to hear his word

The Lord speaks to us in a variety of ways, but especially through his word in the Sacred Scriptures. He will open the Scriptures for us if we approach his word with reverence and faith (Luke 24:32). How can we grow in listening to the voice of our Lord and Shepherd? If we ask he will open our ears to hear him speak to our hearts and minds.

And if we hunger for his word, he will give us understanding, wisdom, and guidance for our lives.

The Lord Jesus wants to draw each of us close to himself. He wants us to be united with him and the Father. That is why he teaches us to pray to our Father in heaven and to ask for his kingdom to reign in our lives (Matthew 6:9-10). The Lord Jesus knocks on the door of our hearts and homes (Revelation 2:20) and waits for our response. Will you answer his call and welcome his presence with you?

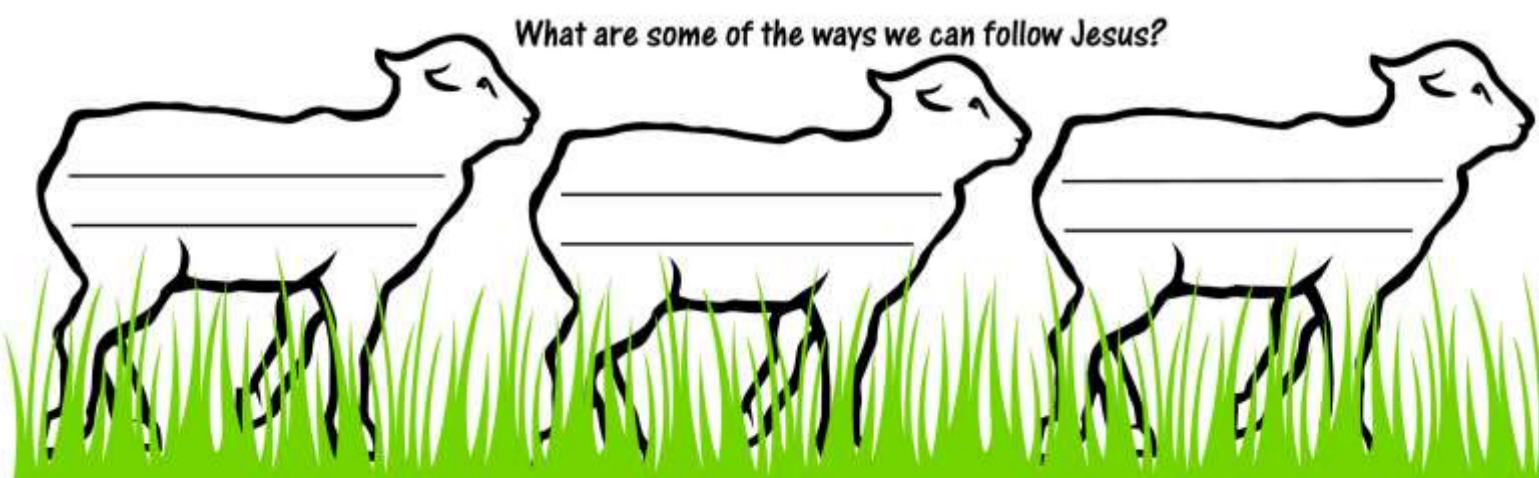
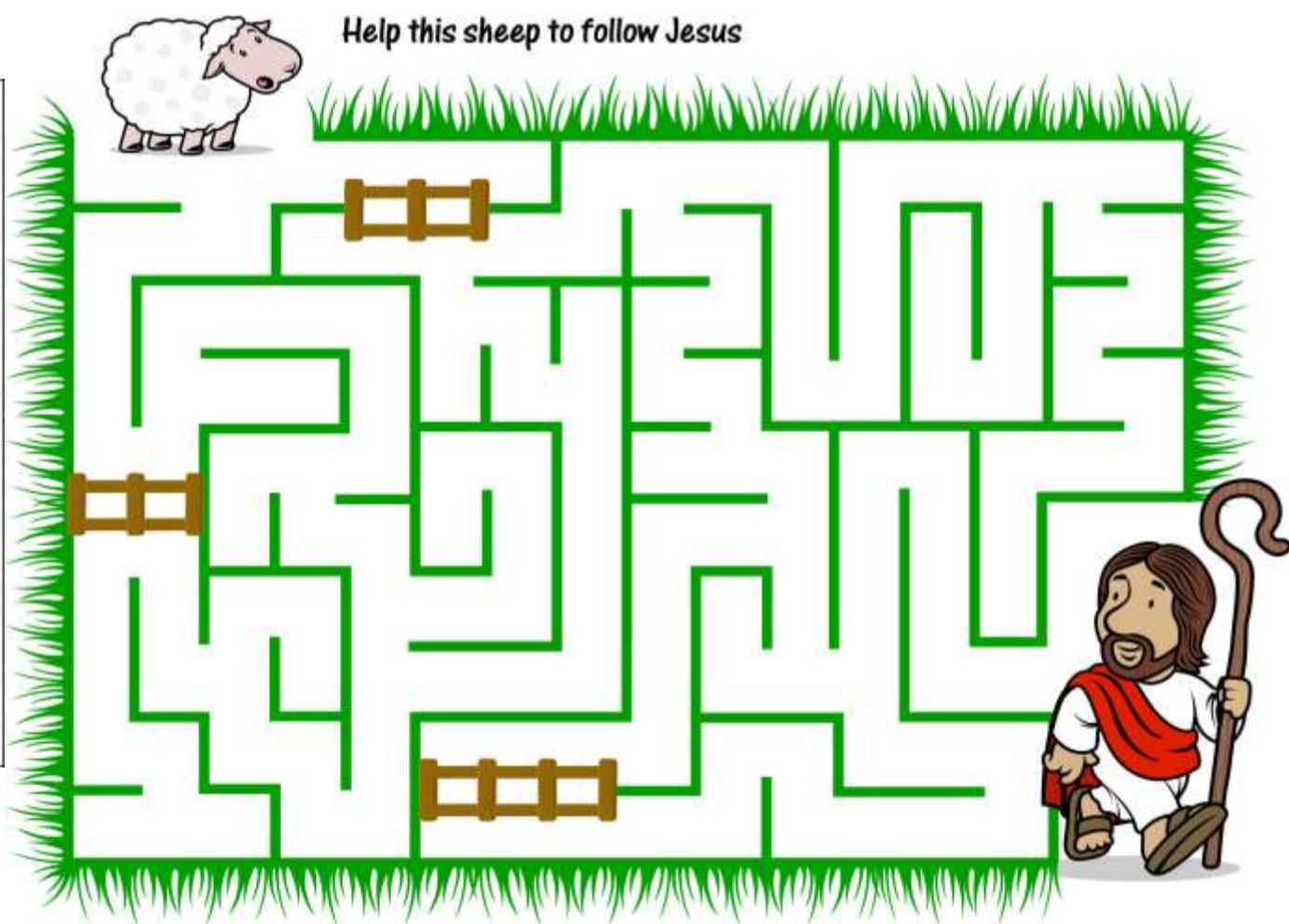
Lord Jesus, you have the words of eternal life. Open my ears to hear your voice and to follow your ways. Give me understanding that I may grow in the knowledge of your great love and wisdom for my life.

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Acolytes	J Starnawski	C De Sousa	R Shankland	R Luke Samson
Altar Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers	J Cho N Liem	Volunteers
Music	L Drinkwater M Drylie	Quiet Mass	E Cho J Whiting	T Sato Youth Choir
Projector	J Witcombe	C Greedy	M Ordonio	J Duffy
Readers	L Hopcroft	M Forbes	R Bordignon	Youth Mass
Altar Society	14 May: Jan & Teresa			
Counters	15 May: A Mazzei / A Bowe / C Gwynn			

OLPS (West Pymble)	Saturday 5.00pm	Sunday 9.00am
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Altar Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Readers	A Makepeace	M Walz
Music and Projector	E & A Chan	K & P Rodrigues
Altar Cloth	8 May: N Simpkins	
Altar Society	8 May: N Simpkins / J Loughnan	

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