



# PYMBLE CATHOLIC PARISH

## SACRED HEART & OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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

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

### CELEBRATING YEAR OF PRAYER



This poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury.

Mark 12:43

### In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

John McCrae 1915

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



#### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

For anyone who has lost a child

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.



#### BAPTISM at Pymble Parish

Our upcoming Baptism Formation Classes will be held on:

Thursday, 14 November at 7:30pm at Sacred Heart Church

Bookings are essential, please contact the Parish office on 9144 2702 or via email on office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

We welcome to Pymble Parish the newest member of our community



### Delilah

who will be baptised this weekend at our Parish.



#### 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.sds.org.au

## Parish Team

### Pastoral care

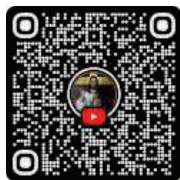
#### Salvatorian Fathers

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Youtube QR code:



### Parish Staff

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## Parish Mass Times

### Sacred Heart

2 Richard Porter Way, Pymble NSW 2073

#### Weekdays:

Tuesday to Friday 9:00am

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

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

#### Weekend:

Sunday: 9:30am and 6:00pm

#### Reconciliation:

Friday 8:45am

Sunday 5:30pm

### Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

64 Kendall St, West Pymble, NSW, 2073

#### Weekend:

Saturday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 8:00 am (Quiet Mass)

#### Reconciliation:

Saturdays 9.30 am

## Contact details

**Address:** 2 Richard Porter Way, Pymble, NSW 2073

**Postal address:** PO BOX 231 Turrumurra NSW 2074

**Telephone:** (02) 9144 2702

**Email:** [office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au](mailto:office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au)

**Website:** [www.pymblecatholicparish.org.au](http://www.pymblecatholicparish.org.au)

**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 Rebecca at [rebecca@pymblecatholicparish.org.au](mailto:rebecca@pymblecatholicparish.org.au)

## PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

### SACRED HEART

**Principal:** Kerry Paxton

**Telephone:** (02) 7256 2142

[www.shpddb.catholic.edu.au](http://www.shpddb.catholic.edu.au)

### OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

**Principal:** Jodi Jefferson

**Telephone:** (02) 7256 2101

[www.olpsddb.catholic.edu.au](http://www.olpsddb.catholic.edu.au)

*Waiting in Hope*  
ADVENT REFLECTION MORNING

25 November, 2024  
9:30AM - 12PM  
MEET AT SACRED HEART CHURCH  
Morning tea and retreat materials provided

RSVP BY 18 NOVEMBER!

SCAN ME

**LEBANON CRISIS APPEAL**

Communities are being devastated by conflict and economic instability. Please help provide families with food, water, and medical care.

**DONATE NOW** [caritas.org.au/lebanon](http://caritas.org.au/lebanon)  
1800 024 413

Photo: Caritas Lebanon

**Food, Music and Fellowship Evening**  
OLPS Saturday, 16 November 2024  
After 5pm Mass

All welcome!  
Please bring some food to share.  
Get some food, take a seat, and enjoy the music.

## WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

### Sunday, 10 November

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

### Tuesday, 12 November

#### St Josaphat, bishop, martyr (Memorial)

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart  
 12:00pm Mass at OLPS  
 7:00pm Faith Formation Series -  
 "The Case for Jesus"  
 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group

### Wednesday, 13 October

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

### Thursday, 14 November

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

The Rosary is recited after all weekday Masses

### Friday, 15 November

#### St Albert the Great, bishop, doctor (Optional)

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

### Saturday, 16 November

#### St Margaret of Scotlan

St Gertrude, Virgin  
 9:00am Mass at OLPS with morning prayer  
 5:00pm Mass at OLPS

### Sunday, 17 November

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

## PLANNED GIVING

The First Collection goes to the upkeep of the clergy, Salvatorian Regional Office and the Broken Bay Diocese sustentation funds.

The Second Collection 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 and loving outreach.

We are so grateful for your ongoing support.

#### First Collection



#### Second Collection



## 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:

Mathilde Perl, Leslie Cashman, Dr Murray John Littlejohn, Christopher Wilkinson, Molly Anstee, Marie Burt, Manel Perera,

### Death Anniversaries:

Sarinder Tamana, Frieda Nassar, Joe Dias, Joan Catherine Bernie, Egbert Fernandes, Freida Nassar, Joe Dias, Kwong Tsui Yu

### Prayers for the sick:

Wendy Berrill, Josephine and Badih Hajje, Catherine Sanchez, Pamela Seaman, Joseph Hendryjanto, Margaret Browne, Danny Ung

### Weekly prayer intention:

This week we pray for the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. 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.



### IS GOD CALLING YOU TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN VOCATIONS MINISTRY?

#### SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING THURSDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2024

AT SACRED HEART CHURCH  
 2 RICHARD PORTER WAY PYMBLE  
 COMMENCING WITH MASS AT 6.30 PM

OUR MASS CELEBRANT AND AFTER DINNER SPEAKER WILL BE FATHER HIEN VU ASSISTANT PRIEST AT OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHEDRAL PARISH

HIS TOPIC: "MY VOCATION JOURNEY"

EVERYONE IS WELCOME, SO PLEASE COME AND SEE.

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

For catering purposes kindly telephone Henry or Anna Leung on **0478 083 116** or email [annaytyleung@yahoo.com.au](mailto:annaytyleung@yahoo.com.au) or telephone Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email [terry\\_scanlan@bigpond.com](mailto:terry_scanlan@bigpond.com) if you are planning to attend.

## Volunteers of 2024 Thank You High Tea



**3:30pm Saturday  
 1 December 2024**  
 Alfresco at Sacred Heart Church Pymble

**RSVP** Parish Office  
 by 25 November 2024  
 for catering and dietary needs

### Children's Liturgy - Sacred Heart Church

Children are welcome to join us at our Children's liturgy at Sacred Heart Church. Children's Liturgy is a great way to engage and nourish the children of our Parish with God's Word. They are held at our Sunday, 9:30am Masses at Sacred Heart Church on:

17 November  
 01 December  
 15 December





Father Chris Riley's

# youth off the streets®

## Reminder:

November frozen meal donations for the Father Chris Riley Youth Off The Streets program should be dropped off at the Parish office **between 9am and 10am on Friday, 15 November 2024.**

At 10am sharp, the meals will be transported to Youth Off The Streets.

Collections are scheduled for the third Friday of each month except January.

Thank you for your support for this important program.

## Runner Needed for Blind Gentleman in Hornsby

A completely blind gentleman is seeking a volunteer runner for his regular runs at Hornsby Hospital Oval. His government support, which used to provide assistance twice a week, has recently been reduced to just once a week, and he is now reaching out for help on Mondays or Thursdays.

The role involves picking him up from his home, running with him in increments of 2 laps at a time (covering 3 to 3.5 km), and then dropping him back home. He typically runs at 4:30 pm but is happy to adjust the time if you're available after work.

If you are able to assist or would like more information, please contact the parish office on 9144 2702.

Pymble Catholic Parish

# CAKE STALL

Saturday, 23 November 2024  
West Pymble Shops Philip Mall  
Kendall Street West Pymble



Calling for volunteers to bake, and to serve on the cake stall.

We need baked goods, jams and preserves, and lots of them. Every donation counts.



Or, donate prizes to one of our three hamper raffles

### DROP-OFF LOCATION:

Drop donations to the OLPS Primary School West Pymble during business hours. Otherwise deliver donations to the stall early on the morning of the Cake Stall, Saturday, 23 November.

### SUPPORTING:

St Lucy's School  
St Edmund's College  
Hospital Chaplaincy  
School Catechists  
Ephpheta Centre

### More Information:

Louise Johnston at [louisejohnston2073@gmail.com](mailto:louisejohnston2073@gmail.com)  
or by text to 0413 137 534

## Pymble Mission "Jubilee 2025" "Year of Prayer"

### Parish Mission

Building upon the "Year of Prayer" and the coming Jubilee year

With Fr Zachary Lewis OSPPE  
Marian Valley  
Our Lady Help of Christians Shrine  
Gold Coast hinterland Queensland



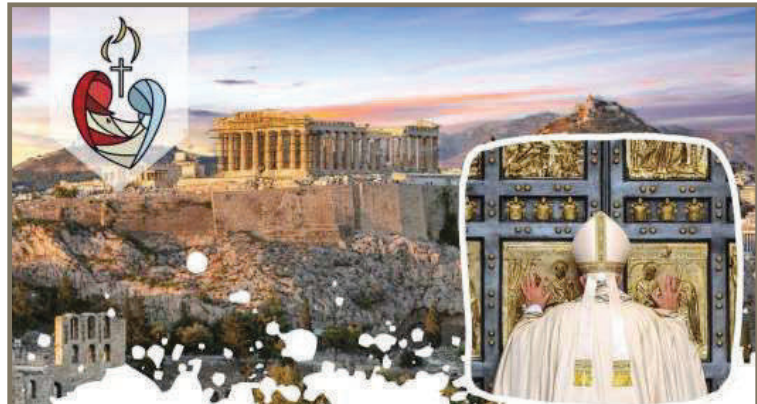
Saturday, Sunday, 7-8 December  
Introduction at all Masses



Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
9-11 December

**9:00am** Mass at Sacred Heart  
Mission homily and talk after Mass  
**7:00pm** Mission Talk at Sacred Heart  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
and Parish Reconciliation

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## Greece, Turkey, Italy

### Pymble Parish Jubilee Year Pilgrimage

Join Fr Ireneusz on a transformative 16-day pilgrimage tracing the footsteps of St Paul, St Peter, and early Christian communities. From Athens to Rome, visit historic sites including the Acropolis, Meteora Monasteries, and St Peter's Basilica. Walk through ancient ruins, celebrate Mass at sacred landmarks, and receive the Jubilee blessing at the Holy Door in Rome.

### Highlights:

19 May - 4 June 2025  
Cost TBA

- 15 nights from Athens to Rome
- Explore Christian sites in Greece, Turkey, and Italy
- Special Jubilee Year itinerary with Masses, tours, and spiritual reflections

Contact the Parish office to embark on this once-in-a-lifetime spiritual journey

Pymble Catholic Parish  
02 9144 2702

# Vinnies Christmas Appeal



St Vincent de Paul Society  
*good works*

This weekend marks the launch of the Annual Vinnies Christmas Appeal. The Appeal is for Christmas hampers for our clients in Pymble, Wyong and Glebe, or a cash donation.

## Hampers for Pymble and Wyong clients

This year, we will again be requesting food hampers for our clients in **Pymble** and **Wyong**. Please take a numbered card for a recipient family from the back of the Church, which details the adults, number and age of children in the family. Please fill in your details on the sheet provided, and take some boxes.

Members will be available to assist with this. When you return your hamper, please ensure you clearly label it (each box) with this number, so it can go to the correct family. The hampers not only provide some welcome celebration at Christmas but also some staples to help support the family. Suggestions for the hamper include:

- **Christmas fare** such as Christmas cake, puddings, mince pies, shortbread, nuts, custard and jelly
- **Pantry staples** such as pasta, rice, pasta sauce, jams and spreads, tinned food (baked beans, tuna etc), noodles, Christmas stockings and sweets for children
- **Drinks** such as long life milk, tea, coffee, cordial or Milo
- **Toiletries** such as shampoo and soap
- **No alcohol or chocolate please**

## Gift Cards for Glebe clients

We are offering an alternative option for our clients in **Glebe** this year. Clients in this area are typically single person households. In addition, our members in the area have found it increasingly difficult to lift the hamper boxes and distribute them. We are therefore offering them a small Christmas bag, which will contain the following:

- 3-5 small single serve Christmas fare items (i.e. a cake or pudding serve, ginger bread or sweets)
- Vouchers for Coles \$40 and K-Mart \$20, which can be purchased at the back of the church (receipts can be supplied for tax purposes)
- A card for the client, extending them Christmas wishes
- Make the bag festive if you wish

Please take a bag and a numbered card, prepare the bag and when you return it, the vouchers will be added to your card and to the bag. Please ensure your card is tied to your bag so it can go to the correct family. This option may suit those who find it hard to manage a heavy box or are time poor.

## Small gifts for aged care residents

We also offer small gifts to aged care residents (e.g. soap or handkerchiefs) who do not have any family, to ensure they receive something for Christmas. Numbered cards are also supplied for this at the back of the church. Please return the gift with the card.

**We request the hampers, bags or gifts are returned to either:**

- **OLPS by Sunday 1st December at 9AM, or**
- **Sacred by Sunday 1st December at 5PM**

There is also an option for a cash donation if you wish. Envelopes are provided for this at the church, or use the QR code on the side.

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Our clients are so grateful for the generosity of this parish, it is such a special thing to do for a family in need.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.



St Vincent de Paul Society  
*good works*

CELEBRATING

75

YEARS

IN PYMBLE PARISH

## Vinnies Pymble Conference Anniversary Luncheon

You're invited to celebrate with past and present members on Sunday, Dec 8 at 11:30 am at the West Pymble Bicentennial Club, Prince of Wales Dr. Lunch at 12:00 pm—a set 2-course meal (main & dessert) \$52 per person. Bar service available.

Please extend the invitation to any ex-members.

RSVP by Nov 10 to [cwawrzyniak@bigpond.com](mailto:cwawrzyniak@bigpond.com).  
Banking details will be provided upon confirmation

# LECTIO: JESUS

The Crucifixion,  
Resurrection, and  
proclamation of  
Christ's divinity



## INVITATION

You are invited to join our nine part Jesus series based on the Lectio program by Dr Brant Pitre.

## TOPICS

The Jesus program topics include:

- Were the Gospels Anonymous?
- The Early Church Fathers
- Are the Gospels Biographies?
- When Were the Gospels Written?
- The Kingdom of God and the Messiah
- Did Jesus Claim to Be God?
- The Crucifixion of Jesus
- The Resurrection of Jesus
- Question and Answer

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

(02) 9144 2702

## CONTEXT

Can we trust the Gospels? Do we know who wrote them? Do the Gospels communicate truth – or fables? Who is Jesus? Who did Jesus claim to be? We draw evidence from early writings attesting to the authenticity and authorship of the Gospels.

## JOIN IN

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

7pm alternate Tuesday evenings  
Sacred Heart Church Pymble  
Next Event 12 November 2024

## DR BRANT PITRE

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



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2 RICHARD PORTER WAY PYMBLE

**Confraternity of  
Christian Doctrine (CCD)**



Providing religious education in public schools

**Hospital Chaplaincy  
and Pastoral Care**



Care and support for patients and families

# November Appeal

**Pastoral Works Broken Bay** is the pastoral charity of the Catholic community of Broken Bay supporting five essential programs:

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| <b>Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioners</b> | Helping those who are vulnerable, experiencing loneliness or sick in hospital |
| <b>Confraternity of Christian Doctrine</b>                 | Catechists taking the gospel to State school students                         |
| <b>St Edmund's College</b>                                 | Serving year 7-12 students with disability                                    |
| <b>St Lucy's School</b>                                    | Serving year K-12 students with disability                                    |
| <b>Ephpheta Centre</b>                                     | Pastoral care, sacraments, and advocacy for the deaf community                |

Please help by **donating** online at [tinyurl.com/4sbuw399](https://tinyurl.com/4sbuw399), or via the QR Code, the Parish Web site, or envelopes in the churches.

Your gifts do make an important difference.

Thank you, and God bless you for your prayers and support for these ministries.



Your generosity with this appeal helps us go further and wider in helping our community, and more deeply connecting to the mission of Jesus.

## Pastoral Works Broken Bay November 2024 Appeal

Pastoral Works Broken Bay is an important aspect of our mission as a church - it is the pastoral charity of our Diocese.

You are invited to support Pastoral Works Broken Bay via the November Appeal.

Our Pastoral Works are an important part of our role as a faithful community in Christ, serving those in need, helping to rebuild families and communities, and introducing our children in public schools to the goodness, truth and beauty of our faith.

The Pastoral Works programs are:

- **Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.** More than 700 trained volunteer catechists provide religious education to over 12,000 Catholic students in public schools in our local parish communities. They play a vital role in sharing the teachings and message of Jesus with young people and their families. Without your support, thousands of young people in our Diocese would be without a Catholic education.
- **Hospital Chaplaincy & Pastoral Care Practitioners.** In the last financial year, our Priests and Pastoral Care Practitioners engaged with around 2,000 individuals (including patients, their families, friends, carers, and hospital staff) across the seven hospitals in which they minister - a total of around 5,000 pastoral visits. Their special ministry supports patients and their families when they are at their most vulnerable. They are there for those who may not have a family. This may be a simple conversation, a listening ear, or providing prayerful and sacramental support.
- **St Edmund's College,** Serving Year 7-12 students with disability.
- **St Lucy's School,** Serving Year K-12 students with disability.
- **Ephpheta Centre,** Pastoral care, sacraments, and advocacy for the deaf community.

All funds received go directly to these five programs. Every gift makes a difference to someone in hospital, school, parish or the wider community. The Pastoral Works appeal connects everyone to the mission of Jesus.

Your support is vitally important, having made a significant difference to many in the past. We hope that this November Appeal will once again help us spread God's joy, light, and strength to many.

The Diocese conducts two Pastoral Works appeals annually, in May and November. However, you can support and donate to the Appeal at any time of the year. Pastoral Works Broken Bay is always open to receive donations.

Thank you for your prayers and any contributions you are able to make.



# Liturgy of the Word

## Thirty–Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

### Entrance Antiphon Psalm 87:3

Let my prayer come into your presence.  
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

### First Reading 1 Kings 17:10-16

#### A reading from the book of the Kings

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, ‘Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.’ She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. ‘Please’ he said, ‘bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.’ ‘As the Lord your God lives’, she replied, ‘I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.’ But Elijah said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

“Jar of meal shall not be spent,  
jug of oil shall not be emptied,  
before the day when the Lord sends  
rain on the face of the earth.”

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:78-10. R.v.2

#### (R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord who protects the stranger. (R.)
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion’s God, from age to age. (R.)

### Second Reading Hebrews 9:24-28

#### A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest

going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

### Gospel Acclamation John 14: 23

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs  
*Alleluia!*

### Gospel Mark 12: 38-44

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

In his teaching Jesus said, ‘Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.’ He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.’

#### Gospel Reflection

**Meditation:** What is true religion and devotion to God? Jesus warns his disciples against the wrong kind of religion. In his denunciation of the scribes (the religious experts of his day), he warns against three things: the desire for prominence and first place of honour rather than lowly service for the benefit of others; the desire for deference and recognition (and seeking esteem from others) rather than seeking to promote the good of others through humble service and selfless care for others; and thirdly, attempting to use one’s position (even a religious position) for self-gain and self-advancement. True religion is relating rightly to God and to one’s neighbour with love, honour, and respect. The Lord puts his Holy Spirit within us that we may be filled with the joy of his presence, the joy of true worship, and the joy of selfless giving and love for others. True reverence for God frees the heart to give liberally, both to God and to neighbour.

### **Love is more precious than gold or silver**

Jesus taught his disciples a dramatic lesson in generous giving with love and devotion. Love doesn't calculate - it spends lavishly! Jesus drove this point home to his disciples while sitting in the temple and observing people offering their tithes. Jesus praised a poor widow who gave the smallest of coins in contrast with the rich who gave greater sums. How can someone in poverty give more than someone who has ample means? Jesus' answer is very simple - love is more precious than gold!

### **Real giving comes from a heart full of gratitude**

Jesus taught that real giving must come from the heart. A gift that is given with a grudge or for display loses most of its value. But a gift given out of love, with a spirit of generosity and sacrifice, is invaluable. The amount or size of the gift doesn't matter as much as the cost to the giver. The poor widow could have kept one of her coins, but instead she recklessly gave away all she had! Jesus praised someone who gave barely a penny - how insignificant a sum - because it was everything she had, her whole living. What we have to offer may look very small and not worth much, but if we put all we have at the Lord's disposal, no matter how insignificant it may seem, then God can do with it and with us what is beyond our reckoning. Do you know the joy and freedom of giving liberally to God and to neighbour with gratitude and love?

**Lord Jesus, all that I have is yours. Take my life, my possessions, my time and all that I have and use them as you desire for your glory.**

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Please scan the QR Code to watch Father Irek’s Homily





# Pymble Parish Roster 16 & 17 November 2024

| Sacred Heart (Pymble) | Sunday 9:30am                                 | Sunday 6pm         |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------|
| Acolytes              | J Walton                                      | A Wahab            |
| Altar Servers         | M Heng<br>G Heng                              | F Seeto<br>R Dunne |
| Readers               | B Allen                                       | E Lloyd-Jones      |
| Altar Society         | 16 November: Jan, Marie & Teresa              |                    |
| Counters              | 17 November: A Perera, T Scanlan & E Skrodzka |                    |

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| Acolytes           | G Lynch                | M D'Silva         |
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| Readers            | E & Z Victor           | C Delaney         |
| Altar Cloth        | 16 November: H Quirke  |                   |

## Children's Corner



Jesus praised the widow for her generosity because she gave everything she had even though she was poor. What are some ways we can be generous like the poor widow?

Jesus could see past the outward appearance of people and into their hearts. He could see the good inside people who were shunned and despised in his society. Draw a picture of another occasion when Jesus helped or acknowledged someone who was considered a lesser person.

**Spot the difference** Can you spot the seven differences between these two pictures?



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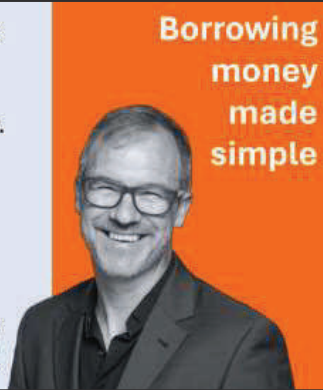
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### Saturday

9:00am at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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### Sunday

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9:30am at Sacred Heart

6:00pm at Sacred Heart



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