



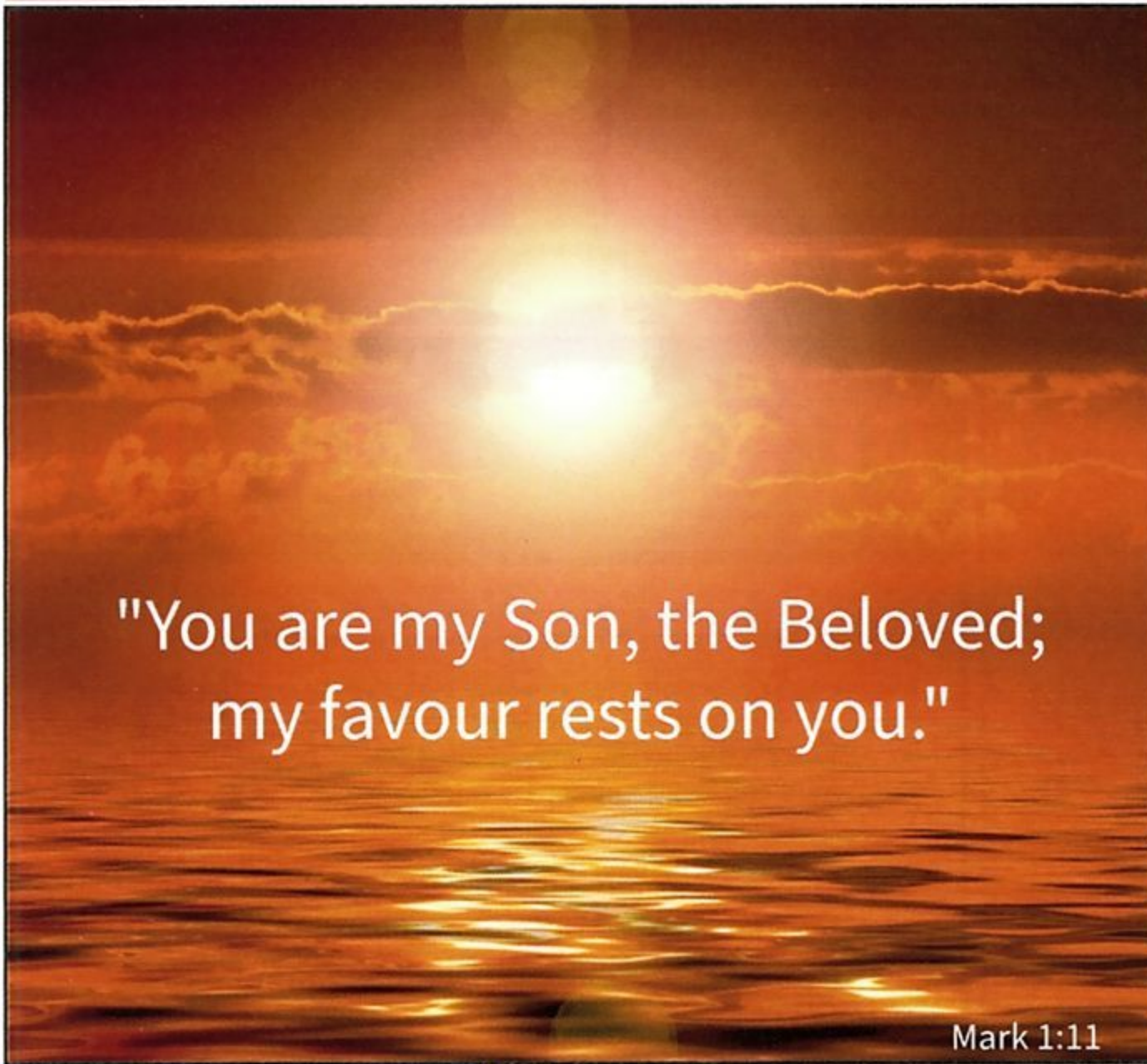
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CELEBRATING THE JUBILEE YEAR



"You are my Son, the Beloved;
my favour rests on you."

Mark 1:11

Thank You Father

Heavenly Father,

How I praise and thank You that You sent Jesus from heaven to be the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world. Thank You that He has taken away my own and called me to come to Him for salvation. Give me a longing to know Him better and to love Him more fully, and may I always respond to His invitation to "Come" to Him for all my needs.

AMEN.

Source: <https://prayer.knowing-jesus.com/John/1>

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



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January



FOR THE RIGHT TO AN EDUCATION

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

2025 WELCOME COCKTAIL PARTY

Please join in as we welcome 2025
Saturday, 8 February 2024
Following the 5pm Vigil Mass
Our Lady Of Perpetual Succour Church
64 Kendall Street West Pymble

RSVP by 27 January 2025
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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, 12 January

The Baptism of the Lord (Feast)

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

Tuesday, 14 January

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

Wednesday, 15 January

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

Thursday, 16 January

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

Friday, 17 January

St Anthony, abbot (Memorial)

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

Saturday, 18 January

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

Sunday, 19 January

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

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Christmas Break

Parish groups taking a break over the Christmas New Year Period will resume as follows:

Parish Office: Monday, 13 January 2025
RCIA: Tuesday, 14 January 2025
Charismatic Prayer Group: Tuesday, 4 February 2025
Mens Fellowship: Thursday, 6 February 2025
Bible Study: Friday, 31 January 2025
Youth of the Streets: Friday, 21 February 2025



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:
Death Anniversaries:
Prayers for the sick:
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 Baptism of the Lord

Entrance Antiphon

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

First Reading Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

‘Console my people, console them’ says your God.

‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.’

A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord.

Make a straight highway for our God across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion.

Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem.

Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, ‘Here is your God.’

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him.

The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him.

He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, hold them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 24-25 R.v1

(R.) Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

1. Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe!
You stretch out the heavens like a tent. **(R.)**
2. Above the rains you build your dwelling.
You make the clouds your chariot, you walk on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers and flashing fire your servants. **(R.)**
3. How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your riches. There is the sea, vast and wide, With its moving swarms past counting, Living things great and small. **(R.)**
4. All of these look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it, they gather it up: you open your hand, they have their fill. **(R.)**

5. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**

Second Reading Titus 2: 11-14, 3: 4-7

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

God’s grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 3: 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, ‘I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.’

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.’

Gospel Reflection

Jesus will baptise with the Holy Spirit and fire

Jesus came to give us the fire of his Spirit that we may radiate the joy and truth of the Gospel to a world in desperate need of God's light and truth. His word has power to change and

transform our lives that we may be burning lights pointing others to Jesus Christ. Like John the Baptist, we too are called to give testimony to the light and truth of Jesus Christ. Do you want the Lord's power, grace, and love to burn brightly in your life? Ask him to fill you with his Holy Spirit.

John preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Luke 3:3). Why did Jesus, the Sinless One, submit himself to John's baptism? In this humble submission we see a foreshadowing of the "baptism" of his bloody death upon the cross. Jesus' baptism is the acceptance and the beginning of his mission as God's suffering Servant (Isaiah 53). He allowed himself to be numbered among sinners. Jesus submitted himself entirely to his Father's will. Out of love he consented to this baptism of death for the remission of our sins.

Jesus' baptism - beginning of a new creation

The Father proclaimed his entire delight in his Son and spoke audibly for all to hear. The Holy Spirit, too, was present as he anointed Jesus for his ministry which began that day as he rose from the waters of the Jordan river. Jesus will be the source of the Spirit for all who come to believe in him. At his baptism the heavens were opened and the waters were sanctified by the descent of Jesus and the Holy Spirit, signifying the beginning of a new creation.

Heaven will open for those who bow before the Lord

Do you want to see your life transformed in the likeness of Christ? And do you want to become a more effective instrument of the Gospel? Examine Jesus' humility and ask the Holy Spirit to forge this same attitude in your heart. As you do, heaven will open for you as well.

The Lord Jesus is ever ready to renew and refashion us in his likeness through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit - and he anoints us for mission as ambassadors of his kingdom of righteousness (moral goodness), peace, and joy (Romans 14:17). We are called to be the "light" and salt" of his kingdom that radiate the beauty and aroma of his mercy and goodness to those around us (Matthew 5:13,15-16). The Lord Jesus wants his love and truth to shine through us that many others may find new life, freedom, and joy in the Holy Spirit. Ask the Lord Jesus to fill you with his Holy Spirit that you may radiate the joy of the Gospel to those around you.

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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 2025 will be available by the end of January 2025.

Many thanks for your help!

Pymble Parish Roster 18/19 January 2025

Sacred Heart (Pymble)	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 6.00pm
Acolytes	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed
Music	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed
Projector	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed
Readers	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed
Counters	19 January: C Gwynn / E Skrodzka / M Boland	
Altar Society	18 January: Jo / Carmel	
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	18 January: A Glover	

Children's Corner



Draw a line to connect each symbol with its correct meaning.



Symbolizes the Holy Spirit

Symbolizes life, cleansing and growth

Symbolizes purity and freedom from sin

Symbolizes the emergence from darkness into the light



When were you baptized?

Where were you baptized?

Who are your Godparents?

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 office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

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The Pymble Parish weekend 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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