



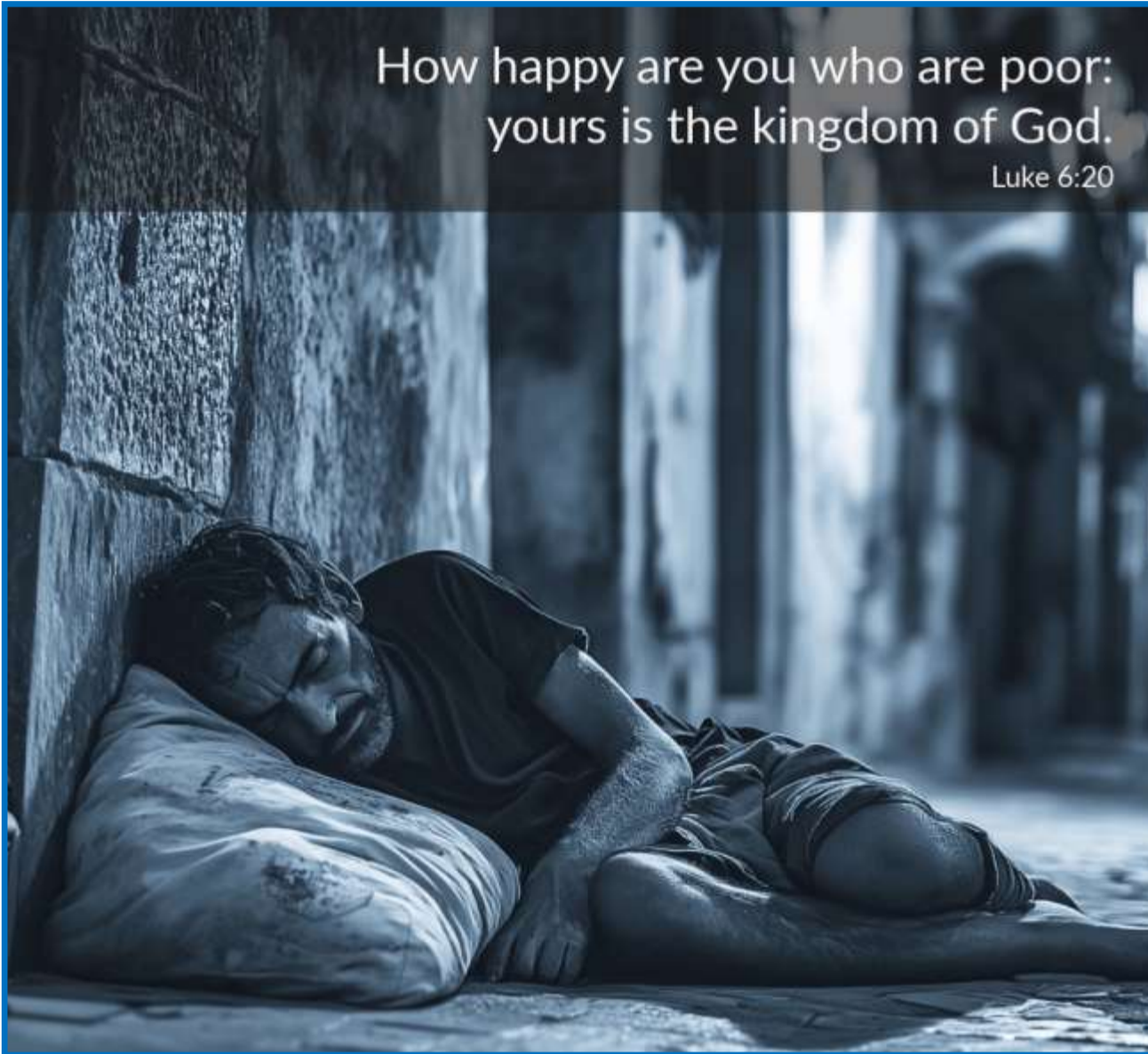
PYMBLE CATHOLIC PARISH

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 JUBILEE YEAR



How happy are you who are poor:
yours is the kingdom of God.
Luke 6:20

The Beatitudes

- + "Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- + "Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
- + "Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.
- + "Blessed are those who hunger
and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
- + "Blessed are the merciful,
for they will receive mercy,
- + "Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.
- + "Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called Children of God.
- + "Blessed are those who are persecuted,
for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:3-10



Baptisms at Pymble Parish

Our upcoming Baptism Formation Class will be held on:


Wednesday, 19 February 2025

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

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE



Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

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

www.sds.org.au

Parish Team

Pastoral care

Salvatorian Fathers

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Youtube QR code:



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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: 9:30 am and 6:00 pm

Reconciliation:

Tuesday - Friday before Mass

Sunday before the 9.30 am Mass & at 5:30 pm

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:

Saturday 9.30 am, 4:45 pm

Sunday 7:45 am

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 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

PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

SACRED HEART

Principal: Kerry Paxton

Telephone: (02) 7256 2142

www.shpdbb.catholic.edu.au

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

Principal: Jodi Jefferson

Telephone: (02) 7256 2101

www.olpsdbb.catholic.edu.au

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:

- 15 nights finishing with four Jubilee nights in Rome
- Exploring Christian sites in Greece, Turkey, and Italy
- Jubilee Year itinerary with daily Mass, tours, and spiritual reflections
- 3-4 star accommodation
- Daily breakfast and dinner

13 May - 29 May 2025
Cost indication
\$9,490 - \$10,790

Once-in-a-lifetime spiritual journey, book now via the link below.

tinyurl.com/2va5cek4

Pymble Catholic Parish
02 9144 2702

Men's Fellowship

The Pymble Men's Group meetings for 2025 are as follows:

First Wednesdays of Each Month

Prayers before the Blessed Sacrament with an opportunity for reconciliation, followed by light supper at Sacred Heart Church 'crying room'

Third Wednesdays of Each Month

Coffee at 'Jack & Co Pymble' followed by SOAP with Topic of Discussion at Sacred Heart Church 'crying room'

Socials and Masses

Mark these dates in your calendar: 30 April | 30 July | 29 October

For more information please contact Chris on crgreedy@hotmail.com

WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, 16 February

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

Tuesday, 18 February

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart
7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group

Wednesday, 19 February

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart
7:00pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
7:00pm Pymble Men's Discussion Evening
7:30pm Baptism formation class

Thursday, 20 February

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

Friday, 21 February

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart followed by Adoration and Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
10:00 Bible Study
7:00pm Men's Dinner at Greengate Hotel

Saturday, 22 February

The Chair of St Peter, apostle (Feast)

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

Sunday, 23 February

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

The Rosary is recited after all weekday Masses at Sacred

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:

Joan O'Donnell, Jane Williams, Jean Allas, Catherine Sanchez, Patsy Purcell

Death Anniversaries:

Elizabeth & MK George, Kerry Oei, Trena Scanlan, Mike Soh Thiam Poh, Orfed Calacoci, Florinda Menezes

Prayers for the sick:

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.

Serra Vocations Prayer Calendar-February 2025

Please pray daily for all clergy using the prayer provided on the side. Additionally, say a prayer each day for the priests listed in the calendar below

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					1 Fr Roger Delmonte	2 Fr Vitalis Oguh
3 Fr Hien Vu	4 Fr Lucious Choi	5 Fr Peter DeSouza	6 Fr Peter Dowd Fr Stephen Hume	7 Fr Biju Mathew Koikatil	8 Fr Jose Philip OSH	9 Fr Vincent Nguyen
10 Fr Shansana Samarasinghe OSB	11 Fr Sam French	12 Fr David Ranson VG	13 Fr Anselam Lakra HGN	14 Fr Joey Frez	15 Fr Kelvin Lovegrove	16 Fr Biju Jose OSH
17 Fr Joy Thomas OSH	18 Fr Satheesh Anthony OSH	19 Fr Biju Mathew	20 Fr Joseph Methanath OSH	21 Fr Raphael Kimaro AJ	22 Fr Vincent Musindalo AJ	23 Fr Stephen Wayoyi AJ
24 Deacon Rosan Mathew	25 Brother John Verhoeven	26 Fr Tomy Kuruvellil Ouseph CFIC	27 Fr Baby Thomas CFIC	28 Fr Raul Balute SOLT		

DAILY PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



Heavenly Father, we praise You for Your goodness and thank You for Your gifts. Help us respond to and live out our mission in the Church. Assist all Your people to know their vocation in life and help them to prepare for it. Call many to be priests, deacons and consecrated men and women for Your greater glory, and for the service of Your people. Give those whom You call the grace to respond generously and to persevere faithful. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Father Ireneusz Czech's Jubilee Year 2025 Homilies Book

We are pleased to announce that hard copies of "Proclaiming the Truth Without Fear" by Fr. Ireneusz Czech, a collection of brief and simple homilies for Liturgical Cycle C, are now available for purchase!

Price: \$50 per copy

All proceeds will go to support Salvatorian seminarians from East Timor in the Salvatorian Australian Region, studying in the Philippines.

Support this important cause and get your copy today from:

Sacred Heart Church Piety Store,
OLPS Sacristy, or the Pymble Parish
Office - 9144 2702



Kindle Version available via this link tinyurl.com/yck25ape or QR Code:



The Father Chris Riley Youth Off The Streets meals program returns for 2025. Parish community volunteers provide home cooked frozen meals for the program.

Frozen meal donations for February should be dropped off at the Parish office between 9am and 10am on **Friday, 21 February 2025**. 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 (the Good Friday collection moves to the day before, Thursday).

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 and we wish you all of the very best for 2025.



During the Jubilee Year, we will be having Taize Holy Hour with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the First Sunday of each month from 5pm to 5:55pm, before our 6pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church Pymble.



KIDSPLAY GROUP

TERM 1 AND 2 DATES

Friday Mornings, 9am-10:15am

21 February - Summer

21 March - Harmony Day

4 April - Easter

16 May - Mother's Day

6 June - Dinosaurs

20 June - Winter Wonderful



Join us at OLPS Primary School
64 Kendall Street, West Pymble

Suitable for children aged 0+ to starting school

SCAN TO REGISTER



Upcoming Events

Something for Everyone

- Sat 15
Feb**

**YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT
MINISTRY LEADERS SH
10:00AM**
- Fri 21
Feb**

**MEN'S DINNER
GREENGATE HOTEL - 7PM
SELF PAY**
- Sat 15
Mar**

**WINE & CHEESE
OLPS - AFTER 5PM MASS
PRICE TBC**
- Fri 21
Mar**

**LADIES DINNER
WEST PYMBLE BOWLING CLUB
6:45PM - SELF PAY**
- Fri 28
Mar**

**GOLF DAY & DINNER
NORTH RYDE GOLF CLUB - 1PM
SELF PAY**
- Election
Day**

**BBQ & CAKE STALL
SH - ALL DAY**

SAVE THE DATE - EVERYONE WELCOME



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2025 Welcome Cocktail Party

It was so wonderful to see so many from our Parish join us at our Welcome Cocktail Party last Saturday evening at OLPS Church. Your presence truly made the evening special, and we are so grateful for the time, joy, and connections shared. It was a wonderful chance to gather together, celebrate, and strengthen our community.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped organize and make the church cocktail party such a success! Your time, effort, and attention to detail truly made the event memorable.

We look forward to seeing you all at future events, and may you continue to feel the warmth and spirit of fellowship we experienced together.



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Do you have a question about the Catholic faith? Go to catholic.com and type in your question. You will have the answer straight away.

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!

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



SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING
THURSDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2025
AT SACRED HEART CHURCH, 2 RICHARD PORTER WAY PYMBLE
COMMENCING WITH MASS AT 7.00 PM

OUR MASS CELEBRANT AND AFTER DINNER SPEAKER WILL BE
BISHOP DAVID WALKER
HIS TOPIC: THE HOLY FATHER'S 3RD ENCYCLICAL, "FRATELLI TUTTI,"
The Encyclical aims to promote a universal aspiration toward
fraternity and social friendship.

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 annaytleung@yahoo.com.au or telephone Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you are planning to attend.



FIRST FRUITS OFFERING

SERVE YOUR PARISH THROUGH PLANNED GIVING

Collection Weekend

(Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th of February 2025)

Our First Fruits Offering is on this weekend and for the next two Sundays.

This weekend will be the start of our First Fruits Offering. This program aims to ease the financial burden on our Parish through special regular gifts from our Parishioners. Our Pope has been calling on us to be a more missionary church - to renew our faith, become better stewards of what we own, and care deeply for each other. Please collect the envelope at the back of the church. Pray for God's guidance to help you decide your offering. Please consider your financial position, and consider regular giving and/or leaving a gift in your Will (bequest). What a wonderful way to make a lasting contribution to your Parish. Please speak with Fr Irek about whether you can contribute this way. We are grateful for your offering. God Bless you.

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.

Our next session at Sacred Heart will be at our **9:30am Mass on Sunday, 23 February.**

Please join us for Children's Liturgy at our Church. If you would like to join our team, please contact the Parish Office. It is a wonderful faith enriching experience for the children of our Parish.

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Diocese of Broken Bay



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Catholic Care Broken Bay Home Care Services

CatholicCare is our social care agency in the Diocese of Broken Bay. We have been supporting the Northern Sydney, Northern Beaches and Central Coast communities for 35 years. We understand many seniors prefer to stay at home as they age. The Government's funding for Home Care Packages can help you live independently at home for longer. We want to know if our Home Care Packages are of interest to you, or a loved one and want to prioritise the needs of our parishioners before we promote to the general public. As a Catholic organisation we want the seniors we support to know they are truly cherished and valued and we're confident our services will be very well received. There's no obligation to partner with us. We may contact you to discuss your needs, but you're welcome to opt-out at anytime.

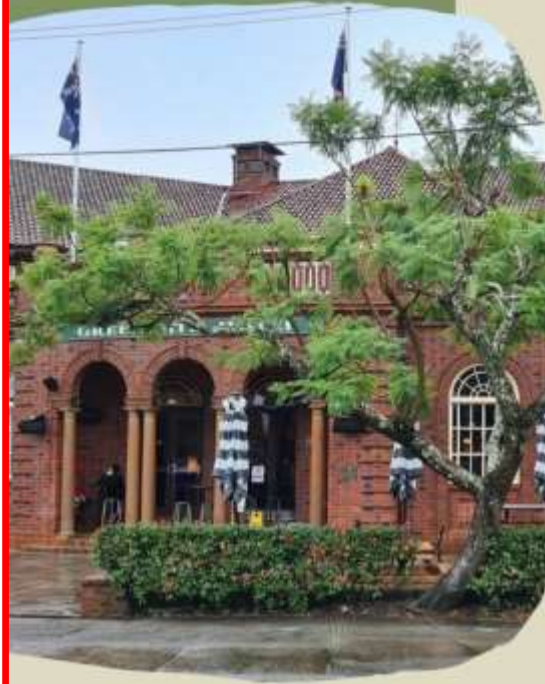
For further information, please contact Catholic Care at 1800 32 4924 or via info@catholiccaredbb.org.au.

*Charismatic
Prayer*

All Welcome!

*7.30pm Tuesdays
Sacred Heart Church
Meeting Room*

GREENGATE HOTEL



Men's Dinner

7pm Friday
21 February 2025

Men of Sacred Heart and Our Lady of Perpetual Succour are invited to join in for dinner and drinks at the Greengate Hotel Killara

A New Year opportunity to catch up, chat and connect with friends old and new.

Buy your own meal and drinks.

Please RSVP before Wednesday, 19 February 2025 to the Parish office.



Pymble Catholic Parish
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PARISH GOLF DAY

**DRESS
CODE
RULES**

Friday, 28 March 2025

North Ryde Golf Club
Twin Road North Ryde
12:30pm Registration
1:30pm 18 holes \$70
6pm Dinner \$45

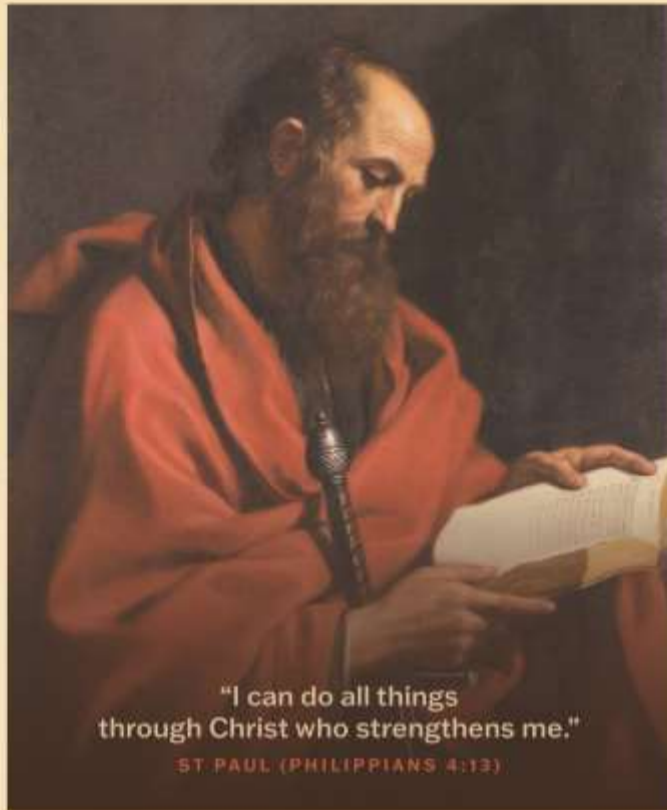
For avid golfers and novices alike. Seniors \$55. Concluding with a bistro dinner. Please supply your golf handicap and club details. Form your own team or be placed on the day. Everyone welcome. Dinner only partners also welcome.

Booking forms are available at the back of our churches, or RSVP to the Parish office. For further information, please contact Marie D'Allesandri at 04 0489 3908.

SAVE THE DATE NOW

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL
Bishop of Broken Bay
Invites you to the Ordination of

Kevin McGregor to the Order of Diaconate



7:30pm, Tuesday, 4 March 2025
Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral
23 Yardley Avenue, Waitara

Refreshments following Mass
RSVP: Friday, 21 February 2025
events@bbcatholic.org.au

Notice regarding the Holy Doors

We would like to clarify that the Holy Doors in our parish are symbolic decorations and are not part of the official Jubilee Holy Doors.



For the Jubilee of Mercy in 2015-16, Pope Francis introduced the innovation of Holy Doors at cathedrals around the world for pilgrims to pass through. However, for the Holy Year 2025, Pope Francis is returning to the tradition of having Holy Doors only at the Vatican and in Rome.

The Diocese of Broken Bay does have three official Jubilee Shrines of Hope, each with a focus on different aspects of our faith:

- **Gosford Parish:** A shrine for families, with a relic of Pope Saint John Paul II
- **Chatswood Parish:** A shrine for young people, with a relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis
- **Manly Freshwater Parish:** A shrine for priests and vocations, with a relic of Saint John Vianney

Yes, you can be a Catechist!



Are you looking for a new way to give back to the community?
Have you thought about volunteering?
You may or may not be aware, but there is a shortage of volunteers instructing Catholic children in public schools in our local area. As baptised Catholics, we are called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and one of the most rewarding ways to fulfil this call is to be part of the parish team of Catechists. Classes run weekly for 30 minutes in both primary and secondary schools. If you would like more information, please email Rebecca@pymblecatholicparish.org.au



Please join

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL

for Holy Mass and
The Rite of Admission to Candidacy
for Holy Orders for

**Shayne D'Cunha, Huy Tran
and Tân Nguyen**

5:00pm, Saturday, 15 February 2025

Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, 23 Yardley Ave; Waitara

Refreshments will follow

RSVP: Tuesday, 11 February 2025, events@bbcatholic.org.au

CATECHIST SUNDAY

Morning Tea
2nd March 2025
After the 9.30am Mass

PLEASE JOIN US IN SAYING THANK YOU
TO OUR OUR CATECHISTS AND THE WORK
THEY DO IN SPREADING THE WORD





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of Charity**
of Australia

HERITAGE CENTRE

The Sisters of Charity Heritage Centre brings alive the spirit of the Congregation, its history and heritage. Australia's first religious sisters have been of service to the community regardless of creed, wealth or ethnicity, for over 185 years.

You too are part of this continuing and living heritage and we'd love to welcome you.

Tuesday – Thursday
10.00am-3.00pm or by appointment
Bookings recommended



*"So go on in faith and let all
do their own little best."*

Mary Aikenhead,
18 June 1846



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A BIG

Thank you



A Big Thank You!
We are deeply grateful to the generous parishioners who contributed towards the purchase of our new printer for the parish office. The printer has arrived and is now up and running. Your support is truly appreciated!



Ash Wednesday

5 March 2025

Ash Wednesday Services will be held at

Sacred Heart Church, Pymble

9am and 7pm

OLPS Church, West Pymble

11:40am



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Saturday, 15 March 2025

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Confirmation at Pymble 2025

Registration for Confirmation is now open!



At Baptism, your child began a lifelong journey and a way of life. At Confirmation, the graces received in Baptism are sealed with the reception of the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Confirmation is open to children, who are aged 8 and above (in Year 3 and above), who have been baptised Catholic.

Registration for Confirmation is now open:

www.trybooking.com/CYVZN

The important dates are presented as follows:

Event	Date and Time
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent & Candidate Information Meeting (Compulsory) 	Saturday, 22 March 3:00pm Sacred Heart Church
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home Group Facilitators Information Session (Compulsory for Home Group Facilitators) 	Sunday, 23 March 3:00pm Sacred Heart Church
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation Program: 	1st Parish-facilitated group Saturday, 29 March at 3pm Sunday, 30 March at 10:30am Sacred Heart Church 2nd Parish-facilitated group Saturday, 5 April at 3pm Sunday, 6 April at 10:30am Sacred Heart Church
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation Mass 	Saturday, 5 April or Sunday, 6 April at any Mass, either Church
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practice 	Sunday, 4 May at 3pm Sacred Heart
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service 	Thursday, 8 May 5:30pm Sacred Heart Church

Registration for Confirmation is now open and will close on Thursday, 20 March 2025. You can register your child via the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/CYVZN>.

Please contact the sacraments@pymblecatholicparish.org.au if you have any questions.

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 of Catholics.

If you would like more information on Gifts in Wills, please contact Fr. Ireneusz. Email: Fr.ireneusz@pymblecatholicparish.org.au



Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD, JCL
Bishop of Broken Bay

extends a warm invitation to Catechumens, their sponsors, family, friends, RCIA team members, and all parishioners

to the

Rite of Election

Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral
23 Yardley Avenue
Waitara

Sunday 9 March 2025 at 2pm

(Catechumens, please have your names marked at the Registration table prior to 1.15pm and be seated in the Cathedral by 1.45pm)

Light refreshments will be served afterwards

Please RSVP to your Parish Office

You are invited to join in the fun with Wine Tasting - Raffles Music - Cocktail Food

Wine & Cheese Evening

6PM-8PM
SATURDAY
15 MARCH 2025

Pay online via the link below
\$10 each
(Code "Wine")

More information:
Marie D'Alesandri
E: marie@dalla.net.au
M: 0404 893 908

tinyurl.com/3nh72ut9

Marian Hall
Sacred Heart Church
1 Bobbin Head Road Pymble

Wine can be ordered on the night for later home delivery



Liturgy of the Word

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 30: 3-4

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading Jeremiah 17: 5-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The Lord says this:

‘A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,
who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.

‘A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,
with the Lord for his hope.
He is like a tree by the waterside
that thrusts its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.’

Responsorial Psalm Ps 1: 1-4 R.Ps 39:5

(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

1. Happy indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night. **(R.)**
2. He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper. **(R.)**
3. Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
for the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20

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

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 6: 23

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
your reward is great in heaven.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 6: 17, 20-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

‘How happy are you who are poor; yours is the kingdom of God.
Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.
Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

‘Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

‘But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.
Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.
Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

‘Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.’

Gospel Reflection

Meditation: When you encounter misfortune, grief, or tragic loss, how do you respond? With fear or faith? With passive resignation or with patient hope and trust in God? We know from experience that no one can escape all of the inevitable trials of life - pain, suffering, sickness, and death. When Jesus began to teach his disciples he gave them a "way of happiness" that transcends every difficulty and trouble that can weigh us down with grief and despair. Jesus began his sermon on the mount by addressing the issue of where true happiness can be found. The word beatitude literally means happiness or blessedness. Jesus' way of happiness, however, demands a transformation from within - a conversion of heart and mind which can only come about through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit.

True happiness can only be fulfilled in God

How can one possibly find happiness in poverty, hunger, mourning, and persecution? If we want to be filled with the joy and happiness of heaven, then we must empty ourselves of all that would shut God out of our hearts. Poverty of spirit finds ample room and joy in possessing God alone as the greatest treasure possible. Hunger of the spirit seeks nourishment and strength in God's word and Spirit. Sorrow and mourning over wasted life and sin leads to joyful freedom from the burden of guilt and oppression.

The beatitudes strengthen us in virtue and excellence

Ambrose (339-397 A.D), an early church father and bishop of Milan, links the beatitudes with the four cardinal virtues which strengthen us in living a life of moral excellence. He writes: "Let us see how St. Luke encompassed the eight blessings in the four. We know that there are four cardinal virtues: temperance, justice, prudence and fortitude. One who is poor in spirit is not greedy. One who weeps is not proud but is submissive and tranquil. One who mourns is humble. One who is just does not deny what he knows is given jointly to all for us. One who is merciful gives away his own goods. One who bestows his own goods does not seek another's, nor does he contrive a trap for his neighbour. These virtues are interwoven and interlinked, so that one who has one may be seen to have several, and a single virtue befits the saints. Where virtue abounds, the reward too abounds... Thus temperance has purity of heart and spirit, justice has compassion, patience has peace, and endurance has gentleness."

No one can live without joy

God reveals to the humble of heart the true source of abundant life and happiness. Jesus promises his disciples that the joys of heaven will more than compensate for the troubles and hardships they can expect in this world. Thomas Aquinas said: "No person can live without joy. That is why someone deprived of spiritual joy goes after carnal pleasures." Do you know the joy and happiness of hungering and thirsting for God alone?

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Acolytes	T McLeod	P Adams
Altar Servers	A & C Centofanti	N Adams
Readers	E Johnston V Waggett	M A Bannister
Altar Society	22 February: M Hodgkinson	
Counters	23 February: M Tang / J Witcombe / Volunteer needed	
OLPS (West Pymble)	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 8:00am
Acolytes	J Pease	I Chisholm
Altar Servers	E & Z Victor	E & M Rothmund
Readers	A Makepeace	L Treacy
Altar Cloth	22 February: P Ryan	

Children's Corner



Jesus told his disciples that even though people may be mean to you, as a follower of Christ you will have a great reward in heaven. What do you think your rewards in heaven will be?

Find the opposites of the following words, then use the circled letters to make a word we use that describes heaven.

_ _ O < HAPPY

WEAK > _ _ _ _ O

O _ _ < FULL

ASLEEP > _ _ _ _ O

HEAVY > O _ _ _

LITTLE > _ _ O

_ _ O _ _ < OPEN

Heaven is God's _____.

Fill in the missing words for each of Jesus' teachings using the pictures as clues. Draw Jesus preaching.

God will bless you people who are _____.

His _____ will belong to you.

God will bless you _____ people.

You will have _____ to eat.

God will bless you people who are _____.

_____ You will _____!

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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



"Christ has no hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on this world."

- attributed to
St Teresa of Avila



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