



# 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**



## Prayer For The Poor

Dear Lord in Heaven,

We ask that you watch over the poor. Give them the strength to overcome their challenges. Open doors of opportunity for them. Let help come from the north, south, west, and east. Pour out your blessings and glory upon them. Let them not see their debtors anymore. Free them from all bondage. Wipe away all their tears. Bring redemption and restoration to their homes. Let them be poor no more. Let their lives be changed for the better. And let them glorify your name

forever

*Amen*

THE GRACEFUL CHAPTER

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



### *In November... we remember*

During the month of November we will pray for the deceased by offering a Mass every day for those whose names are on the special November envelopes. The envelopes are available at the back of the Church, so please collect one if you wish to include your deceased relatives and friends in our prayers.

**Please write their names on the envelopes and return your envelope to one of the priests.**

The 2024 Diocesan will continue to take place over the next few weekends throughout November:

- 16 & 17 November, and
- 23 & 24 November

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



### 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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## Parish Team

### Pastoral care

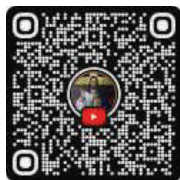
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## Parish Mass Times

### 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

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**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.shpdbb.catholic.edu.au](http://www.shpdbb.catholic.edu.au)

### OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

**Principal:** Jodi Jefferson

**Telephone:** (02) 7256 2101

*Waiting in Hope*  
ADVENT REFLECTION MORNING

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

SCAN ME

RSVP BY 18 NOVEMBER!

P Y M B L E P A R I S H

Meet you at  
**Family Mass**

24 November 2024 | 9:30AM  
Sacred Heart Church  
MASS & MORNING TEA  
Hosted by Kindergarten  
CHRIST | FELLOWSHIP | REFLECTION

## WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

### Sunday, 17 November

#### World Day of the Poor

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

### Tuesday, 19 November

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart  
 12:00pm Mass at OLPS  
 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group

### Wednesday, 20 November

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart  
 7:00pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

### Thursday, 21 November

#### The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)

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

The Rosary is recited after all weekday Masses

### Friday, 22 November

#### St Cecilia, virgin, martyr (Memorial)

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

### Saturday, 23 November

#### Pymble Parish Cake Stall at West Pymble Shops

#### St Clement I, pope, martyr (Optional) St Columban, abbot (Optional)

9:00am Mass at OLPS with morning prayer  
 5:00pm Mass at OLPS

### Sunday, 24 November

#### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Solemnity)

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

Bernardino Castillo, Joan Catherine Bernie, Peter Goh, Alexander Newton, Sarinder Tamana, Frieda Nassar, Joe Dias, Joan Catherine Bernie, Egbert Fernandes, Freida Nassar, Joe Dias

### 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.

## World Day of the Poor - 17 November 2024

For the VIII World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis has chosen a particularly significant motto for this year dedicated to prayer, given that the day will be celebrated shortly before the beginning of the Jubilee Year of 2025: "The prayer of the poor rises up to God" (cf Sir 21.5). Given the context, this expression, which comes from the ancient sacred author Ben Sira, has an immediate and clear impact.



The Pope reiterates that the poor have a privileged place in the heart of God, who is attentive and close to each of them. God listens to the prayers of the poor and, in the face of suffering, becomes "impatient" until he has done them justice. In fact, the book of Sirach goes further, stating that, "the judgment of God will be in favor of the poor" (see 21.5). In his Message, Pope Francis invites everyone to learn to pray for the poor and to pray together with the poor, with humility and trust. *World Day of the Poor* is an opportunity to become aware of the presence of the poor in our cities and communities, and to understand their needs. As always, the Pope also mentions the "new poor", those who are victims of violence and wars, "bad politics carried out with weapons" (n. 4), which causes many innocent victims.

Let us not forget, however, the numerous people in our cities who continue to dedicate a large part of their time to listening to and supporting the poor. They are ordinary people who, with their example, "give voice to God's response to the prayers of those who turn to Him" (n.7). The *World Day of the Poor* is also an opportunity to remember each of them and thank the Lord for them.

## United National World Children's Day—20 November

This is a key safeguarding date that is celebrated every year on 20 November, the significance of the date being it was when the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child was adopted.

This year is the 35th anniversary of the adoption of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child – a special moment where governments, including Australia, came together and agreed on 54 different rights that every child under 18 years old should have to live a safe, healthy, and happy life.

On World Children's Day, UNICEF Australia encourages children of all ages to make some noise about the issues that matter most to them and this year the focus is child rights. It is important to advocate for every child to have the chance to speak up about issues they care about. On World Children's Day, the aim is for all Australian to pause and take the time to hear what they have to say.

Article 12 of the Convention of the Rights of the Child states that: *Children have the right to have a say on things that are important to them.* Yet, UNICEF Australia have stated that two in three young Australian's aged 13-17 say that they are rarely or never consulted nor given opportunities to participate in important issues that affect them.

This World Children's Day, UNICEF Australia are encouraging every child in Australia to speak up through "A Minute of Loudness", where they can share their ideas on how to make Australia an even better place for all children.



**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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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

SACRED HEART



**Christmas Eve  
Family Mass**

**INVITING STUDENT VOLUNTEERS**  
NATIVITY PLAY | STUDENT CHOIR | LITURGY OF THE WORD

Students are invited to volunteer for a role in the 5pm Christmas Eve Family Mass at Sacred Heart Church. Students may volunteer for a role in:

- The Nativity Play
- Liturgy of the Word (Reading, prayers of the faithful, offertory, Gospel procession)
- Student Choir

To participate, please contact Vinosha Waggett by 28 November at [vinosha2@icloud.com](mailto:vinosha2@icloud.com) with your child's name, year group and school as well as their parent's mobile number.

Please indicate which part of the mass your child would like to participate in and if they would like to be involved in a few parts, please indicate their preference/s. To participate, students are asked to attend the rehearsals detailed below.

**REHEARSAL TIMES - LOCATED AT SACRED HEART CHURCH**  
NATIVITY PLAY

- Friday 6th December 3:15pm - 4:30pm &
- Wednesday 11th December 3:15pm - 4:30pm &
- Saturday 21st December 10.45am - 11:30am (full dress rehearsal, mandatory for major roles)

**STUDENT CHOIR**

- Saturday 21st December 10am - 11.30am &
- Tuesday 24th December 4pm arrival prior to Family Mass



*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:**

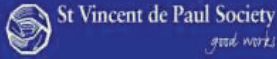
- 15 nights from Athens to Rome
  - Explore Christian sites in Greece, Turkey, and Italy
  - Special Jubilee Year itinerary with Masses, tours, and spiritual reflections
- 19 May - 4 June 2025  
Cost TBA

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

Pymble Catholic Parish  
02 9144 2702



# Vinnies Christmas Appeal



Last weekend was 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. Thank you to all the parishioners who took a card and gift bag.

## Hampers for Pymble and Wyong clients

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 Bags for Glebe clients

The small Christmas bag 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

## 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.

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.

# Volunteers of 2024 Thank You High Tea

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

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



# Mass for Three Voices (William Byrd)

## Celebrating St Cecilia

Sunday, 24 November 2024 | 5:45pm to 7:15pm  
Sacred Heart Church Pymble

- Choral Mass presentation, the Parish Choir and Friends with local and visiting soloists.
- "The Lord's Prayer", Albert Hay Malotte arrangement by parishioner Henrik Hogg.
- Music from across the ages, a tribute to Christ the King.
- Additional music before and after 6pm Mass.

St Cecilia (180 - 230AD), a Roman martyr, is venerated as the patron of music and musicians. Her feast day is 22 November.

We look forward to welcoming you to this choral presentation celebrating St Cecilia.

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# Youth & Young Adult Ministry Leader Formation

*Know the Mission;  
Live the Mission*

Join us for a transformative training course focused on Catholic values, leadership, and personal growth. Our program offers engaging sessions, discussions, and activities to inspire and guide young individuals in their faith journey.

**Saturday**  
30 November 2024  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Adoration from 8:30 am

Hosted by Gosford Parish  
76 York St, East Gosford

RSVP: [mission@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:mission@bbcatholic.org.au)  
Lunch and snacks provided

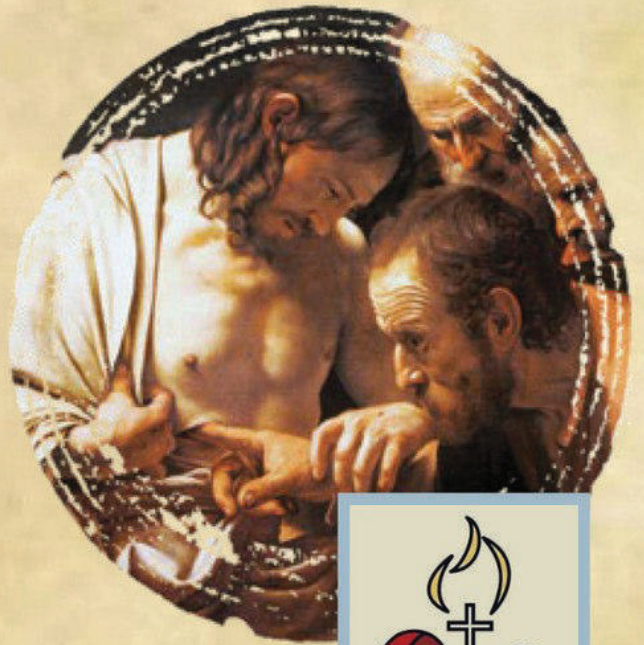
## Runner Needed for Blind Gentleman in Hornsby

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.



# 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 26 November 2024**

## DR BRANT PITRE

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







# Liturgy of the Word

## Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

**Entrance Antiphon** [Jeremiah 29:11,12,14](#)

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

**First Reading** [Daniel 12:1-3](#)

**A reading from the prophet Daniel**

‘At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.’

**Responsorial Psalm** [Ps 15:5, 8-11. R.v.1](#)

**(R.) Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.**

- O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **(R.)**
- And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay. **(R.)**
- You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness forever. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** [Hebrews 10:11-14, 18](#)

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

**Gospel Acclamation** [Luke 21:36](#)

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

Be watchful, and pray constantly,  
That you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel** [Mark 13: 24-32](#)

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

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

‘Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.’

**Gospel Reflection**

**The Lord is preparing us for his return**

Jesus told his first disciples that it was for their benefit that he return to his Father in heaven in order for the Holy Spirit to come (John 16:7) and fill the earth with the fire of God's love, truth, and glory. The Lord Jesus in every age fills his people with the power of the Holy Spirit so that each one of us can hear his voice, understand his truth, and sow the seeds of his word - the good news of the Gospel - wherever he sends us. The Lord Jesus is preparing his people for his return - for the day of "tribulation" and "shaking" when he will appear "coming in clouds with great power and glory" (Mark 13:25-26).

What did Jesus mean when he spoke about a time of tribulation, shaking, and the "Son of man coming with great power and glory"? The title Jesus most frequently used to describe his mission was the "Son of Man" (Mark 13:26). This title is a direct reference to the prophetic vision in the Book of Daniel, chapter 7:

*13 I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. 14 And to him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.*

The image of a "Son of man coming with the clouds of heaven" is taken from the vision of the prophet Daniel (Daniel 7:13-14). Daniel's vision is a royal investiture of a human king before God's throne. This king, whose authority comes from God, is given power to rule over "all peoples, nations, and languages" (Daniel 7:14). The kingdom which he comes to establish cannot be broken or destroyed because it is built on the foundation of God's justice, truth, and holiness.

The day of the Lord's return will be unlike any other moment in time, history, and destiny for the human race and our place in God's creation. Then the "stars of heaven will fall and all will be shaken" before the presence of the Lord when he comes. Then the peoples of the earth and their rulers will know who is the true King and Ruler over all.

Jesus' first coming was a rescue mission - to free the human race from slavery to sin and Satan - the father of lies. His second coming will be the final completion of his mission when he will "make all things new" - a new heavens and a new earth - after he has put down the last enemy which is death and restores our lowly bodies to immortality when death will be no more (Daniel 12:2-3).

**The sign of the budding fig tree**

What lesson does the Lord Jesus want us to learn from the parable of the budding fig tree? The fig tree was a common and important source of food for the Jews. It bore fruit twice a year, in the autumn and in the early spring. The prophet Joel mentions its fruit-bearing as a sign of favor from the Lord (Joel 2:22). The Talmud (a Jewish commentary and instruction on the Torah or Five Books of Moses) said that the first fruit came the day after Passover. The Jews believed that when the Messiah came he would usher in the kingdom of God at Passover time.

This parable foretells the joy of God's kingdom - the joy of new life and the promise of a new age of peace and blessing. The signs of spring are evident for all who can see. Just so are the signs of God's kingdom. The "budding" of God's kingdom begins first in the hearts of those who are receptive to God's word. Those who trust in God's word will bear the fruits of his kingdom. And what are the fruits of that kingdom? "The kingdom of God . . . is righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17).

**Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may radiate the joy of your kingdom and the fire of your love to all I meet and serve. Direct my life to the glory of your name and to the coming of your kingdom.**

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



# Pymble Parish Roster 23 & 24 November 2024

Sacred Heart (Pymble)	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes	L Hopcroft	J Starnawski
Altar Servers	A & T De Souza	W Rusak
Readers	J Gardener D McGreal	L Menzies
Altar Society	23 November: Kim / Joanna	
Counters	24 November: C Gwynn / M Tang / G Hugh	
OLPS (West Pymble)	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 8:00am
Acolytes	C Parbury	C De Sousa
Altar Servers	E & Z Victor	E & M Rothemund
Readers	G Lynch	R Millane
Altar Cloth	23 November: P Ryan	

## Children's Corner



When Jesus returns, God will send his angels to gather his chosen ones. Write down the names of some people you know for the angels to gather.

### FIND THE SECRET ANSWER

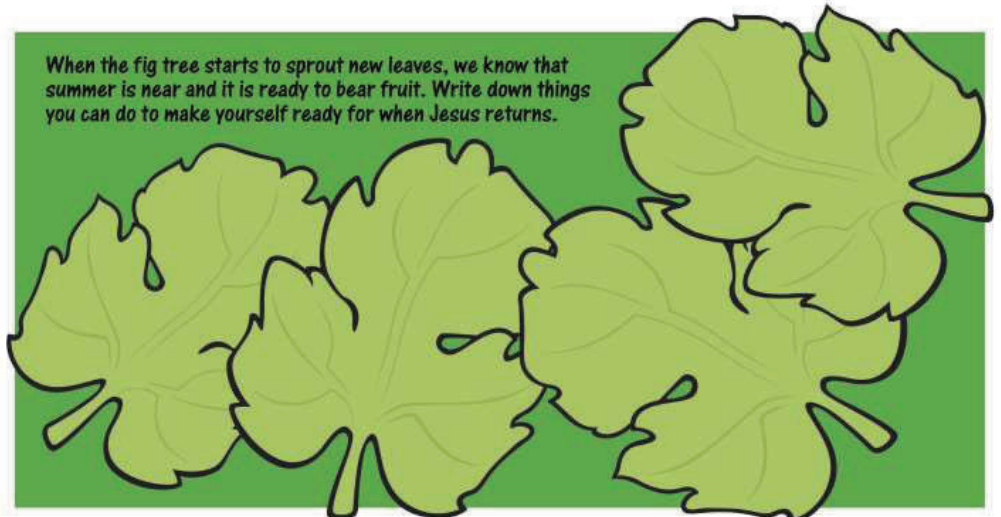


Help the angel find the hidden answer to the question.... "Who will know when the time is right for Jesus to return?". In the puzzle below, cross out any letter that appears four or more times. Then unscramble the remaining letters to complete the verse below.

**B M G S N D V K P Y Z**  
**J W Q I H Z O S W E V**  
**P C T B V Q G X M P I**  
**M Q S L N K Y C S U B**  
**X D J M T X V D J Z V**  
**L U O K S J B K C D R**  
**Q E L P G O Z U Q S Y**  
**G I W U X M F K C N G**  
**L O C S B I P L J D P**  
**Z U Y L H N G Q A W K**

ONLY \_\_\_\_\_ KNOWS.

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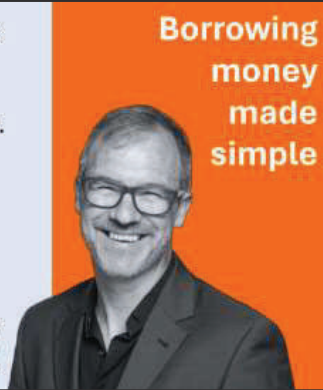
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