



# PYMBLE CATHOLIC PARISH

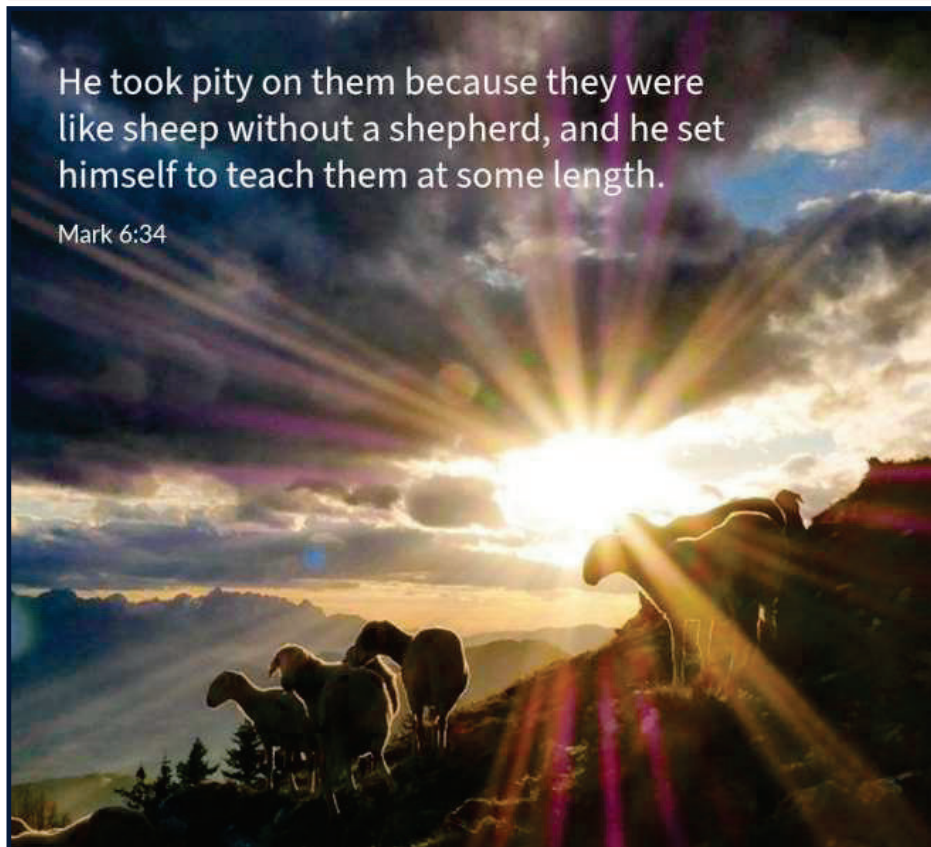
## SACRED HEART & OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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

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



### CELEBRATING YEAR OF PRAYER



He took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

Mark 6:34

### The Good Shepherd

Loving shepherd of your sheep,  
Keep us Lord in safety keep.  
Where you lead us may we go,  
All your mercies may we know.

Loving shepherd you did give  
Your own life that we may live,  
May we love you day by day,  
Gladly your sweet will obey.

Loving shepherd ever near,  
Teach us still your voice to hear,  
Never let us go astray  
From the straight and narrow way.

AMEN.



### Baptisms at Pymble Parish

For enquiries please contact the Parish office on 9144 2702 or via email on

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

Our upcoming Baptism Formation Class will be held on:

**Thursday, 25 July 2024  
at 7:30pm  
Sacred Heart Church**

Bookings are essential.

### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

**For the pastoral care of the sick**

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.



**A warm welcome to all our Parishioners who are celebrating the Eucharist 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](http://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: 9:30am 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

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**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)



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO LEAD AND ASSIST

Please consider helping to share the Gospel

We are seeking leaders to start a Children's Liturgy program at **Our Lady of Perpetual Succour** in West Pymble (OLPS). We plan to offer Children's Liturgy during the Saturday Vigil Mass at 5pm on the first and third Saturdays of each month during school terms. Your commitment to lead or assist would be once or twice per term.

If you have any questions or would like to join our team, please contact the Parish Office at 9144 2702.



**Please note,** we have returned to our traditional method of collecting 1st and 2nd cash donations by passing the bags around.

Please support our collectors in their ministry

## Become a Catechist You are needed!

Contact for details:

[michele@pymblecatholicparish.org.au](mailto:michele@pymblecatholicparish.org.au)



## WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

### Sunday, 21 July

#### Feast of Blessed Francis Jordan

- 8:00am Mass at OLPS (Quiet Mass)  
*Fr. Michael Sullivan OSA*
- 9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart  
*Fr. Michael Sullivan OSA*
- 6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart  
*Fr. Michael Sullivan OSA*

### Tuesday, 23 July

#### St Bridget (Optional)

- 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart  
*Fr. Michael Sullivan OSA*
- 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group

### Wednesday, 24 July

#### St Sharbel Makhluf, priest (Optional)

- 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart  
*Fr. John Zhang OSA*

### Thursday, 25 July

- 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart – Grandparents Day  
*Fr. Michael Sullivan OSA*
- 6:00pm Serra Mass and Meeting
- 7:30pm Infant Baptism Formation

### Friday, 26 July

#### St James Apostle (Feast)

- 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart followed by Adoration and Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
*Fr. Michael Sullivan OSA*

### Saturday, 27 July

#### Sts Joachim & Anne, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)

- 9:00am Mass at OLPS with morning prayer (Breviary)  
*Fr. John Zhang OSA*
- 2:00pm First Eucharist Formation Class by appointment only
- 4:00pm First Eucharist Formation Class by appointment only
- First Eucharist Presentation Mass**
- 5:00pm Family Mass at OLPS - Grandparents and Elderly Mass  
*Fr. Michael Sullivan OSA*

### Sunday, 28 July

#### 4th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

#### First Eucharist Presentation Mass

- 8:00am Mass at OLPS (Quiet Mass)  
*Fr. Michael Sullivan OSA*
- 9:30am Family Mass at Sacred Heart  
*Fr. Michael Sullivan OSA*
- 10:30am - First Eucharist Formation Class by appointment only
- 6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart  
*Fr. Michael Sullivan OSA*

*The Rosary is recited after all weekday Masses*

## 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:

Stanley MacDonald, Dianne Ross, Joan Gillett, Gail O’Toole, Joseph Pettinger, Kathleen Morrison, Denise Lindsay, Marie Jones, Refaat Saber, Geoff Riley, Greg Tysoe, Nancy Dal Cin, Victor Ho, Ursula Middleton, Michael Ryan, Monica Wheeler

### Death Anniversaries:

Antonino Celio, Nona Gutierrez, Silvy Albert, Joseph Lin, John McLeod, Christian McLeod, Tonya McLeod, Praveen Delunha, Thelma Lovery, Roy Freeman, Odette McLeod, Angus Ross, Santa Celio, Owen Thomas, Janine Parker, Lucia Sudiro, Judy Carson

### Prayers for the sick:

Catherine Sanchez, Pamela Seaman, Joseph Hendryjanto, Margaret Browne, Danny Ung

### Weekly prayer intention:

This week we pray for peace in the world, in our country and in our own home. Lord, help us to act out your greatest commandment of all, to love one another as You have loved us. 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.

## Blessed Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan (1848-1918), Priest and Founder of the Salvatorians

### Feast Day 21 July 2024

John Baptist Jordan was born into a poor family in Gurtweil, Germany. His family’s poverty prevented him from completing his studies and entering a seminary and he spent some years working as an itinerant painter and labourer. In time, he was able to begin seminary studies and he was ordained a priest on 21 July 1878. Father Jordan had demonstrated a proficiency with languages and his archbishop sent him to Rome to study Greek and Semitic languages.

Father Jordan became increasingly aware that God was calling him to establish a new apostolic work in the Church, envisioning a collaborative society of priests, religious and lay people who would promote the Catholic Faith throughout the world.

On 8 December 1881, Father Jordan and a small group of companions professed religious vows, establishing the “Apostolic Teaching Society”, At the time of his profession, Father Jordan took the religious name “Francis Mary of the Cross”.

A short time later, the Society came to include a group of religious women (this first group of sisters later became an independent community known as the Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother).

In the years that followed, the Society Father Jordan founded was transformed into two distinct religious communities, one including priests and brothers and the other, a new community of religious sisters. Given a new name and now dedicated to the Divine Saviour, these communities became known as the Salvatorians. Father Jordan spent the remainder of his life governing the community of priests and brothers and overseeing the establishment of new missions in several countries, and the ongoing publishing and educational projects of the young community. Blessed Francis Mary of the Cross died on 8 September 1918, in Fribourg, Switzerland, where he had been forced to relocate during the First World War. He was beatified on 15 May 2021.

Today, Salvatorian priests, brothers, sisters, and lay members serve in a myriad of ministries in more than 40 countries, inspired by Father Jordan’s vision of collaboration and universality.

*“Be a true apostle of Jesus Christ. Do not rest until you have carried the Word of God to all the corners of the earth. Be a true herald of the Most High.”*



# Online Intercessory Prayer TRAINING

"In Collaboration with CHARIS Australia"



## "STANDING IN THE GAP"

TEACHING | PRACTICALS | BREAK OUT ROOMS  
SHARING

5 Thursdays

11th July - 8th August 2024

Time: 7.30 - 9pm (AEST)



\$ 50

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

### WEEK & TOPIC

1. What is a Prophetic Intercession?
2. Using our Spiritual Senses & Gifts of the Holy Spirit in Intercession
3. Prompting of the Holy Spirit to intercede
4. Characteristics of Holy Spirit led Intercession
5. Steps of intercession and Intercession practical

# PLANNED GIVING

The Planned Giving program within the Parish is an opportunity for parishioners to support Parish finances with a commitment to donate funds at regular intervals. Parishioners can join our traditional envelope donation system or can donate through monthly credit or debit card donations.

Please support the work of our Parish and help carry the load by joining the Planned Giving Program. Registration forms are available at the back of the church. Alternatively, you can complete the form electronically at the following link: [tinyurl.com/4dix9kdv](https://tinyurl.com/4dix9kdv)

**If you are already on our planned giving program, envelopes for the 2024/25 year are ready to be picked up at the back of both Churches.**

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to receive some envelopes for the year ahead.

## First & Second Collections

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



# SYDNEY

26 - 29 September 2024

at Cathedral Precinct Waitara  
Hosted in and supported by the  
Diocese of Broken Bay

Registration: [igniteconference.com.au/](https://igniteconference.com.au/)



IGNITE CONFERENCE 24

# RISE UP!

A NATIONAL  
CATHOLIC CONFERENCE  
WITH SOMETHING  
EVERYONE

Discount code available on Adult and Teen tickets upon request

Pymble Catholic Parish

# UPCOMING events

## 2024/25

**04**  
AUG  
**SOUP & SLICE**  
SACRED HEART  
CHURCH AFTER 6PM  
MASS

**20**  
SEP  
**PARISH DINNER**  
BY INVITATION ONLY

**11&18**  
AUG  
**FIRST EUCHARIST**  
CELEBRATORY CAKE &  
MORNING TEA  
SACRED HEART 11:30AM  
OLPS 11:00 AM

**20**  
OCT  
**BLESSING OF THE  
PETS & PICNIC**  
MORE DETAILS  
CLOSER TO THE DATE.

**16**  
AUG  
**LADIES DINNER**  
GREENGATE HOTEL  
MORE DETAILS  
CLOSER TO THE DATE

**23**  
NOV  
**CAKE STALL**  
8AM TO 12PM - OLPS  
2024/2025 PASTORAL  
WORKS FUNDRAISER

**17**  
AUG  
**SOUP & SLICE**  
OUR LADY OF  
PERPETUAL SUCCOUR  
AFTER 5PM MASS

**30**  
NOV  
**THANK YOU HIGH TEA**  
MORE DETAILS  
CLOSER TO DATE

**01**  
SEP  
**FATHER'S DAY**  
MORNING TEA AFTER  
MORNING MASSES  
SACRED HEART 9:30AM  
OLPS 8:00AM

**08**  
FEB  
**WELCOME COCKTAIL**  
2025 WELCOME  
COCKTAIL PARTY - OLPS  
AFTER 5PM MASS



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC  
BISHOPS CONFERENCE

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is undertaking a research project investigating why some Catholics do not participate in regular weekly Sunday Mass.

Regular weekly attendance is defined as physical attendance at Sunday Mass three or more times a month, including the Saturday vigil celebrated in many parishes.

The project will provide in-depth information about contemporary religious practices and beliefs of Catholics in Australia. The insights will enable parishes, movements, and school communities to respond to the trends in participation in the Church, update the Church's awareness and understanding of the present-day context, and enable responses and collaboration around the underlying factors for non/dis-engagement.

The survey can be accessed via this link:  
<https://bit.ly/AbsentFromTheTableSurvey>

Please note that the survey will be open from **Monday 17 June 2024** and will close on **Tuesday 20 August 2024**.

The study has been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee at the Christian Research Association. If you have any questions about this research, please contact the Pastoral Research Office of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference via phone on (02) 6201 9812.



# LINDARA

# MARKET



**Saturday 27th July  
8am - 1pm**

Lindfield Uniting Church - Undercroft area  
454 Pacific Highway Lindfield

All proceeds support families in crisis via Lindara Family Program based in Waitara. Market enquiries email: [info@lindlara.com.au](mailto:info@lindlara.com.au) or leave a message 01 9558 2106.

Everyone is invited to a lovely morning out at the Lindara Market on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July from 8am-1pm at Lindfield Uniting Church, undercover in the Undercroft and carport, 454 Pacific Highway Lindfield.

All the proceeds help around 30 families/year in crisis, who are living locally in the Hornsby-KuringGai areas, through the Lindara Family Program social worker based in Waitara. The market has bargains for everyone, from popular \$1 books to pre-loved jewellery. There are plenty of jig-saw puzzles, toys, board games, sports

gear, household stuff, kitchenware, and even clothes. The cake stall, devonshire teas and sausage sizzle will provide something delicious so you don't go home hungry! Send your family, friends and neighbours along to shop 8am-1pm and they'll be sure to thank you for the fun time they had, the bargains they bagged, and for feeling great about the good cause they supported.

If you can help put posters or fliers up to help promote, please email Jane on [lindfielduca@gmail.com](mailto:lindfielduca@gmail.com) or text 0497 698 179. Extra market volunteers always welcome too!

Join us for a free seminar and cuppa

I worked with asbestos,  
am I entitled to compensation?

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Wills gone Wild

Sunday 25th August 2024

10:30 AM

Sacred Heart Church  
Conference Room

2 Richard Potter Way  
Pymble NSW 2073

**Turner  
Freeman**  
LAWYERS



*CatholicCare*  
Diocese of Broken Bay

## COMBATING HOMELESSNESS TOGETHER

Please donate to CatholicCare's homelessness services across the Diocese

*Thank you*

Donor envelopes available during Mass  
Saturday and Sunday 10 & 11 August



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

**SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING**

Father Robert Borg, Parish Priest of The Lakes Parish will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

The evening commences with Mass at 6.00 PM followed by a light meal and a short meeting.

Following the meeting Father Robert will be our guest speaker. His topic will be the Jubilee Year 2025.

Everyone is welcome.

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 [henrywk@yahoo.com.au](mailto:henrywk@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.

## Position Vacant

### Parent Engagement Coordinator - Sacred Heart

Are you a good communicator? Are you willing to share your faith and support families and care givers in a part time position within Catholic School Broken Bay? (CSBB). The PEC role could be for you.

The PEC supports key goals and initiatives in schools to enhance parent involvement and strengthen the bond between families, and the wider parish communities to improve student learning and wellbeing. The PEC plays a crucial role in building and maintaining a welcoming school environment and building sound, respectful relationships between the school, parents/carers, parent bodies, parish and the wider Catholic community. We are currently looking to employ a PEC at Sacred Heart, Pymble.

If you are interested in finding out more please contact:  
Jo Spek ([Jo.Spek@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Jo.Spek@dbb.catholic.edu.au))

## 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. The dates for Term 3 are as follows:

**Sunday, 9.30am Mass**

- o 4 August
- o 18 August
- o 1 September
- o 15 September





# 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  
Starting on 23 July 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

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

**Entrance Antiphon** [Psalm 53:6,8](#)

See, I have God for my help.  
The Lord sustains my soul.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,  
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

**First Reading** [Jeremiah 23:1-6](#)

**A reading from the prophet Amos**

‘Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

‘See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks –  
when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.’

**Responsorial Psalm** [Ps 22. R. v.2](#)

**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.**

- The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**
- He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your  
staff,  
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**
- You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
- Surely goodness and kindness shall follow  
me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** [Ephesians 2:13-18](#)

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians**

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

**Gospel Acclamation** [John 10:27](#)

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** [Mark 6:30-34](#)

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

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, ‘You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while’; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

**Gospel Reflection**

**Meditation:** What does the image of a shepherd tell us about God’s care for us? Shepherding was one of the oldest of callings in Israel, even before farming, since the Chosen People had travelled from place to place, living in tents, and driving their flocks from one pasture to another. Looking after sheep was no easy calling. It required great skill and courage. Herds were often quite large, thousands or even ten thousands of sheep. The flocks spent a good part of the year in the open country. Watching over them required a great deal of attention and care.

**Stray sheep must be brought back lest they die**

Sheep who strayed from the flock had to be sought out and brought back by the shepherd. Since hyenas, jackals, wolves, and even bear were common and fed on sheep, the shepherds often had to do battle with these wild and dangerous beasts. A shepherd literally had to put his life on the line in defending his sheep. Shepherds took turns watching the sheep at night to ward off any attackers. The sheep and their shepherds continually lived together. Their life was so intimately bound together that individual sheep, even when mixed with other flocks, could recognize the voice of their own shepherd and would come immediately when called by name.

**God himself leads us like a good shepherd**

The Old Testament often spoke of God as shepherd of his people, Israel. *The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want* (Psalm 23:1). *Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!* (Psalm 80:1) *We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture* (Psalm 100:3). The Messiah is also pictured as the shepherd of God’s people: *He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arms* (Isaiah 40:11).

Jesus told his disciples that he was the Good Shepherd who was willing to lay down his life for his sheep (Matthew 18:12, Luke 15:4, John 10). When he saw the multitude of people in need of protection and care, he was moved to respond with compassionate concern. His love was a personal love for each and every person who came to him in need.

**Jesus is the Shepherd and Guardian of our souls**

Peter the apostle called Jesus the *Shepherd and Guardian of our souls* (1 Peter 2:25). Do you know the peace and security of a life freely submitted to Jesus, the Good Shepherd? In the person of the Lord Jesus we see the unceasing vigilance and patience of God’s love. In our battle against sin and evil, Jesus is ever ready to give us help, strength, and refuge. Do you trust in his grace and help at all times?

**Lord Jesus, you guard and protect us from all evil. Help me to stand firm in your word and to trust in your help in all circumstances. May I always find rest and refuge in the shelter of your presence.**

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





# Pymble Parish Roster 27/28 July 2024

Sacred Heart (Pymble)	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes	E Leahy	P Adams
Altar Servers	Family Mass	L & W Ng
Readers	Family Mass	N Saber
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Counters	28 July: J Li / M Tang	
OLPS (West Pymble)	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 8:00am
Acolytes	J Pease	M D'Silva
Altar Servers	A Pease	D'Silva Family
Readers	Family Mass	L Treacy
Altar Cloth	28 July: A Glover	

## Children's Corner



Jesus was a shepherd, a leader, a teacher and a helper to his followers. In the footprints, write the names of people you know who care about others the way Jesus did.



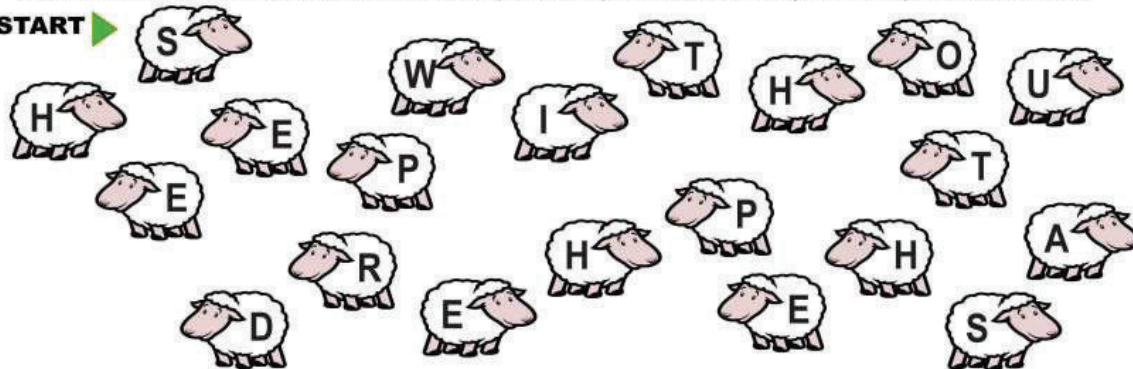
## Jesus taught them many things

What did Jesus teach people?  
Answer True or False to the following

- "Love your neighbor" \_\_\_\_\_
- "Punish those who dislike you" \_\_\_\_\_
- "I am the wine of life" \_\_\_\_\_
- "Blessed are the meek, they shall inherit the earth" \_\_\_\_\_
- "I am the light of the world" \_\_\_\_\_
- "A rolling stone gathers no moss" \_\_\_\_\_

Why did Jesus feel sorry for the crowd? Join up the sheep in the correct sequence to spell out the answer

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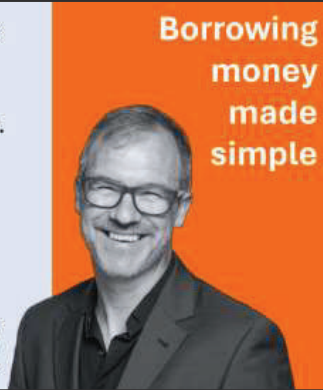
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The Pymble Parish weekend Mass schedule is:

### 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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