

PYMBLE CATHOLIC PARISH

SACRED HEART & OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

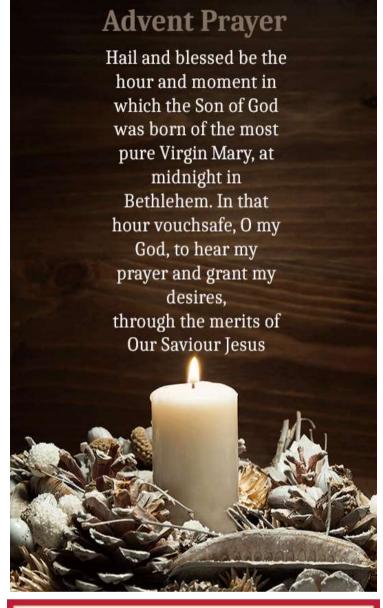
Building a Christ-centred community of Love and Mercy

Pymble Parish is under the Pastoral care of the Salvatorian Fathers

CELEBRATING YEAR OF PRAYER









Baptisms at Pymble Parish

Our upcoming Baptism Formation Classes will be held on:

Wednesday, 19 February 2025

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

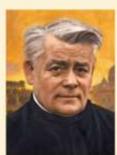
POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER



We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

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.

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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

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PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

SACRED HEART

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OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

Principal: Jodi Jefferson **Telephone:** (02) 7256 2101
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Christmas: Pymble Parish

Pymble Catholic Parish Christmas Events

Saturday, 7 and Sunday, 8 December

Parish Mission

Introductory talk at all Masses

Monday, 9 to Wednesday, 11 December

Parish Mission

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

Special homily and talk after Mass

7:00pm Talk then Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and parish reconciliation

Thursday, 19 December

Healing Mass and

Christmas Celebration for Seniors

9:00am Mass Sacred Heart followed by Morning Tea

Pymble Catholic Parish

Sacred Heart Church

2 Richard Porter Way Pymble NSW 2073 Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church 64 Kendall Street West Pymble NSW 2073

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Tuesday, 24 December

Christmas Eve

Sacred Heart

4:30pm Carols

5:00pm Family Mass 9:00pm Mass

11:30pm Carols

Midnight Mass

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour 4:30pm Carols

5:00pm Family Mass

Wednesday, 25 December

Christmas Day

Sacred Heart 7:45am Christmas Mass

9:30am Christmas Mass

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

8:00am Christmas Mass

Thursday, 26 December

Boxing Day Mass 9:00am Sacred Heart

Wednesday, 1 January Solemnity, Mary Holy Mother of God

9:00am Sacred Heart

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Parish Office: Monday, 13 January 2025 RCIA: Tuesday, 14 January 2025 Smatic Prayer Group: Tuesday, 4 Februar

Charismatic Prayer Group: Tuesday, 4 February 2025

Mens Fellowship: Thursday, 6 February 2025 Bible Study: Friday, 31 January 2025

Youth of the Streets: Friday, 21 February 2025

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WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, 22 December Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Tuesday, 24 December

Christmas Eve

4:30pm Carols at Sacred Heart & OLPS5:00pm Family Mass at Sacred Heart & OLPS9:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart followed by

Port & cake

11:30pm Carols followed by midnight Mass at

Sacred Heart

Wednesday, 25 December The NATIVITY of the LORD

Christmas Day

7:45am Mass at Sacred Heart 8:00am Mass at OLPS 9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart

Thursday, 26 December
St Stephen, the first martyr
9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

Friday, 27 December St John, apostle, evangelist

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

Heart of Jesus

Saturday, 28 December
The Holy Innocents, martyrs
Opening of the 2025 Holy Jubilee

9:00am Mass at OLPS with morning prayer

5:00pm Mass at OLPS

Sunday, 29 December

The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Opening of the 2025 Holy Jubilee

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

Reconciliation will be available before each Mass during the Holy Jubilee Year commencing the 28th of December 2024



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:

Sr Fransesco OSU, Michelle Carson, Wendy Berrill, Mathilde Perl, Leslie Cashman, Dr Murray John Littlejohn, Christopher Wilkinson, Molly Anstee

Death Anniversaries:

Lena McManus, Julian Bruce McLeod, Tony Awad, Peter O'Sullivan, José Antonio Sanchez, Silvya Gomez, Teresa Peralta

Prayers for the sick:

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

Weekly prayer intention:

This week, we pray you fill our hearts with love, hope and peace as we await the birth of Your Son. 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.

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Fourth Candle - The Candle of Love

sk, "Am I ready to

Priest: In the Fourth Week of Advent, we consider Mary's trust in God's promise, her joy in His goodness to her. We ask, "Am I ready to receive and celebrate the coming of the Son of God?" We have considered our relationships, our love of God and God's love for

us, and we have responded with an awakened concern for the needs of others. Now we may echo Mary's words:

"My being proclaims the greatness of the Lord. My spirit finds joy in God my Saviour."

Meditation: "Blessed is she who trusted that the Lord's words to her would be fulfilled." (Luke 1:45)

Light the fourth purple candle.

Priest: Almighty and loving God, soon the whole world will celebrate the birth of Your Son, Jesus. Even as we rejoice in our

remembrance of His birth at Bethlehem, we find greater comfort in His promise to come again. May our preparations for this wondrous season remain with us, increase in us, and become as much a part of us as our breathing and our heartbeat. Then,

may we say, "Come, Lord Jesus, we are ready."

The Penitential Rite follows

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Christmas Masses Volunteers This festive season, immerse yourself in the joy of our Christmas Masses! We're seeking volunteers to contribute their time and talents to make this festive season extra special. If you are interested and willing to help please put your name down on the volunteer sheets which are located at the back of the church.





When: Immediately following the 9pm Christmas Eve Mass

Where: Sacred Heart Church Hall, Pymble

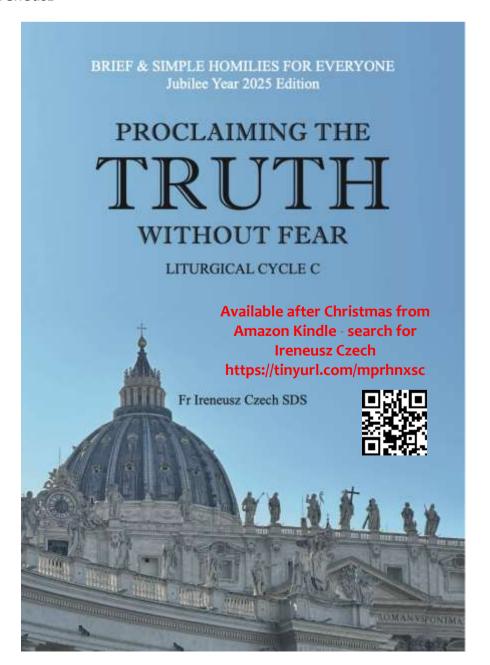
Let's celebrate the birth of our Lord together!

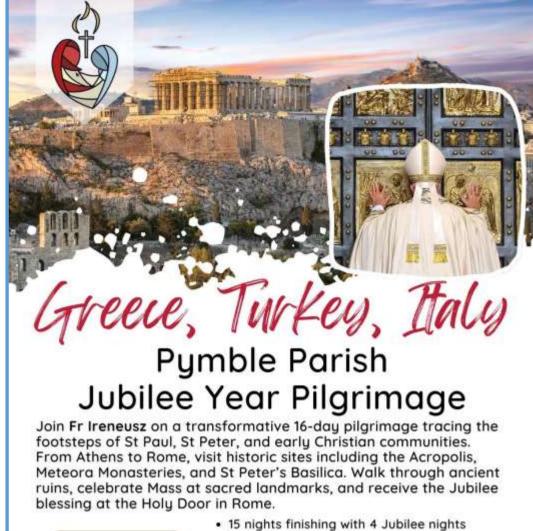


Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

I prepared a book with the Jubilee Year 2025 in mind, though it will serve a broader purpose as well. This will be my third time celebrating such an important occasion in our Church's history! To be honest with you, I don't remember anything about the Jubilee events in 1975, as I was only a young boy. However, the Jubilee of 2000 was the highlight of my priestly life! It is likely that the 2025 celebrations will be the last I can fully experience with a clear mind and heart. I would be delighted if my homilies could be of some help to you on your spiritual journey during this momentous time. The book will be available for purchase shortly after Christmas. All the profit will go towards the formation of seminarians who belong to the Australian Region of Salvatorians.

Fr Ireneusz





Highlights:

13 May - 29 May 2025 Cost indication \$8,990 ~ \$10,790

- 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

Seeking expressions of interest only at this time

Contact the Parish office to be part of this once-ina-lifetime spiritual journey

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Entrance Antiphon Cf Isaiah 45:8

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

First Reading Micah 5:1-4

A reading from the prophet Micah

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth.

Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel.

He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19. R. v.4

(R.) Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

- O Shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne.O Lord, rouse up your might,O Lord, come to our help (R.)
- God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see.
 Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted (R.)
- May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name (R.)

Second Reading Hebrews 10:5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world: You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me.

You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 1:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She house went into Zechariah's greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

Gospel Reflection

Meditation: Do you recognize the indwelling presence of the Lord Jesus in your life? Blessed are you if you see and recognize the Lord with the "eyes of faith". The word "blessed" [makarios in Greek] literally means "happiness" or "beatitude". It describes a kind of joy which is serene and untouchable, self-contained, and independent from chance and changing circumstances of life.

God gives us supernatural joy with hope in his promises

There is a certain paradox for those "blessed" by the Lord. Mary was given the "blessedness" of being the mother of the Son of God. That blessedness also would become a sword which pierced her heart as her Son died upon the cross. Anselm, a great teacher and Archbishop of Canterbury (1033-1109), spoke these words in a homily: "Without God's Son nothing could exist; without Mary's son, nothing could be redeemed." To be chosen by God is an awesome privilege and responsibility. Mary received both a crown of joy and a cross of sorrow. Her joy was not diminished by her sorrow because it was fueled by her faith, hope, and trust in God and his promises.

Jesus promised his disciples that "no one will take your joy from you" (John 16:22). The Lord gives us a supernatural joy which enables us to bear any sorrow or pain and which neither life nor death can take away. Do you know the joy of a life given over to God in faith and trust?

They were filled with the Holy Spirit

What is the significance of Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth before the birth of Jesus? When Elizabeth greeted Mary and recognized the Messiah in Mary's womb they were filled with the Holy Spirit and with a joyful anticipation of the fulfillment of God's promise to give a Savior. What a marvelous wonder for God to fill not only Elizabeth's heart with his Holy Spirit but the child in her womb as well. John the Baptist, even before the birth of the Messiah, pointed to his coming and leaped for joy in the womb of his mother as the Holy Spirit revealed to him the presence of the King to be born.

The Lord wants to fill each of us with his Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is God's gift to us to enable us to know and experience the indwelling presence of God and the power of his kingdom. The Holy Spirit is the way in which God reigns within each of us. Do you live in the joy and knowledge of God's indwelling presence with you through his Holy Spirit?

Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and give me joy in seeking you more earnestly. Increase my faith in all your promises, my hope in the joy of heaven, and my love for You as my All.

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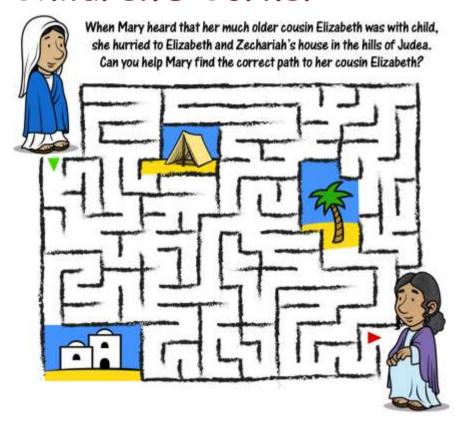
Please scan the QR Code to watch Father Irek's Homily



Pymble Parish Roster 28 & 29 December 2024		
Sacred Heart (Pymble)	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes	N Axalan	C De Souza
Altar Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Readers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Altar Society	28 December: NOT REQUIRED	
Counters	29 December: C Gwynn G Hugh J Witcombe	

OLPS (West Pymble)	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 8:00am
Acolytes	G Lynch	I Chisholm
Altar Servers	E & Z Victor	E & M Rothemund
Readers	A Makepeace	M Tang
Altar Cloth	21 December: NOT REQUIRED	

Children's Corner



DE-CODE ELIZABETH'S MESSAGE Use the key below to find out what Elizabeth said to Mary. A-20 K-19 P-17 F-25 U-5 B-12 G-1 L-22 Q-26 V-4 H-3 M-14 R-2 C-6 W-13 D-10 1-9 N-11 S-15 X - 21 T-8 Y-23 E-18 J-24 0-7 Z-16 20 15 15 7 7 11 20 15 9 3 18 20 2 10 23 7 5 2 1 2 18 18 8 9 11 1 14 23 12 20 12 23 12 18 6 20 14 18 3 20 17 17 20 20 11 10 14 7 4 18 10 18 9 8 3 9 11 14 18

*	At Christmas time we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ by doing special things. Write down why you think it's important to do each of the following things as well as adding one of your own.
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