Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

23 July 2023



# 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







PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS

Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne. Look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society. Support them! As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasuries of sound religious traditions. Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and role of grandparents. May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love. Help them to live screnely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them. Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end. Amen!

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Please contact the Parish office on 9144 2702 or via email on office@pymblecatholicparish.org. au for Baptism enquiries.

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#### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER **INTENTION FOR JULY**

For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.





Prayer for the Intercession of **Blessed Francis Jordan** 

Our upcoming Baptism Formation Class will be held on:

Monday, 24 July 2023 7:30pm at Sacred Heart Church

Bookings are essential.

A warm welcome to all our **Parishioners** who are celebrating the **Eucharist with** us this weekend.



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: Saturday (Vigil Mass): 5:30pm Sunday: 7:45am, 9:30am and 6:00pm

Reconciliation: Friday 8:45am, Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 5:30pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour 64 Kendall St, West Pymble, NSW, 2073

Weekdays: Tuesday: 12pm During School Term as advertised in the Parish weekly calendar section

Weekend: Saturday (Vigil Mass): 9:00am and 5:00pm Sunday: 9:00am

Reconciliation: Saturday 9:30am

#### **Contact details**

Youtube QR code:



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# PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

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Principal: Jodi Jefferson Telephone: (02) 7256 2101 www.olpsdbb.catholic.edu.au

### World Grandparents Day 2023

Pope Francis established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly which took place for the first time on Sunday 25 July 2021 and for the second time on Sunday 24 July 2022.



The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated for the third time in 2023 on Sunday 23 July – the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Grandparents of Jesus. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's celebration is: "His mercy is from age to age" (Luke 1:50).

## PRAYER FOR THE THIRD WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 2023

Virgin Mary, Mother of faith and hope, an example for this humanity bent by indifference, make me as willing as You to accept the will of God, to magnify and praise His Mercy. Mary, Mother of fortitude, you who knows my heart, do not allow me to become discouraged. I confidently surrender my life into your hands. Heal my wounds. May your tenderness accompany me on the way. Your presence, Mother of love, brings us to experience the joy of seeing our families united. Help me to transmit the tenderness and Love of God to the grandchildren and youth so that, in addition to praying for them, we can pray with them. Mary, may the gift of the Holy Spirit intercede for me: sustain my weakness; breathe into my heart the consolation that I may leave traces of faith among the young, bearing witness to the beauty of life, knowing that life has a limit and that beyond it lies before us our Father's embrace.

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Office hours: Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 4pm &

Friday 8:30am to 1pm

For information about Baptisms and Weddings please contact Daniela in the Parish Office. For information about the sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Eucharist, please contact Melanie at melanie@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Amen.



## WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday,	23 July	Thursday	/, 27 July	
First Euc	charist Class at 10:30am (by	9:00am	Mass at Sacred Heart	
appointn	nent only)	6:00pm	Serra Mass and Meeting	
7:45am	Mass at Sacred Heart		-	
9:00am	Mass at OLPS	Friday, 28	8 July	
9:30am	Family Mass at Sacred Heart	9:00am	Mass at Sacred Heart with	
6:00pm	Mass at Sacred Heart, followed		Adoration and Litany to the	
•	by soup after Mass		Sacred Heart of Jesus	
		10:00am	Bible Study via ZOOM	
Monday,	24 July		·	
7:30pm	Baptism Formation Class	Saturday, 29 July Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus (Memorial)		
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Tuesday, 25 July		9:00am	Mass at OLPS	
St James, apostle (Feast)		5:00pm	Family Mass at OLPS	
9:00am	Mass at Sacred Heart	5:30pm	Mass at Sacred Heart	
7:30pm	Charismatic Prayer Group			
		Sunday, 3	30 July	
Wednesday, 26 July		7:45am	Mass at Sacred Heart	
Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of		9:00am	Mass at OLPS	
Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)		9:30am	Mass at Sacred Heart	
9:00am	Mass at Sacred Heart		(Children's Liturgy)	
7:00pm	Alpha Course	6:00pm	Mass at Sacred Heart	
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The Rosary	is recited after all weekday Masses			

# Parish Prayer Zone

With God on our side, what need we fear? St Mary MacKillop (1842 - 1909)

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:**

Nona Gutierrez, Peter Lenehan, Andrew Patterson, Monica Lamond, Yu Oi Lau, Jann Brassil, Gilda Ramos Lizardo, Lilas Roche, Alice Chapman, Nancy Constantin, Marie Letts,

### **Death Anniversaries:**

Norah Kneafsey, Norman Li, Andrew Law, William Dwyer, Maria Margaret Palmer, Joseph Lin, Teresa Butler, John McLeod, Valeriana Mirinda, Margaret Kime, Harold Burford, Ron Edgar, Thelma Lovery, Nancy Marrinon, Odette McLeod, Ed Rickard, Johnny D'Souza,

### Prayers for the sick:

Colleen Hussin, Danny Ung, Ryan Kim, David Gardener, Sarinder Tamana

### Weekly prayer intention:

This week we pray that our hears and minds be good soil, in which the seed of God's Word, can be sown into. We pray that we can thrive and live out the abundant life God intended for 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.



After providing for family members in

your Will, have you ever considered leaving a Gift directly to your local

Leave a Legacy

# OLPS KIDS PLAY SCHOOL READINESS AND TODDLER PLAYGROUP

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 to of Catholics.

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



Children of all ages before commencing school are welcome to join in the OLPS Kidsplay run on Fridays at 9am during school term.

The dates for Term 3 will be:

21 July	8 September
4 August	22 September
18 August	

## Sacramental Program Formation First Eucharist 2023

This week marks the commencement of faith formation preparation for First Eucharist which will take place over the coming weeks.

Please keep the 90 youth who are preparing for this joyous sacrament in your prayers.

The Eucharist is the means by which the Risen Christ becomes present in our midst. Jesus offers His life to us through bread and wine, so that we might become His life in the world.

As Jesus announced, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them" (Jn 6:56). The Eucharist brings us, therefore, into communion with the Lord. It also brings us into communion with one another who gather as disciples of the Risen Lord to "re-read the scriptures with Him in mind, to repeat his gestures in memory of Him, and to live in fellowship with one another."

It is the Sacrament of love, a sign of unity, the source and summit of our lives as Christians.





Ladies of Sacred Heart and Our Lady of Perpetual Succour are invited to join in for dinner and drinks at the Pymble Hotel Bistro 1939



7pm Friday 4 August 2023

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

Buy your own meal and drinks.

If you need a lift there please let us know.

Please RSVP by Tuesday 1 August 2023 to the Parish office.

Pymble Catholic Parish 02 9144 2702

# LECTIO: EUCHARIST

Discovering the Mass in the Bible With Dr Brant Pitre





You are invited to join our 10 part **Eucharist** series based on the Lectio program by Dr Brant Pitre.

#### CONTEXT

"The Lamb of God", "The Bread of Life", "The Body and the Blood of Christ", these are phrases we know from the Mass. But do we understand what they mean in the greater and deeper context of Scripture and Church teaching?



We need financial donations, blankets and warm clothing.

Please help the growing number of older women

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#### TOPICS

The Eucharist program topics include:

- Source and Summit
- · In the Beginning
- · Lamb of God
- · Miracles of the Exodus
- · Mysteries of the Tabernacle
- Miracles of Jesus
- Bread of Life Discourse
- · The Last Supper and the Cross
- The Mass
- Revelation

#### FOR INFORMATION AND RSVP



#### 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 Starting: 18 July 2023 Sacred Heart Church Pymble

#### DR BRANT PITRE



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#### experiencing elder abuse and homelessness - our mothers, grandmothers and aunts.

Your generosity will provide shelter, food, clothing and long-term support to those in crisis and will help rebuild their lives.

#### You'll provide food and clothing. You'll help pay for emergency accommodation. You'll help rebuild lives.

You can help ensure women experiencing homelessness have a safe place to sleep, nutritious food, warm clothing and support to rebuild their lives.

### St Vincent de Paul Helps People

### Serra Vocations Mass and Dinner Meeting

Father Jim McKeon, Parish Priest of Epping and Carlingford Parish, will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church Pymble on Thursday 27 July 2023.



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

Following the meeting Father Jim will be our guest speaker. His topic will be "Safeguarding in the Catholic Church" and should not be missed.

Everyone is welcome. Please "come and see".

Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians and novices and for the perseverance of existing vocations.

Please telephone: Terry Scanlan on 0438 887 295 or email terry scanlan@bigpond.com if you would like to attend.



### SYDNEY

Ignite Conference 23 Sydney 4:00 pm Thursday to 1:30 pm Sunday Thursday, 28 September - Sunday, 1 October 2023 **Broken Bay Cathedral Precinct** 27 Yardley Avenue Waitara

The Sydney Ignite Conference is your time. You are invited to join in four days of unforgettable Catholic music, speakers, dance, media, sacraments, workshops and worship. We invite the Holy Spirit to breathe Wonder into our lives, Church and nation together.

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#### EXPERIENCE THE NINE STEPS OF "THE WAY OF THE HEART" WITH US

POPE FRANCIS' COMPASS FOR LIVING ER TO DISCERN YOUR "MISSION OF COMPASSION" (BASED ON THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST IGNATIUS) IN ORDER T

10 free monthly zoom session om 7.00 pm -8.00 pm om 8 August 2023 facilitated by Anne & John Gray Australian Coordinators





### **GIFT A BIBLE** Would you like to help us Gift a Bible to a Child in Our Parish?

We are calling for donors to Gift a Bible to the State Primary School children in Years 5 and 6, and High School students in Years 7 to 10 that Pymble Catholic Parish Catechists teach each week.

Through the generosity of Fr Harry Davis's estate, the NRSVCE Bibles are subsidised and cost only \$14 each through the Diocese. Over 10,000 Bibles have been subsidised through his Estate in the last 15 years.

Our Schools – total 75 Bibles

Primary Schools: PPS, WPPS, GEPS, GWPS, and TPS – 50 Bibles Turramurra High: 25 Bibles

**Please note:** We will keep you updated on the progress and if we receive more than required for this year's distribution, Bibles will be purchased this year for distribution in 2024.

We thank you in advance for your generosity in supporting the spreading of the Word of God.

To date, we have received \$344 in donations so far. Thank you!

#### To donate to this worthy cause, please head to:

https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/pymbleparish, select "Other" and insert "Bible gift" as purpose of payment, or you can contact the Parish Office. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.





# COMBATING HOMELESSNESS TOGETHER

Please help us fundraise for CatholicCare's homelessness services across the Diocese

### **Children's Liturgy at Pymble Parish**

Children are welcome to join us at our Children's liturgies at Both of our Churches:

Sacred Heart	OLPS
Sunday 9:30am Mass	Sunday 9am Mass
30 July 6 & 20 August 3 & 17 September	Every Sunday during School term

#### Donor envelopes available during Mass Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 August.

Thank you for your financial contribution to the support of our Parish Community and its priests - it is very much appreciated.

The First Collection taken up at Mass goes to the Salvatorian Fathers for the financial support of the priests and the Salvatorian Community.

The Second Collection taken up at Mass is for the upkeep of the Parish. You are invited to help our Parish by committing to the Planned Giving Program. Parish Office: 91442702 or info@pymblecatholicparish.org.au



# Liturgy of the Word Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

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**

Wis 12: 13, 16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything,

to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.

Your justice has its source in strength,

your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.

You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned

and you expose the insolence of those who know it;

but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,

you govern us with great lenience,

for you have only to will, and your power is there.

By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people

how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,

and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

#### (R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving

- O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. (R.)
- All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. (R.)
- But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. (R.)

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

#### Gospel

Mt 13: 24-30 (shorter form) A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

#### **Gospel Reflection**

Meditation: What can malicious weed-sowing tell us about the kingdom of God (Matthew 13:25)? The image Jesus uses in this parable is a common everyday example of planting, harvesting, and sorting the good fruit from the bad. Weeds can spoil and even kill a good harvest if they are not separated and destroyed at the proper time. Uprooting them too early, though, can destroy the good plants in the process.

Letting God's word take deep root in the heart Just as nature teaches us patience, so God's patience also teaches us to guard the seed of his word which he has planted in our hearts and to beware of the destructive force of sin and evil that can destroy it. God's word brings life, but Satan seeks to destroy the good seed which has been planted in the hearts of those who have heard God's word. God's judgment is not hasty, but it does come. And in the end, God will reward each according to what they have sown and reaped in this life. In that day God will separate the evil from the good. Do you allow God's word to take deep root in your heart?

works in a similar fashion. It starts from the smallest beginnings in the hearts of men and women who are receptive to God's word. And it works unseen and causes a transformation from within.

#### The Holy Spirit transforms us

Leaven is another powerful agent of change. A lump of dough left to itself remains just what it is, a lump of dough. But when the leaven is added to it a transformation takes place which produces rich and wholesome bread when heated - the staple of life for humans. The kingdom of God produces a transformation in those who receive the new life which Jesus Christ offers. When we yield to Jesus Christ, our lives are transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit who dwells in us. Paul the Apostle says, "we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us" (2 Corinthians 4:7). Do you believe in the transforming power of the Holy Spirit?

Good and evil are sown in our hearts like tiny seeds which germinate, and in due time yield a harvest of good or bad fruit. Charles Read said: "Sow an act and you reap a habit. Sow a habit and you reap a character. Sow a character and you reap a destiny." In the day of judgment each will reap what he or she has sown in this life. Those who sow good will shine in the kingdom of their Father. They will radiate with the beauty, joy, and fullness of God's love. Do you allow the love of Christ to rule in your heart and in your actions?

Lord Jesus, let your word take root in my heart and may your all-consuming love transform my life that I may sow what is good, worthy, and pleasing to you.

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# Year A

Second Reading

Rom 8: 26-27

# A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

#### Growth and transformation from within

What can mustard seeds and leaven teach us about the kingdom of God? The tiny mustard seed literally grew to be a tree which attracted numerous birds because they loved the little black mustard seed it produced. God's kingdom

Pymble Parish Roster 29/30 July 2023									
Sacred Heart (Pymble)	Saturday 5.30pm	Sunday 7.45am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 6.oopm					
Acolytes	T McLeod	J Walton	C Wawrzyniak	P Adams					
Altar Servers	J Ulevik M & G Heng	Volunteers	Volunteers	N Adams					
Music	Volunteers	Quiet Mass	Volunteers	YOUTH					
Projector	J Witcombe	P Tang	A Johnston	A Pinto					
Readers	A O'Brien	L Treacy	R Samson	Youth					
Altar Society	<b>29 July:</b> Kim / Joanna								
Counters	<b>30 July:</b> T Scanlan / A Mazzei / J Witcombe								
OLPS	Saturday 5.00pm		Sunday 9.00am						
Acolytes	G Lynch		A Mazzei						
Altar Servers									
Readers	J Pe	ase	F Barnden						
Music and Projector	M Mead K Haddrick D Blahut		E & A Chan						
Altar Cloth	<b>29 July:</b> P Ryan								

# Children's Corner



Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, before gathering the wheat.



Draw the wheat growing in between the weeds where you see seeds on the ground.





Help the farmer scatter the seed and find the path to the wheat. Keep a look out for weeds!



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