



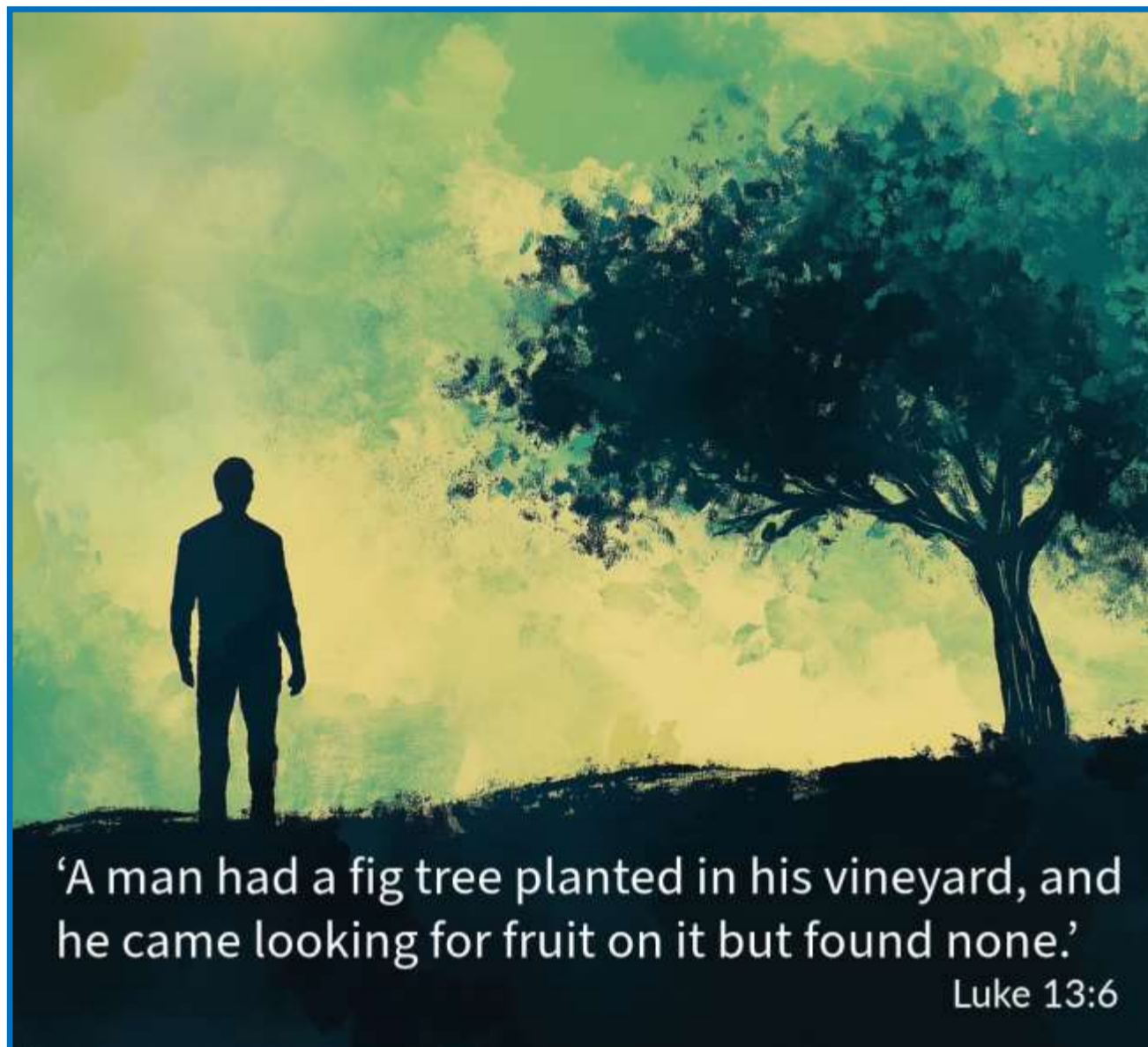
PYMBLE CATHOLIC PARISH

SACRED HEART & OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

Building a Christ-centred community of Love and Mercy

Pymble Parish is under the Pastoral care of the Salvatorian Fathers

CELEBRATING JUBILEE YEAR



'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none.'
Luke 13:6

Lenten Prayer

God, I pray for my prayer life to become vibrant and strong in this season of Lent. I pray that Your voice, even though a whisper, would ring loud and true in my life. I pray for the courage and boldness to follow wherever You lead me, to love and serve whomever and however You invite me.

Amen.



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Baptisms at Pymble Parish

Our upcoming Baptism Formation Class will be held on:

**Sunday, 13 April 2025
At 10:30am
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 MARCH FOR FAMILIES IN CRISIS



Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

A warm welcome to all our Parishioners and visitors who are participating in Mass with us this weekend.



Prayer for the Intercession of Blessed Francis Jordan

Lord Jesus Christ, Saviour of the world, you called Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan to be your apostle, to make God known and loved by all people everywhere, using all the means your love inspires. You filled him with universal apostolic zeal, with a deep trust in God's loving providence, with a profound spirit of prayer, with a sincere devotion to Mary, Mother of the Saviour, and with the courage to follow you, even into the mystery of the Cross.

Grant also to me the grace to proclaim the Gospel in this spirit, and make me an effective apostle in today's world.

Through the intercession of Blessed Francis Jordan, I pray to you for my special needs (include your personal intention). I make this prayer through you, my Saviour, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

www.sds.org.au

Parish Team

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Salvatorian Fathers

Parish Priest: Fr. Ireneusz Czech SDS

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Youtube QR code:



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Parish Mass Times

Sacred Heart

2 Richard Porter Way, Pymble NSW 2073

Weekdays:

Tuesday to Friday 9:00am

Rosary: Tuesday to Friday after morning Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday after morning Mass

Weekend:

Sunday: 9:30 am and 6:00 pm

Reconciliation:

Tuesday - Friday before Mass

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

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

64 Kendall St, West Pymble, NSW, 2073

Weekend:

Saturday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 8:00 am (Quiet Mass)

Reconciliation:

Saturday 9.30 am, 4:45 pm

Sunday 7:45 am

Contact details

Address: 2 Richard Porter Way, Pymble, NSW 2073

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Telephone: (02) 9144 2702

Email: office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Website: www.pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Office hours: Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 4pm & Friday 8.30am to 1pm

For information about Weddings please contact Daniela in the Parish Office.

For information about the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Eucharist, please contact Rebecca at rebecca@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

SACRED HEART

Principal: Kerry Paxton

Telephone: (02) 7256 2142

www.shpddb.catholic.edu.au

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

Principal: Jodi Jefferson

Telephone: (02) 7256 2101

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Primary School

Stage 2 started their Lenten journey, by making their Lenten Promises. Students focused their promises on something they can give up, something they can give and how they will pray. They discussed how these promises will help them to make the best choices and turn their hearts and minds to Christ. Students have displayed their promises in feet help them remember we are always trying to follow in Jesus' footsteps.



CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at 7:30pm on Tuesday, 15 April at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara.

The priests of our Diocese gather for this celebration with Most Rev Bishop Anthony Randazzo to renew their priestly commitment. During Mass, the oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the Chrism is consecrated and then taken back to each parish for use in various Sacramental liturgies throughout the year. Parishioners are warmly invited to join together in this celebration.

Please contact the parish office before Thursday, 10 April should you wish to attend.



We welcome to Pymble Parish the newest members of our community

Lucia, Lachlan, Matilda, Luke & Hailey who will be baptised this weekend at our Parish.

WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, 23 March

Third Sunday of Lent

8:00am Mass at OLPS (Quiet Mass)
 9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart followed by Prayer in Merciful Chapel
 3:00pm Confirmation Group Leaders Information Session
 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 6:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart

Tuesday, 25 March

The Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity)

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

Wednesday, 26 March

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

Thursday, 27 March

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart
 6:30pm Serra Mass and meeting

The Rosary is recited after all weekday Masses at Sacred Heart Church & 9am Saturday Mass at OLPS

Friday, 28 March

Pymble Parish Golf Day & Dinner

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart followed Stations of the Cross
 10:00am Bible Study

Saturday, 29 March

9:00am Mass at OLPS and Morning Prayer
 9:30am Stations of the Cross
 3:00pm Confirmation Formation Session
 5:00pm Mass at OLPS followed by Wine and Cheese Evening

Sunday, 30 March

Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00am Mass at OLPS (Quiet Mass)
 9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart
 10:30am Confirmation Formation Session
 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 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:

Jannatta Cox, Dee Baumgart, Joan O'Donnell, Jane Williams, Jean Allas, Catherine Sanchez, Patsy Purcell

Death Anniversaries:

Owen Thomas, Lilian Castillo, Judy Carson, Joseph Matthew Lyons, Armand Marchino, Anju Victor, Nancy Dal Cin, Rev Dr Joseph Martins, Patricia Grass, Santa Celio, Elizabeth & MK George, Kerry Oei, Tenna Scanlan, Mike Soh Thiam Poh

Prayers for the sick:

Iris Garate-Marchant, Antonios Ghabach, Mrs Mary Sidaway, Pamela Seaman, Joseph Hendryjanto, Margaret Browne, Danny Ung

Weekly prayer intention:

This week we pray for the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

If you would like the names of your relatives to be included in the prayer list (anniversary of deaths, recently deceased, illnesses, wedding celebration or anniversaries, birthdays, etc.) please contact the Parish Office by midday each Wednesday. Remember that due to privacy policy, names of the sick can only be put on the bulletin with permission of the immediate family. This list will be updated every month and we would appreciate if we are advised of any updates. Thank you.

Serra Vocations Prayer Calendar-March 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					1 Fr Teody Medina SOLT	2 Fr Brian Moloney
3 Fr Paul Finucane Fr Paul Durkin	4 Fr Bogdan Skupien Fr Eliseus Shin	5 Fr Chima Ofor Fr Marek Woldan	6 Fr Joshi Naduppura	7 Fr Philip Thottam MSFS	8 Fr Grzegorz (Greg) Skulski	9 Fr Bronislaw (Bronek) Pietruszewicz SDS
10 Fr Ryszard (Richard) Sadowski SDS	11 Fr Zygmunt Smigowski SDS	12 Fr Bill Stephens	13 Fr Harry Kennedy	14 Fr Stephen Hamilton	15 Fr Rex Curry	16 Fr Jack Robson
17 Fr Stan Skibicki	18 Fr Robert Brogan	19 Fr Geoff Bugden	20 Sister Marea Ross rsj Sister Ann Duncan rsj	21 Sister Josefa Mabini OSA	22 Sister Jennifer Canillas OSA	23 Seminarians Shayne D'Cunha
24 Seminarians Matthew French Tan Nguyen	25 Seminarians Victor Atuhura Huy Tran	26 Fr Robert Crawford	27 Fr Carmelo Sciberas	28 Fr Jim Tierney	29 Fr Clem Hill	30 Fr Terry Johns
31 Sister Damian Lai						

DAILY PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



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

Enrich Your Faith with these Three Spiritual Resources by Fr Ireneusz Czech SDS

1. Lectio Divina: Lenten Reflections, Year C

A guide through Lent based on the Sunday Gospels using Lectio Divina: Read, Meditate, Pray, Contemplate.

Available only on Kindle:
www.amazon.com/dp/B0DZ2S4L3C

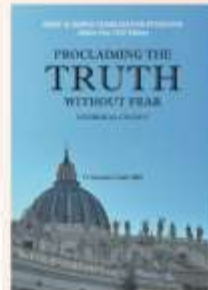


2. Proclaiming the Truth Without Fear: Simple Homilies

Brief homilies offering comfort, encouragement, and renewal.

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

Hard Copy available for \$50 at Pymble Catholic Parish Office or via Amazon. Also available on Kindle:
www.amazon.com.au/dp/B0DR76NP1Z



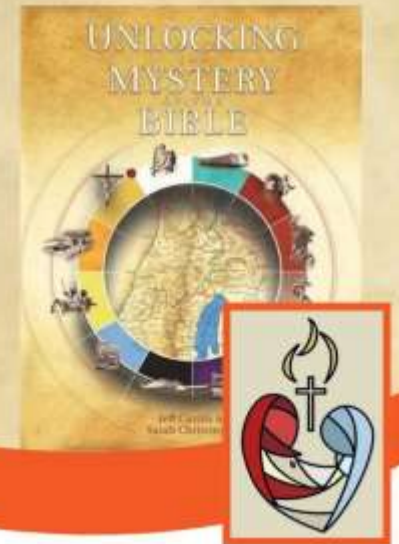
3. Jubilee Mass: Easy Music Scores for Choirs

Original liturgical music for Jubilee Year: Kyrie (2 versions), Gloria, Sanctus, Psalmus, Agnus Dei.

Hard Copy available from Pymble Catholic Parish Office for a donation. Also available on Kindle:
www.amazon.com.au/dp/B0DX6P22Y8



THE BIBLE: Unlocking the mysteries of the Bible



Invitation

You are invited to join our eight part series "Unlocking the mysteries of the Bible" with Jeff Cavins and Sarah Christmyer

Topics

The series topics include:

- Introduction, The Bible Timeline Chart
- Early World
- The Patriarchs
- Egypt and Exodus, Desert Wandering
- Conquest and Judges, Royal Kingdom
- Divided Kingdom, Exile, Return
- Maccabean Revolt (Messianic Fulfillment 1 and 2)

For further information:

(02) 9144 2702

Context

The easiest way to understand the Bible. This program makes the complex simple. It helps uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, the "big picture" of the Bible and what it is all about. The story about the Father's unfailing love for you - a love that you are now called to share with others.

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 session 1 April 2025

Jeff Cavins and Sarah Christmyer



PYMBLE CATHOLIC PARISH
 2 RICHARD PORTER WAY PYMBLE



Third Sunday of Lent
 22 and 23 of March 2025

Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Through the I-SHINE program Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. He now runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income.



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Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

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



SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING
 THURSDAY 27 MARCH 2025
 AT SACRED HEART CHURCH
 2 RICHARD PORTER WAY PYMBLE
 COMMENCING WITH MASS AT 6.30 PM

OUR MASS CELEBRANT & AFTER DINNER SPEAKER WILL BE
 FATHER MAREK WOLDAN, ASSISTANT PRIEST AT
 MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH

HE WILL BE SPEAKING TO US ABOUT HIS VOCATION JOURNEY FROM
POLAND TO AUSTRALIA

EVERYONE IS WELCOME, SO PLEASE COME AND SEE.

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

For catering purposes kindly telephone Henry or Anna Leung on 0478 083 116 or email annaytleung@yahoo.com.au or Terry Scanlan on 0438 887 295 or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you are planning to attend.

EASTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- * ACOLYTES
- * WARDENS
- * ALTAR SERVERS
- * READERS
- * EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sign-up Sheet at back of both Churches



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



Bishop George Kolodziej SDS Bishop of Bunbury WA

19 March 2025

We welcome Bishop George Kolodziej SDS as the fifth Bishop of Bunbury WA. Bishop Kolodziej was ordained and installed at St Patrick's Cathedral, Bunbury, on the Solemnity of St Joseph. Bishop Kolodziej's middle name is Joseph.

The Diocese of Bunbury was established in 1954 and covers south-west Western Australia with about one-sixth of the population of Western Australia. The diocese has 26 parishes and includes Bunbury, Busselton, Margaret River, and Albany.

Bishop Kolodziej, 56, was born in Dobra, Poland, and has been the Superior of the Salvatorians in Australia since October 2018. He directed the Salvatorian Spirituality Centre in Perth and is a member of the Council of Catholic Religious Australia, as well as serving as a chaplain for Catholic Education Western Australia.

Ordained to the priesthood by Cardinal Franciszek Macharski, Archbishop of Krakow, Poland in 1994, he was sent to the Australian region of the Salvatorians, where he undertook pastoral work in the Archdiocese of Perth and the Diocese of Bunbury. In December 2000, Fr Kolodziej began ministry in the Diocese of Broken Bay, serving as school chaplain at St Leo's Catholic College (2001-2008), assistant priest at Pymble parish (2001-2003), East Gosford parish (2003-2008), and parish priest of Pittwater Parish (2008-2018).

Bishop Kolodziej was joined in St Patrick's Cathedral by a large contingent from the Diocese and visiting clergy including Salvatorians from Australia and the Superior of the Salvatorians from Rome, Fr Christopher Kowalczyk. Fr Kowalczyk has previously served as assistant priest at Pymble parish.

Our prayers go with Bishop Kolodziej as we congratulate him and wish him well in his new role with the Church



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PRAYER MINISTRY

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest"
Matthew 11:28

Would you like someone to join with you in prayer? We would love to pray with you and for you.

The Charismatic Prayer Group invite you to join with a Prayer Ministry team of two people who will pray for your intention.

There are no formalities, please come along or stay after Mass and join in prayer in the internal chapel at Sacred Heart Pymble after the 9:30am Mass on each 3rd Sunday of the month.

Dates for 2025 are: March 16, April 13 (not 20 in Easter), May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21, October 19, November 16, and December 21.

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24 HOURS FOR THE Lord

A Lenten initiative of prayer and reconciliation.

REGISTER NOW → trybooking.com/CZUBM

9am - 9am
28-29 March 2025
Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral
23 Yardley Ave, Waitara

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The CHOSEN LAST SUPPER

IN CINEMAS APRIL 10
ONE WEEK ONLY
GET TICKETS NOW
<https://www.thechosentv.com.au/locations>

Upcoming Events

Something for Everyone

- Fri 28 Mar** GOLF DAY AND DINNER
NORTH RYDE GOLF CLUB - 1PM
SELF PAY
- Sun 20 Apr Easter Sunday** MORNING TEA AND EASTER EGG HUNT
OLPS
AFTER 8AM MASS
SACRED HEART
AFTER 9:30AM MASS
GOLD COIN DONATION
- Fri 2 May** PARISH DINNER
(BY INVITATION ONLY)
- Sun 14 Jun** INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR
SCHOOL HALL 6:30PM
- Election Day** BBQ AND CAKE STALL
SH - ALL DAY

SAVE THE DATE - EVERYONE WELCOME

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SPEND TIME WITH OUR LORD Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The Divine Mercy Chapel is on the right side of our church at Sacred Heart. We would like to invite those in our Parish who wish to come to adore our Lord Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament.

If you wish to be part of this, please let the office know and we will place your name on the roster. The available timeslots are listed below. We can have up to four people at any time. Please contact the Parish Office if you need further information.



Friday Roster for the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

8am - 8:45am	Peter	3pm - 4pm	Jo
10am - 11am	Lynette	4pm - 5pm	Paulette
11am - 12pm	Kate	5pm - 6pm	Cindy, Marie
12pm - 1pm	Collette	6pm - 7pm	Eric
1pm - 2pm	Gerry & Carmen	7pm - 8pm	Elzbieta
2pm - 3pm	Father Irek	8pm - 9pm	Paul, Rod

"I encourage Christians to visit Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament regularly, for we are all called to abide in the presence of God."

- St. John Paul II

Lenten Adoration - 5 Weeks



Join us for Adoration during Lent, beginning March 9th.
Every Sunday evening from 5pm to 6pm at
Sacred Heart Church.

During this hour, the Gospel of the day will be read,
followed by questions for personal reflection and prayer.

The Three Pillars of Lent

REFLECTION, REPENTANCE, RENEWAL

Lent is a time to grow closer to God through the three key pillars:



Prayer: Deepening our relationship with God through personal and communal prayer.



Fasting: Practicing self-discipline by giving up certain comforts to focus on spiritual growth.



Almsgiving: Offering charity and kindness to those in need, reflecting Christ's love for others.

These three pillars guide us in our Lenten journey towards renewal and preparation for Easter.



Dear Parishioners,

Your urgent help is needed today – please donate to the Vinnies NSW Disaster Appeal

Vinnies NSW is on the ground assisting people impacted by the aftermath of ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred. Our teams work and live in the communities of Northern NSW and can see firsthand what people need as they once again face another road to recovery from the flooding and damage caused by severe weather conditions.

That is why your support is needed more than ever. Whilst there is a sense of relief that Cyclone Alfred was downgraded, there are many communities who have been battered by heavy rainfall, fallen trees and without power. There are hundreds of people who have been displaced and unable to return home. Will you donate today so the people of Northern NSW don't have to go without life's basic essentials like food, shelter and clothing?

Our homelessness services in the area have re-opened and are already seeing a heightened increase in demand for our assistance. Our teams on the ground will be in Recovery Assistance Points in Ballina, Lismore and Coffs Harbour providing much needed immediate and practical help. Your kindness and compassion today will provide vital support such as:

- Grocery vouchers and food hampers so people don't go hungry.
- Clothing for people who were forced to evacuate and left with nothing.

Financial assistance so families can continue to pay the bills and replace damaged household items. The people of Northern NSW are resilient but unfortunately, many have been hit hard by devastating floods in previous years. Hundreds who have already lost everything, are now facing the financial and emotional toll of yet another disaster.

Please donate today to help local families rebuild their lives: <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/vinnies-nsw-disaster-appeal>

If you have already donated, thank you for your kindness. If you have not had the chance to donate to the **Vinnies NSW Disaster Appeal**, please consider supporting the communities of Northern NSW as they work to recover from the impact of ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred.



Wine & Cheese

A big thank you to everyone who joined us for our Wine & Cheese night after the 5 PM Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour! It was a wonderful evening of fellowship and connection. Special thanks to Louise and Marie for organizing this event and to all who attended, making it a memorable and well-attended gathering. We look forward to more moments like this in the future!



Notice regarding the Holy Doors

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



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

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

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



Grace & Truth

An evening of prayer, formation, and fellowship

St Mary's Cathedral, 5-9PM
WEDNESDAY, 30 APRIL 2025

Sr Elena Marie, OP

Virtue, vocation and self-gift as keys to human flourishing:
Insights from theology, philosophy, and psychology

Fr James Baxter, OP

The virtue of charity as human and divine friendship

Register now:

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



PARISH GOLF DAY

Friday, 28 March 2025

DRESS CODE RULES

North Ryde Golf Club
Twin Road North Ryde
12:30pm Registration
1:30pm 18 holes \$115
6pm Dinner Only \$45

For avid golfers and novices alike. Seniors \$100. Concluding with a bistro dinner. Please supply your golf handicap and club details. Form your own team or be placed on the day. Everyone welcome. Dinner only partners also welcome.

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

SAVE THE DATE NOW



Men's Fellowship

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

First Wednesdays of Each Month

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

Third Wednesdays of Each Month

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

Socials and Masses

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

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



Children's Liturgy

JOIN US AS A VOLUNTEER!

We're inviting volunteers to help lead or assist with Children's Liturgy during the Saturday Vigil Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, West Pymble.

Sessions take place on the first and third Saturdays of each month during school terms, and your commitment is just once or twice per term.

Be part of an inspiring ministry and help share the Gospel with our youngest parishioners!

For more details, please contact the Parish Office at 9144 2702.

Pymble Catholic Parish

FAMILY MASS 2025

➔ SACRED HEART CHURCH ➔ 9:30AM

6 APRIL Hosted by Year 3

25 MAY Hosted by Year 6

22 JUNE Hosted by Year 4

27 JULY Hosted by Year 5

24 AUGUST Hosted by Year 1

26 OCTOBER Hosted by Year 2

23 NOVEMBER Hosted by Kindergarten

PLEASE JOIN US FOR MASS & MORNING TEA
HOSTED BY THE FAMILIES OF SACRED HEART
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Christ - Fellowship - Reflection



KIDSPLAY GROUP

TERM 1 AND 2 DATES

Friday Mornings, 9am-10:15am

21 February - Summer

21 March - Harmony Day

4 April - Easter

16 May - Mother's Day

6 June - Dinosaurs

20 June - Winter Wonderful



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

Suitable for children aged 0+ to starting school

SCAN TO REGISTER



Parish Safeguarding

Dear Parishioners,

We take our responsibility to safeguard the vulnerable, whether they be children, the young, the elderly or the disabled very seriously. We work to ensure that no one is taken advantage of within our Parish.

If you have any concern about the treatment of a child, young person or anyone within our parish environment, please approach myself directly or Daniela Foote within the parish office on 02 9144 2702.

Alternatively, you may wish to contact Pamela Sweeney, Safeguarding Manager (Chancery & Churches) on 02 8379 1651.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Ireneusz Czech SDS

Children, the young, and the vulnerable must be safe

Supported by adults who ...



- CARE** for us as we are a precious gift from God
- RESPECT** our rights, abilities, contributions, needs and wishes
- ASK** us how we are feeling and what we are thinking, ask us what we need
- LISTEN** to what we are really saying
- TELL** us about dangers – and what's being done to protect us
- SEE** what other adults are doing, and how they are behaving
- DO** what they are supposed to do and what they say they will do
- STEP UP AND SPEAK OUT** when we are being hurt, bullied or treated badly.

Please inform the Parish Office if you have recently changed your address, phone number or email. For Parishioners who give via credit card, please let us know if your credit card has expired or if you have changed your card. Thank you!



Entrance Antiphon *Cf Psalm 24: 15-16*

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

First Reading *Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15*

A reading from the Deuteronomy

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 102: 1-4, 6-8, 11 R v.8*

(R.) The Lord is kind of merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and
compassion. **(R.)**
3. The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgment for all who are
oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. **(R.)**
4. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the
earth
so strong is his love for those who fear
him. **(R.)**

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12*

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

baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 4: 17*

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel *Luke 13: 1-9*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'"

Gospel Reflection

The fire of God's purifying love and deliverance

When Moses came near the mountain of God at Horeb (which is also named Sinai), God made his presence and will known to Moses through an extraordinary sign - a bush inflamed with a fierce fire that did not harm or destroy the bush. This burning bush was a sign of God's presence and power to save his people from destruction. The fire of God's presence always demonstrates his purifying love and mercy that burns away sin and refashions us in his holiness and righteousness (moral goodness). Just as gold is tested through fire, God tests and purifies his people and fills them with the fire of his love and holiness.

When Jesus preached the coming of God's kingdom of peace and righteousness to his people, he called them to repent and believe in the gospel - the good news of pardon, peace, and new life in the Holy Spirit. His

numerous signs and miracles demonstrated the power of God's kingdom breaking into the lives of all who turned to Jesus with faith and obedience. Many recognized that Jesus was the Messiah whom God had promised would come and do even greater signs and wonders than Moses has done.

Jesus addresses the issue of suffering and sin

Jesus on a number of occasions warned the people to turn away from sin before it was too late to repent and receive God's mercy and pardon. Luke recounts two current disasters which Jesus addressed with the people. The first incident occurred in the temple at Jerusalem. Pilate, who was the Roman governor of Jerusalem at the time, ordered his troops to slaughter a group of Galileans who had come up to Jerusalem to offer sacrifice in the Temple. We do not know what these Galileans did to incite Pilate's wrath, nor why Pilate chose to attack them in the holiest of places for the Jews, in their temple at Jerusalem. For the Jews, this was political barbarity and sacrilege at its worst!

The second incident which Jesus addressed was a natural disaster, a tower in Jerusalem which unexpectedly collapsed, killing 18 people. The Jews often associated such calamities and disasters as a consequence of sin. Scripture does warn that sin can result in calamity! Though the righteous fall seven times, and rise again; the wicked are overthrown by calamity (Proverbs 24:16).

The time for repentance and forgiveness is right now!

The real danger and calamity which Jesus points out is that an unexpected disaster or a sudden death does not give us time to repent of our sins and to prepare ourselves to meet the Judge of heaven and earth. The Book of Job reminds us that misfortune and calamity can befall both the righteous and the unrighteous alike. Jesus gives a clear warning - take responsibility for your actions and moral choices and put sin to death today before it can destroy your heart, mind, soul, and body as well. Unrepentant sin is like a cancer which corrupts us from within. If it is not eliminated through repentance - asking God for forgiveness and for his healing grace - it leads to a spiritual death which is far worse than physical destruction.

Why God judges

Why does God judge his people? He judges to purify and cleanse us of all sin that we might grow in his holiness and righteousness. And he disciplines us for our own good, to inspire a godly fear and reverence for him and his word. God is patient, but for those who persistently and stubbornly rebel against him and refuse to repent and change their course, there is the consequence that they will lose both their soul and body to hell. Are God's judgments unjust or unloving? When God's judgments are revealed in the earth, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness (Isaiah 26:9). To pronounce God's judgment on sin is much less harsh than what will happen if those who sin are not warned to repent and turn back to God.

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Sacred Heart (Pymble)	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes		
Altar Servers	Volunteers needed	W Rusak
Readers	Volunteers needed	E Thomas / L Joshi
Altar Society	29 March: Lent—no flowers	
Counters	30 March: T Scanlan / E Skrodzka / M Tang	
OLPS (West Pymble)	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 8:00am
Acolytes	C Parbury	M D'Silva
Altar Servers	W & M Saba	D'Silva Family
Readers	B Nairn	C Delaney
Altar Cloth	29 March: A Glover	

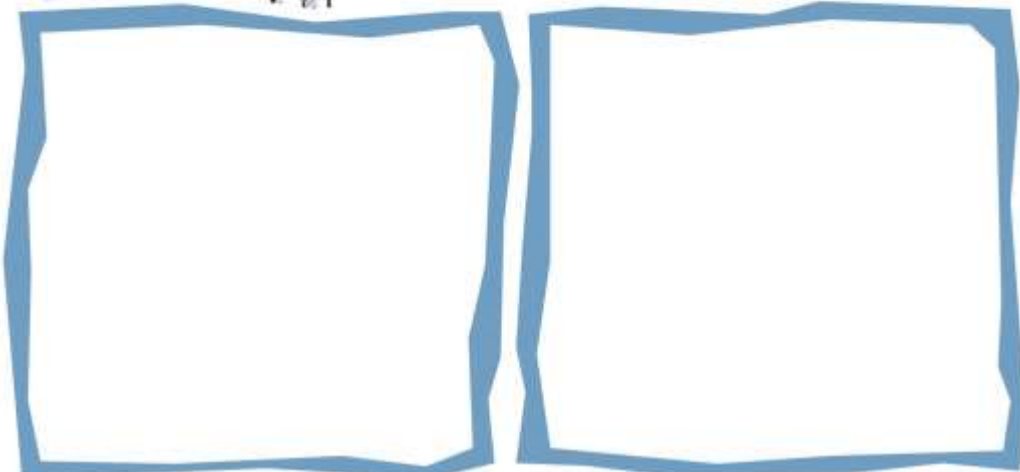
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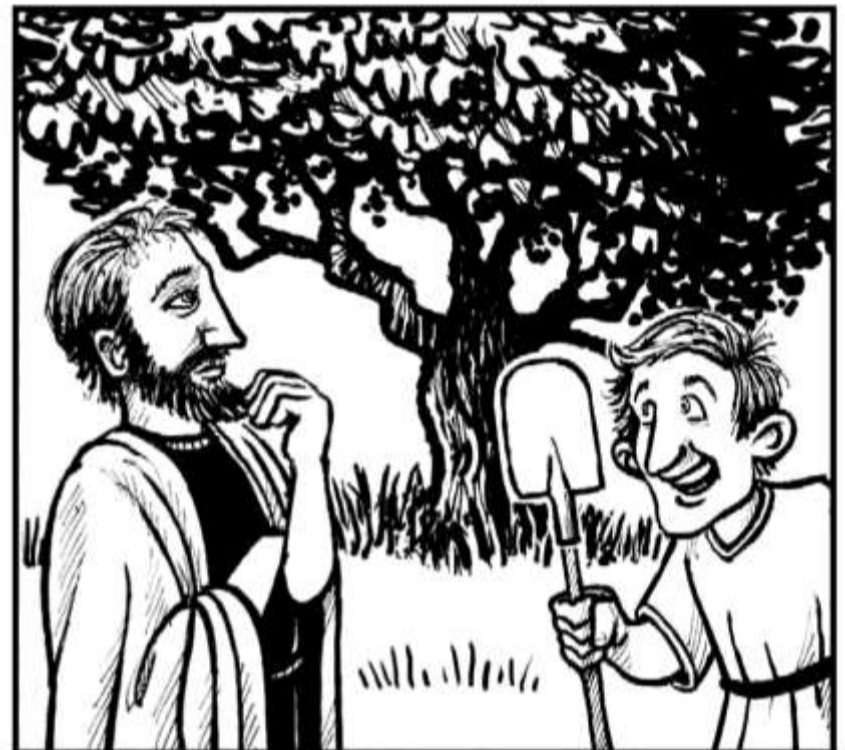
Jesus told his followers the story of a fig tree that would not bear fruit. God wants us to try hard so that we can grow, and 'bear fruit'. In each of the figs draw a picture yourself doing something that will make you a better person and bring you closer to Jesus.



Jesus told parables to help his followers understand his teachings more clearly. Can you draw pictures from three different parables?



Can you spot the eight differences between these two pictures?



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5:00pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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6:00pm at Sacred Heart



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