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Building a Christ-centred community of Love and Mercy

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

CELEBRATING THE JUBILEE YEAR



"The parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord."

Luke 2:22



FAMILY PRAYER

God made us a family
 We need one another
 We love one another
 We forgive one another
 We work together
 We play together
 We worship together
 Together we use God's word
 Together we grow in Christ
 Together we love all men
 Together we serve our God
 Together we hope for Heaven
 These are our hopes and ideals
 Help us to attain them,
 O God, Through Jesus Christ
 Our Lord



Pymble Parish Office Christmas Break

The Parish Office will be closed from Thursday, 19 December 2024 and will reopen on **Monday, 13 January 2025.**

You can still contact us via email: office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December



FOR PILGRIMS OF HOPE

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.

Baptisms at Pymble Parish



Our upcoming Baptism Formation Class will be held on:

**Wednesday, 19 February 2025
7:30pm**

at Sacred Heart Church

Bookings are essential, please contact the Parish office via email on office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

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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WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, 29 December

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Feast)

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

Tuesday, 31 January

Collect of St Sylvester I, pope (Optional)

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

Wednesday, 1 January

Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Solemnity)

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

Thursday, 2 January

Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops, doctors (Memorial)

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

Friday, 3 January

The Most Holy Name of Jesus (Optional)

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

Saturday, 4 January

9:00am Mass at OLPS followed by the Morning Prayer
5:00pm Mass at OLPS

Sunday, 5 January

The Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity)

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

Reconciliation available before all Masses during the Holy Jubilee Year

The Rosary is recited after all weekday Masses.



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Christmas Break

Parish groups taking a break over the Christmas New Year Period will resume as follows:

Parish Office: Monday, 13 January 2025
RCIA: Tuesday, 14 January 2025
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



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:

Death Anniversaries:

Prayers for the sick:

Weekly prayer intention:

This week we pray that in the busyness of the Christmas season we remember the perfect gift of Christ's peace through moments of prayer and reflection. 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.



Liturgy of the Word

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Year C

Entrance Antiphon Luke 2:16

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in a manger.

First Reading 1 Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.'

When a year had gone by, the Husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.'

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull, and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

There she left him, for the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 83: 2-3, 5-6, 9-10, R.v.5

(R.) How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

- How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of hosts.
My soul is longing and yearning, is yearning for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God. **(R.)**
- They are happy, who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.
They are happy, whose strength is in you; they walk with ever growing strength. **(R.)**
- O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer, gave ear, O God of Jacob.
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield, look on the face of your anointed. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 John 3: 1-2, 21-24

A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed, all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him.

We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation Colossians 3: 15, 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 2: 41-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

Gospel Reflection

God the Father's love is a covenant love that binds people together as his beloved children. His love is the cornerstone that binds man and woman in one flesh in marriage, and in their mutual love for their children, and for their children's children for generations to come. God wants his love to be the center of all our relationships and all that we do. That is why God gives us his Holy Spirit so we can love as he loves us. "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us". We love because he first loved us.

A home life centered on prayer and the reading of Scripture

Jewish home life was centered on daily family prayers, including the singing of the Psalms and the reading of the Scriptures. Every Friday evening, the family gathered for a festive meal with the lighting of the Sabbath candle and prayers of blessing over the bread and wine to open the celebration of the Sabbath holy day. Each Saturday morning the family attended the Sabbath service which includes a reading from the Torah (five books of Moses) and chanting the psalms at the local community synagogue. Older boys were sent to school on weekday mornings, called the "house of the book" (either at the synagogue or the rabbi's house), where they were given further instruction in the reading and study of the Jewish Scriptures. Every Jewish boy was required to memorize the first five books of the Jewish Scriptures (the Torah or Books of Moses) by the age of 13. They also learned to memorize and put into practice the wise counsels found in the Book of Proverbs (Wisdom of Solomon) and the Book of Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) which was another common book of instruction for Jews living throughout the Greek-speaking world.

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Feast of Holy Family 29 December



Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

As we are expecting more parishioners and their families and friends as well as visitors these Holidays, could we request that if you are able to volunteer and fill any of the available positions, please arrive to Mass at least 15 minutes before its commencing and let the Priest know that you are available.

Rosters for 2025 will be available by the end of January 2025.

Many thanks for your help!

Pymble Parish Roster 4/5 January 2025

Sacred Heart (Pymble)	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 6.00pm
Acolytes	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed
Music	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed
Projector	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed
Readers	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed
Counters	5 January: M Tang / P Ward / T Ryan	
Altar Society	4 January: Kim / Joanna	
OLPS (West Pymble)	Saturday 5.00pm	Sunday 8.00am
Acolytes	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed
Altar Servers	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed
Music and Projector	Volunteers needed	Quiet Mass
Altar Cloth	4 January: P Ryan	

Children's Corner

DECODE THE PROPHECY

Use the code below to decipher the prophet's message

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

I love my family



Joseph was willing to protect his family because he loved them and he loved God. Who are some of the members of your family and how can you show that you love them?

An angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt. Draw the angel speaking to Joseph in his dream.



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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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