



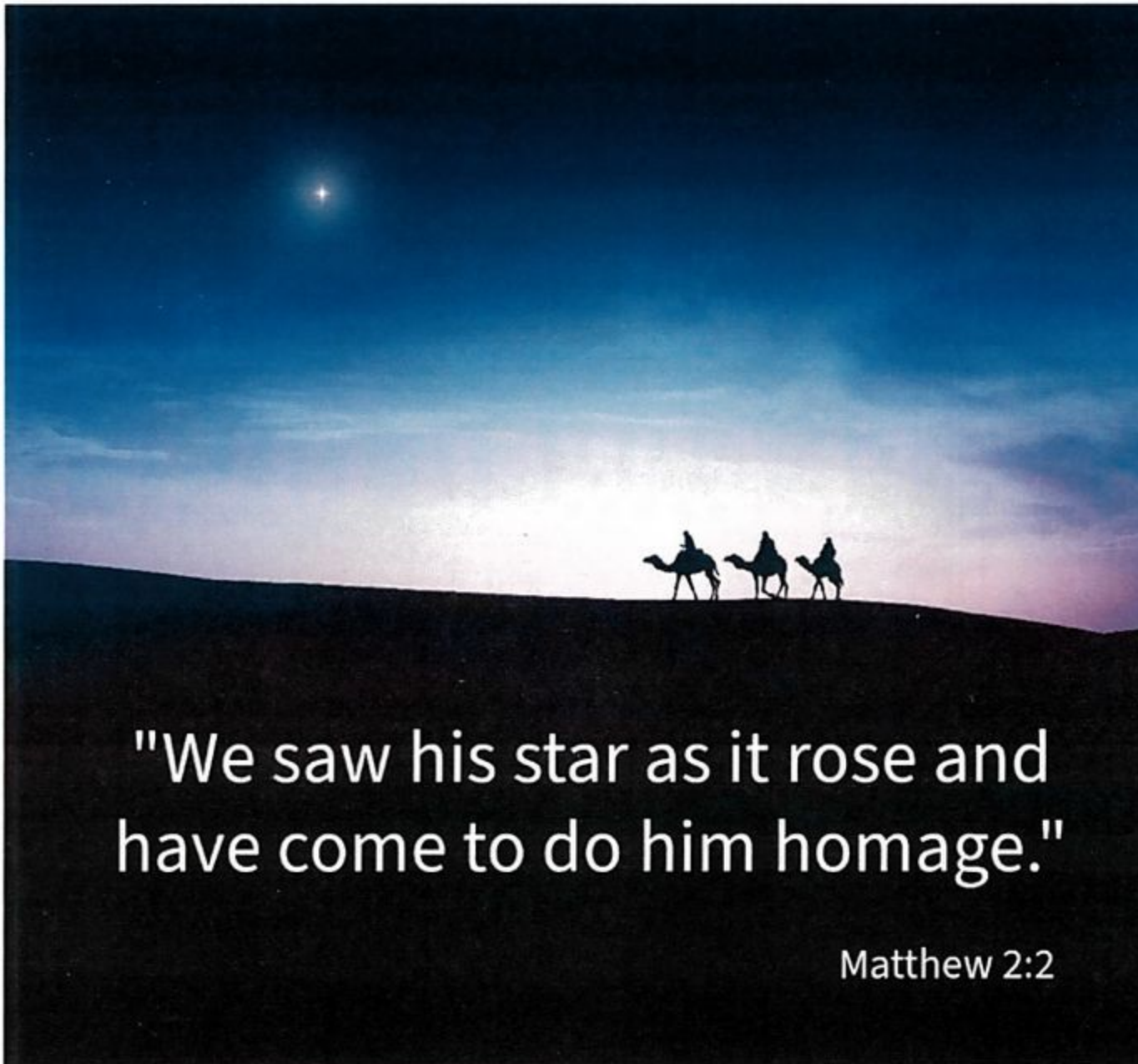
# PYMBLE CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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**CELEBRATING THE JUBILEE YEAR**



"We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage."

Matthew 2:2

## Traditional Epiphany Prayer



The heavens are shining with the clear beauty of the stars,  
O Lord  
and the very earth, is made beautiful,  
by a shining light  
because You did vouchsafe to appear to the world from out Your holy dwelling place.  
Remove, therefore, from our hearts all sadness, for unto this end You are come, that You may make all things new.  
Grant also, that light unto our eyes which may purify us and fit us to behold You forever, that thus we, who preach to the nations, the glad joys of Your Apparition, may be made glad with You in infinite joy.  
Amen

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

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January**

**FOR THE RIGHT TO AN EDUCATION**

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.





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

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



## WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

### Sunday, 5 January

#### *Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity)*

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

### Tuesday, 7 January

#### *St Raymond of Penyafort, priest (Optional)*

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

### Wednesday, 8 January

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

### Thursday, 9 January

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

### Friday, 10 January

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

### Saturday, 11 January

9:00am Mass at OLPS  
 5:00pm Mass at OLPS

### Sunday, 12 January

#### *The Baptism of the Lord (Feast)*

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

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**PYMBLE CATHOLIC PARISH**

# 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 Epiphany of the Lord

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf Malachi 3:1, 1 Chr 29:12

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come: and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

**First Reading** Isaiah 60:1-6

**A reading from the book of Isaiah**

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in thongs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 71: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13 R. v11

**(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

1. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. **(R.)**
2. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. **(R.)**
3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea costs shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. **(R.)**
4. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

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

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for

you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

**Gospel Acclamation** Matthew 2:2

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
*We have seen his star in the East;*  
*and have come to adore the Lord.*  
*Alleluia!*

**Gospel** Matthew 2:1-12

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

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

**Gospel Reflection**

If Jesus truly is who he claims to be, the eternal Son of God and Saviour of the world, then why is he not recognized by everyone who hears

his word and sees his works? John the Evangelist states that when Jesus came into the world the world knew him not and his own people received him not Jesus was born in obscurity. Only the lowly shepherds recognized him at his birth. Some wise men also found their way to Bethlehem to pay homage to the newborn King of Israel. These men were not Israelites, but foreigners. They likely had read and discussed the Messianic prophecies and were anxious to see when this Messianic King would appear. God led them by means of an extraordinary star across the desert to the little town of Bethlehem where Jesus was born.

In their thirst for knowledge of God, the wise men from the East willingly left everything, their home and country, in pursuit of that quest. In their diligent search they were led to the source of true knowledge - to Jesus Christ, the Light and Wisdom of God. When they found the newborn King they humbly worshiped him and gave him gifts fitting for a king.

The Lord of the universe who revealed the star of Bethlehem to the Gentiles of the East so they could come and worship Jesus, the Prince of Peace and King of Kings, gives each one of us the same light of revelation to recognize and accept Jesus as our Lord and Saviour. Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to us. It is through the help of the Holy Spirit, who moves the heart and opens the eyes of the mind, that we are able to understand, accept, and believe the truth which God has revealed to us through his Son, Jesus Christ. In faith, the human will and intellect cooperate with grace. "Believing is an act of the intellect assenting to the divine truth by command of the will moved by God through grace".

To know and to encounter Jesus Christ is to know God personally. In the encounter of the wise men with Jesus we see the plan of God to give his only Son as King and Saviour, not just for the Jewish people but for all the nations as well. The Lord Jesus came that both Jew and Gentile might find true and lasting peace with God. Let us pray today that Jew and Gentile alike will find the Lord and Saviour on their journey of life. Do you bring the light of Jesus Christ to those you meet through the witness of your life and testimony?

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Father Irek's homily



Homily for the Epiphany of the Lord - Solemnity

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 11/12 January 2024

| Sacred Heart (Pymble) | Sunday 9.30am                           | Sunday 6.00pm     |
|-----------------------|---|-------------------|
| Acolytes              | Tania McLeod                            | Paul Adams        |
| Music                 | Volunteers needed                       | Volunteers needed |
| Projector             | Volunteers needed                       | Volunteers needed |
| Readers               | Volunteers needed                       | Volunteers needed |
| Counters              | 12 January: A Perera / J Li / T Scanlan |                   |
| Altar Society         | 11 January: Paulette / Rosani           |                   |
| 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           | 11 January: N Simpkins                  |                   |

## Children's Corner

★ The wise men had to search for Jesus. Where are some of the places we can find Jesus in our world today?

Help the wise men find their way to Bethlehem - watch out for King Herod!



Some Wise Men came from the East to worship the newly born king. They came bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Draw yourself offering a special gift to Jesus.



**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](mailto:info@pymblecatholicparish.org.au)**

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# Our Weekend Masses

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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