

PYMBLE CATHOLIC PARISH

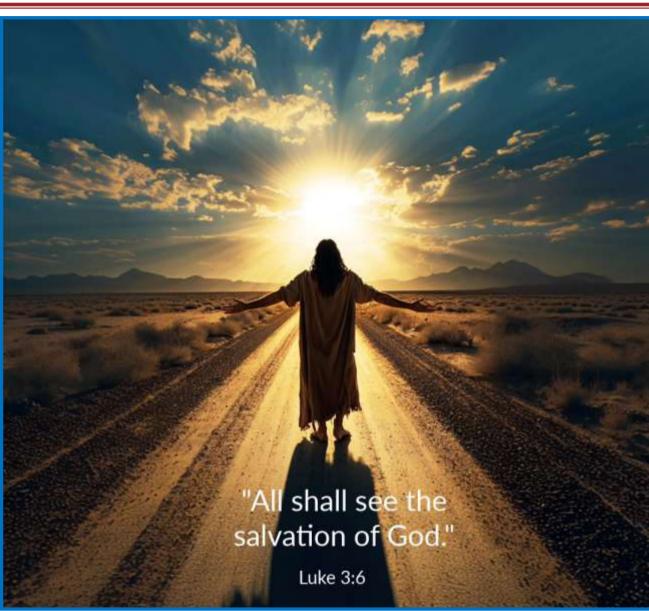
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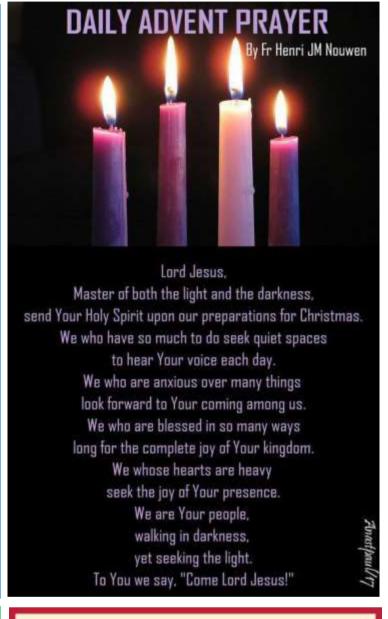
Building a Christ-centred community of Love and Mercy

Pymble Parish is under the Pastoral care of the Salvatorian Fathers

CELEBRATING YEAR OF PRAYER









Baptisms at Pymble Parish

Our upcoming Baptism Formation Classes will be held on:

Thursday, 12 November at

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 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.

We welcome to Pymble Parish the newest member of our community

Jensen

who will be baptised this weekend at our Parish.



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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Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Primary School Year 6 Graduation

The Yr 6 students from OLPS were given a special send-off as Father Irek celebrated a special Mass of Thanksgiving. We wish all the graduating class of 2024 all the best as they embark on their next journey in high school next year.

Next week Father Irek will be celebrating the Graduation Mass for our Yr 6 students from Sacred Heart.











Pymble Catholic Parish

Christmas Break

Parish groups taking a break over the Christmas New Year period will resume as below

Office: Monday, 13 January 2025

RCIA: Tuesday, 14 January 2025 Bible Study: Friday, 31 January 2025

Charismatic Prayer Group: Tuesday, 4 February 2025 Men's Fellowship: Wednesday, 5 February 2025 Youth off the Streets: Friday, 21 February 2025

We wish everyone all the blessings of Christmas

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WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, 8 December Parish Mission Weekend Second Sunday of Advent SDS Foundation Day

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

Monday, 9 December

7:00pm

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)

9:00am Mass and Talk by Fr Lewis, followed by Adoration and Reconciliation

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Tuesday, 10 December Our Lady of Loreto (Optional)

Mass and Talk by Fr Lewis, followed 9:00am

by Adoration and Reconciliation 7:00pm Talk by Fr Lewis, followed by Adoration and Reconciliation 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group

Wednesday, 11 December St Damasus I, pope (Optional)

Mass and Talk by Fr Lewis, followed 9:00am

Adoration and Reconciliation

by Adoration and Reconciliation 7:00pm Talk by Fr Lewis, followed by

Thursday, 12 December

Our Lady of Guadalupe (Optional)

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart 3:15pm Christmas Mass Practice at Sacred

Heart Church

Baptism formation class 7:30pm

Friday, 13 December

St Lucy, virgin, martyr (Memorial)

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart followed by

> Adoration and Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday, 13 December

St John of the Cross, priest, doctor (Memorial)

9:00am Mass at OLPS with morning prayer

5:00pm Mass at OLPS

Sunday, 8 December Third Sunday of Advent

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



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:

Wendy Berrill, Mathilde Perl, Leslie Cashman, Dr Murray John Littlejohn, Christopher Wilkinson, Molly Anstee, Marie Burt

Death Anniversaries:

José Antonio Sanchez, Silvya Gomez, Teresa Peralta, Franciszek Lucjan Skrodzki, Bernardino Castillo, Joan Catherine Bernie,

Prayers for the sick:

Josephine and Badih Hajje, Catherine Sanchez, 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.

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Second Candle - The Candle of Peace

Priest: In the Second Week of Advent, we consider our relationships with ourselves and with God.

We ask, "Do I always appreciate what others do for me and accept who I am?" Am I aware of the wonder of "self," the gift bestowed up on me by the Creator? Do I appreciate and use my talents and

abilities for God's glory?

In prayer and worship, let us acknowledge the divine Presence of God among us.

Meditation: "Make ready the way of the Lord. Clear Him a straight path." (Luke 3:4)

Light the second purple candle

Priest: Let us pray:

> Almighty and loving God, You Who dwell within our hearts at every waking moment, keep us always close to You. Help us to recognise and appreciate the gifts You have given us. Teach us to use our talents for the good of others and the glory of Your Son Jesus, Whose promise is too precious to ignore. Keep our hearts and minds ever alert to

Your personal and loving touch in every prayer and in every act of worship.

All: Amen.





Children's Liturgy - Sacred Heart Church

Children are welcome to join us at our Children's liturgy at Sacred Heart Church. Children's Liturgy is a great way to engage and nourish the children of our Parish with God's Word. Our final session at Sacred Heart will be at our 9:30am Mass on Sunday, 15 December.

Thank you to all of our Children's Liturgy Leaders who have assisted us with leading the sessions over the past year. It is such a wonderful faith enriching experience for the children of our Parish.



Parish Mission

Building upon the "Year of Prayer" and the coming Jubilee year

With Fr Zachary Lewis OSPPE **Marian Valley Our Lady Help of Christians Shrine** Gold Coast hinterland Queensland

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Saturday, Sunday, 7-8 December Introduction at all Masses Reconciliation before all Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9-11 December

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

Mission homily and talk after Mass Adoration and Reconciliation after Mass

7:00pm Mission Talk at Sacred Heart Adoration and Reconciliation follows

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ruins, celebrate Mass at sacred landmarks, and receive the Jubilee blessing at the Holy Door in Rome.

Highlights:

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

- · 15 nights finishing with 4 Jubilee nights 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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Donors within the Parish community provide home cooked frozen meals for Father Chris Riley's Youth Off The Streets program.

Frozen meal donations for December should be dropped off at the Parish office **between 9am and 10am on Friday, 20 December 2024.** At 10am sharp, the meals will be transported to Youth Off The Streets. Frozen meal collections are scheduled for the third Friday of each month.

Thank you for your generous donations over the 2024 year. Your help is truly appreciated by the youth. The program will return in 2025 with the first collection on Friday, 21 February 2024 after bypassing January holidays.

Meals are always needed. Can you help? If you would like to help by contributing some of your skills in preparing meals or to provide transport for the meals then please contact the Parish office.

Your contribution helps to feed needy homeless youth within the Youth Off The Streets program. Youth Off The Streets believes in young people. The program provides opportunities for disadvantaged youth to build a safe and stable future.

Thank you for your support and we wish you all of the very best for Christmas.

HOUR of GRACE

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Prayer, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration and Benediction

Refreshments after prayers

Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral 23 Yardley Avenue, Waitara

8 December 2024 (Sunday) 12:00pm to 1:15pm



Vinnies Christmas Appeal St Vincent de Paul Society

On behalf of the Pymble Conference of St Vincent de Paul, and our clients, we want to express our heartfelt thanks to our Parish community for their incredible support for our Annual Christmas Appeal and Hamper Appeal.

In these increasingly harder economic times, the calls for our assistance are growing daily with more and more families and single people of all ages struggling to make ends meet and, many for the first time, calling out for help.

Your donations and hampers will bring so much Christmas joy to the clients we serve. Thank you again for your generosity.



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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



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

9:00am Sacred Heart

Wednesday, 1 January Solemnity, Mary Holy Mother of God

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THANK YOU PYMBLE PARISH

We celebrated our amazing 2024 with all of those who have helped make our Parish so special by sharing a fabulous high tea organised by our Social Committee. We're so grateful to you all for your commitment and support of our Parish. Wishing you a most Blessed Christmas and Holiday Season.





Liturgy of the Word **Second Sunday of Advent**

Entrance Antiphon Cf Isaiah 30: 19, 30

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard In the joy of your heart.

First Reading Baruch 5: 1-9

A reading from the prophet Baruch

distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'.

Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them.

Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory.

For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, The filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.

And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 125 R.v.3

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we prophet Isaiah: are filled with joy.

- When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. (R.)
- The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad . (R.)
- Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. (R.)
- They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. (R.)

Second Reading Philippians 1: 3-6, 8-11

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

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up

who began this good work in you will see that it appeared on the world scene. Luke lists a few is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. of the key reigning rulers in John's era, God knows how much I miss you all, loving you including Tiberius Caesar of Rome (Luke 3:1). as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your | These rulers pale in reference to the man who love for each other may increase more and now stood at the door of a new era of grace more and never stop improving your knowledge and salvation for the world. John's mission was and deepening your perception so that you can to prepare the way for God's Anointed King always recognise what is best. This will help you who would come to establish God's rule above to become pure and blameless, and prepare you all other kings and authorities. Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the emphasizes the universal call of the Gospel to perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces all peoples without distinction. He quotes from in us for the glory and praise of God.

| Gospel Acclamation | Luke 3: 4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his

all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Luke 3: 1-6 Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the

A voice cries in the wilderness; Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Gospel Reflection

John was filled and led by the Spirit

John's prophetic calling and mission preceded John," and "he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb" (Luke 1:13,15). When John received his name shortly after birth, his father prophesied that he would be "called the prophet of the Most High who will go before the Lord to prepare his ways" (Luke 1:76). John was called to be a prophet, a spokesman for God.

to the present. I am quite certain that the One In dramatic fashion Luke tells us when John the prophet Isaiah that "all flesh shall see the salvation of God" (Isaiah 40:5; 52:10).

John was a servant of God's Word

How did John prepare for the coming of the Anointed (Messiah) King and Saviour of the world? Luke tells us that "the word of God came to John" when he was dwelling in the wilderness of Judea (Luke 3:2). John was called from an early age to devote himself to prayer and to the word of God. John not only took the Scriptures to heart, he moulded his life according to them, and made himself a servant of the Word of God. John was led by the Spirit into a barren and lonely place away from the noise and distractions of everyday life. There God taught John in the solitude of the desert and prepared him for a prophetic ministry that would turn the hearts of his people to receive their long-awaited Messiah.

Do you allow God's Word to transform your life?

How can we, like John the Baptist, prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus Christ today and everyday and when he comes again to bring us fully into his everlasting kingdom? John the Baptist tells us that the first step is conversion and repentance (Matthew 3:2; Luke 3:7). Conversion involves receiving God's word into our heart and mind and allowing his Word to change our attitudes and wrong ways of thinking and judging. Repentance is the deliberate turning away from sin (wrongdoing) and turning to God to receive his pardon, healing, and strength to do what is good and reject what is wrong.

John saw from a distance what Jesus the Messiah would accomplish through his death his conception and birth. The angel had and resurrection - pardon for our sins, healing announced to Zechariah that his barren wife will and restoration, and eternal life for all who conceive a son, and "you shall call his name would believe in the Lord Jesus. Are you hungry for the Word of God and do you allow God's word to transform the way you think, speak, and live your life?

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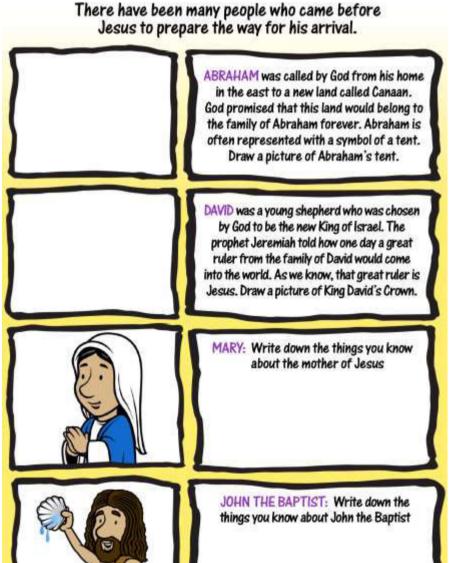


Pymble Parish Roster 14 & 15 December 2024			
Sacred Heart (Pymble)	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 6pm	
Acolytes	J Walton	A Wahab	
Altar Servers	Volunteers needed	F Seeto / R Dunne	
Readers	P D'Souza	E Lloyd-Jones	
Altar Society	14 December: Maria		
Counters	15 December: T Scanlan / E Skrodzka / M Tang		

OLPS (West Pymble)	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 8:00am
Acolytes	C Parbury	M D'Silva
Altar Servers	E & Z Victor	D'Silva Family
Readers	B Nairn	L Treacy
Altar Cloth	14 December: P Ryan	

Children's Corner





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