



ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH MT LAWLEY PARISH

LENTEN NEWS FROM ST PAUL'S PARISH

Dear Parishioners

Lent is coming...actually it commences this week on Ash Wednesday!

As we Catholics know, it's a time of solemn observance and preparation for the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter. The season of Lent invites us to deepen our relationship with Jesus, opening up our hearts and minds to be ready to receive him and celebrate his life, death and resurrection more fully.

The pandemic continues to be a 'faith journey' for the parish, as we navigate the restrictions and separation from loved ones interstate and around the world.

In my Christmas newsletter, I said I felt very confident that we were well prepared to stay connected virtually, should we need to have any future lock down periods in WA. Little did I know that we would be putting it into practice as soon as February, and that it would be part of our Lenten sacrifice again in 2021!

The **live-streaming** equipment that was installed in the church in late March 2020, has proven to be a great asset to our parish, ensuring that all those who wish to stay connected and access all the services available in the parish, can do so. Live-streaming has been particularly useful in our recent lock-down experience in WA, with many people (particularly the vulnerable and elderly) staying home and joining us online. All live-streamed services can be accessed on the Parish website <http://www.stpaulsmtlawley.com/>

A big thank-you to our many parishioners who volunteer in the many ministries that keep our parish operating so smoothly: acolytes, altar servers, readers, IT, bookings/ushers and of course, Alessio & Theodore for providing beautiful music. They have been true champions!

However we can always do with more volunteers, and this may be something you've

considered for a while...perhaps even a Lenten offering of good works? Please see the Ministries page on the parish website <http://www.stpaulsmtlawley.com/> (or the weekly bulletin) for information about each ministry, and who to contact to get involved in a ministry in the parish.

Easing of Restrictions - Return to Phase 4 (COVID-19)

As we return to Phase 4 this week, following a transition out of lockdown, a refresher on the practices that we need to keep up in the parish:

- Contact registers are mandatory in the Church. We have both the SafeWA QR codes and the manual register in the foyer of the church. EVERY attendee/person in the family MUST be registered, not just one person in the family. This is required regardless of whether you are booked in for a service.
- 2 square metre rule (which determines the capacity in venues). We manage this by using every second pew, and maintaining 1.5mtrs between family groups. The exception is for seated and ticketed performances at places of worship, which means we can increase our capacity to busy services when required (eg Christmas and Easter services).
- As we have transitioned into Phase 4, we no longer need to book in for Mass for regular mid-week or weekend Mass services. But we do need to continue to social distance, use the hand sanitiser, dispose of weekly Bulletins (not put them back), no sign of peace, no collections during the Mass etc.

And now for some important announcements of upcoming Lenten and Easter events:

Lenten Program at St Paul's

Our church is normally packed to the rafters for Lenten and Easter events . . . but not this year. As a place of worship, it's very important that we demonstrate our adherence to the Government guidelines on social distancing and maximum capacity levels. It's also important our parishioners can be proud that we are upholding the protocols appropriately,

and feel confident to come and worship at St Paul's safely.

We have a busy Lenten program offered at St Paul's to assist people in their preparation for Easter and I'd like to invite you to participate in as many as you can.

You may recall that we were not able to attend Lenten or Easter services last year, so we are already in a better position than last year!

Reserve your seat

In our parish, we are managing the capacity of high attendance Masses/Services by **booking allocated seats** (by pew and seat number) for each of the major Lenten and Easter events, so we know when we are at capacity. These services are all listed below.

Booking allocated seats actually enables us to have a greater number of people attend in person, whilst maintaining the social distancing protocols. *Without booking, we can only accommodate one-half of our seating capacity; but by booking allocated seats, we can accommodate two-thirds of our capacity.* For the booked seating services, every second pew will be used, and each pew will contain 7 people (just like Christmas Mass).

Ash Wednesday Mass: 17th February – 5.45pm

If you are attending in person, please book an allocated seat in the church; alternatively, the service will be live-streamed on the night.

Booking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BOMX>

Friday (wk 1-6) evening Mass, Stations of the Cross and Benediction – 5.45pm

If you are attending in person, please book an allocated seat in the church; alternatively, the service will be live-streamed on the night.

Booking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BOMPH>

Reconciliation: 25 March, 6.30pm

A number of priests will be available for confessions, beginning immediately after the 5.45pm Mass that evening. There will be no communal service – simply come to church, take a sheet with the examination of conscience and method of confession, and then approach one of the priests to receive the Sacrament of Penance. You are free to leave when you finish.

Booking link: No seat booking is required.

Palm Sunday Mass: 27 & 28th March

If you are attending in person, please book an allocated seat in the church; alternatively, the service will be live-streamed on the night.

Booking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BOMSF>

Holy Thursday Mass: Thursday 1 April, 7.30pm

If you are attending in person, please book an allocated seat in the church; alternatively, the service will be live-streamed.

Booking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BOMSH>

Good Friday: 10am Stations of the Cross

If you are attending in person, please book an allocated seat in the church; alternatively, the service will be live-streamed.

Booking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BOMSI>

Good Friday: 3pm Solemn Service

If you are attending in person, please book an allocated seat in the church; alternatively, the service will be live-streamed.

Booking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BOMSK>

Good Friday: 7pm 7 Last Words

If you are attending in person, please book an allocated seat in the church; alternatively, the service will be live-streamed on the night.

Booking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BOMSR>

Easter Mass (Vigil 7.30pm) and Easter Sunday (9.00am)

If you are attending in person, please book an allocated seat in the church; alternatively, the service will be live-streamed. There will also be overflow seating in the St Pauls School Hall for the Sunday 9am Mass, for those that do not have a booked seat in the church.

Booking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BOMSZ>

I have attached a summary to this newsletter for you to print out and keep on your fridge.

Booking Assistance

Everyone has adapted really well with self-booking, but if you need extra assistance with booking tickets to any of the services listed above, please contact **Linley**

Plowman on linley.plowman@iinet.net.au or **0407383914** ; she is available in the evenings to assist you.

Stay Connected to Parish News!

Please do bring this newsletter to the attention of parishioners or friends of St Paul's who may not have registered for the Newsletter distribution list. If they didn't receive it, they are not on the Parish distribution list (managed by Junior Soliano). Please encourage them to register on the link below to receive the important updates, relevant to the whole parish community:

<http://eepurl.com/gYxwej>

Congratulations – you've made it to the end!

Thank you for reading this rather long but important newsletter. Please don't forget that the weekly parish bulletin is available on our parish website, along with special announcements to keep everyone up-to-date and in touch.

I wish you all a holy and repentant Lenten season as we prepare for the crucifixion and resurrection of Our Lord. I look forward to seeing you in the coming weeks at St Paul's! And please pray for both myself and Fr Mariusz, that we can remain in good health and serve you to the best of our ability.

God bless

Father Tim
Rev Fr Timothy E Deeter, Parish Priest

And

Father Mariusz
Rev Fr Mariusz Grzech, Assistant Parish Priest

St Paul's Catholic Parish
2021 LENTEN & EASTER PROGRAM



Due to the current guidelines and COVID-19 restrictions, we have limited seating capacity for our Lenten and Easter Program this year, and all seats are required to be pre-booked for the following services:

	Date & Time	TryBooking Link
Ash Wednesday Mass	17 Feb 2021 – 5.45pm	https://www.trybooking.com/BOMRX
Friday Mass, Stations of the Cross, Benediction	Wk 1. 19 Feb 2021 – 5.45pm Wk 2. 26 Feb 2021 – 5.45pm Wk 3. 5 Mar 2021 – 5.45pm Wk 4. 12 Mar 2021 – 5.45pm Wk 5. 19 Mar 2021 – 5.45pm Wk 6. 26 Mar 2021 – 5.45pm	https://www.trybooking.com/BOMPH
Reconciliation	25 Mar 2021 – 6.30pm	Not required
Palm Sunday Mass	27 Mar 2021 – 4.30pm 27 Mar 2021 – 6.00pm 28 Mar 2021 – 9.00am 28 Mar 2021 – 4.30pm	https://www.trybooking.com/BOMSF
Holy Thursday	1 Apr 2021 – 7.30pm	https://www.trybooking.com/BOMSH
Good Friday Solemn Stations of the Cross	2 Apr 2021 – 10.00am	https://www.trybooking.com/BOMSI
Good Friday Solemn Liturgy	2 Apr 2021 – 3.00pm	https://www.trybooking.com/BOMSK
Good Friday Seven Last Words	2 Apr 2021 – 7.30pm	https://www.trybooking.com/BOMSR
Easter Mass (Vigil & Sunday)	3 Apr 2021 – 7.30pm 4 Apr 2021 – 9.00am	https://www.trybooking.com/BOMSZ

Returning Tickets – no longer attending a service? Please return your tickets so that someone else can reserve them. This can be done via a link on the same TryBooking email you received your booking confirmation and tickets, originally.

Live streaming – for those who are unable to attend we will be livestreaming the above services so you can join in from home. The links to login can be found on the St Paul's parish website: <http://www.stpaulsmtlawley.com/>

For Online Booking assistance – please contact Linley Plowman on mobile 0407383914 or email linley.plowman@iinet.net.au (outside of business hours).

Please feel free to forward this email using the link below and don't forget to Like us on Facebook.

