



We warmly welcome you to
St Paul's Catholic Church / Mt Lawley Parish

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Est. 1956

Parish Office
New Parishioners
Baptism
Reconciliation

Please ring for an appointment.
Please complete a census form from the porch, or we can send one to you, and return it to the office or sacristy.
Please contact the parish office to meet with the parish priest for registration and preparation.
WEDNESDAYS, 6.15 to 7.15pm and SATURDAYS, 3.30 to 4.30pm; or please ring for an appointment.

THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Monday	5.45 pm - Mass	Advent weekday / <i>St Nicholas of Myra, bishop</i>	for our grandchildren
Tuesday	5.45 pm - Mass	<i>St Ambrose, bishop</i>	† Luke Yap
Wednesday	5.45 pm - Mass	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BVM	† Laurie Smith
Thursday	5.45 pm - Mass	Advent weekday	
Friday	9.00 am - Mass (Acacia) 5.45 pm - Mass	Advent weekday	† faithful departed
Saturday	10.00 am - NO MAASS	Advent weekday	

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday	4.30 pm - Mass 6.00 pm - Mass		† Geoff Sims - <i>birthday</i> for the parish
Sunday	9.00 am - Mass		

PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER

MINISTRY	Saturday 4.30pm	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 9.00am
Readers	X Torre L Plowman	M Ryan L Bellandi	J Sluchniak N Hondros
Acolytes	L Torre	W Grzech	P Quinn
Altar Servers	E & J Chatzimichail C Odorisio	G Pereira A Munro J Adaikklam	E Crock M Crock
Musicians	A Loiacono J Pinneri	A Loiacono J Pinneri	Fr T Deeter Fr T Deeter
IT Operators	G Torre	<i>Please volunteer</i>	D Agostini
Counters	L Bellandi A Vinciguerra		

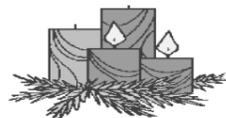
Thank You

Thank you for your contributions! Here are our parish account details:
Parish Account: St Paul's Parish * 086 006 * 66717 2345
Presbytery Account: St Paul's Parish Presbytery * 086 006 * 551882898
Building Fund Account: St Paul's Building Fund * 086 006 * 151619353
Direct Debit: Make arrangements with your bank to make regular deposits

Last Sunday's Contributions 28/11	
Planned Giving	\$ 55.00
Online donations	1,025.00
Direct Debit	235.00
Loose	477.40
Catholic Weekly	28.50
Columban calendars	71.00
Votive candles	85.70
TOTAL	\$ 1,977.60

Entrance Antiphon: O people of Zion, 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.

Communion Antiphon: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.



Liturgical Ministries		Parish Ministries & Activities	
Acolytes	Wojciech Grzech 0411 551 213	Finance Committee	Greg Brennan 9381 3399
Altar Linen	Lori Valerio * Maria Odorisio	Planned Giving	Andrew Vajda 9275 9328
Altar Servers	Lilian Bellandi 0412 980 261	St Paul's Primary School	Yvonne Liebeck, <i>Principal</i> 9462 6000
Collectors & Counters	Andrew Vajda 9275 9328	RCIA	Fr Tim Deeter 9271 5253
Extraordinary Ministers	Simon Hehir 043 778 6023	St Paul's Youth Ministry	Mark & Linley 0407 383 914
Flowers	Jasmin Biagioni 0411 123 575	Parish Social Committee	Ingrid Vajda 9275 9328
Liturgy Committee	Anne Marie Leahy 9271 5330	Sunday Morning Tea	School P&F mothers 9462 6000
Music - Sun 9am Mass	Tina Jack 9271 6486	Bible Study	Fr Tim / Fr Mariusz 9271 5253
Music - Sat Masses / Organist	Alessio Loiacono 0466 461 892	PREP Co-ordinator	Susan Brown 0403 441 525
Readers	Genevieve Saldanha 0405 806 848	Social Justice	Gerard Leahy 9271 5330

Community News

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
Congratulations to **Isaiah Torre**, who will receive Our Lord in the Eucharist for the first time at the Sat 4.30pm Mass.

CHRISTMAS MASS BOOKING
If you haven't already done so, please make sure to book your seats for the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We are limited to 250 ticketed seats; no standees.

CHOIR PRACTICE
Mon 06: The parish choir will practise in church, 7.00 to 9.00pm. The choir will sing for Lessons & Carols at 7pm on Sun 11 Dec, and also for Christmas Midnight Mass.

INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE
Tue 07 Dec: The last session of Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible: 7.30 pm undercroft.

HOLY HOUR & ST JOSEPH DEVOTION
Every Wednesday: Adoration 6.15 - 7.15pm; confessions; Litany of St Joseph & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Wed 08 Dec: Come to 5.45pm Mass and celebrate the sinless start of Our Lady's life.

RCIA IS FOR EVERYONE!
Wed 08 Dec: Join us in the undercroft, 7.30 - 9.00pm. This week: God & Creation - continuing our study of the Creed. Join our great group of Catholics and non-Catholics, some interested in joining the Church, but all wanting to learn more about the Catholic Faith. You're welcome anytime!

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS
Sun 12 Dec: Let's fill the church as we listen to the story of our salvation in Christ and sing glory to God in the highest! Our fantastic choir will lead the singing, and our guest preacher, **Pastor Joyce Chen** from Zion Praise Centre in Willetton will inspire us with her Christmas reflection. Invite your friends and neighbours to join us. There will be a supper in the undercroft.

2022 MASS DIARY OPEN
To have Mass offered for the anniversary of a birth, wedding or death, or for a special intention, please use the Mass intention envelopes found in the porch, or write a note / send an email to Fr Tim or the office.

COLUMBAN CALENDAR 2022
Calendars are on sale in the porch for \$8.00.

BUILDING FUND TO DATE
TOTAL in Building Fund: \$50,315.34

BUILDING FUND PLEDGES
Please note your bank reference like this: *Your surname - Pledge.*

ONGOING EXPENSES
candles - \$72.96 * altar wine - \$18.00 - misc sacramental expenses (children) - \$282.67 *
TOTAL: \$373.63 * architect fees - \$2,288.00

Please pray for parishioners who are unwell: Gerard Leahy, Tony Bonavita, Billy Francis, Terry Merchant, Blanche Pereira, Lori & Tony Valerio, Rebecca Webster, Thomas Mazza, Thelma Hannigan, Franceska Fairclough, Joseph Yap, Thomas Chong, Rhiana Powell
parishioners whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Matthew Skeats, Mary Giles, Domenica Liva, Irene Dornan, Cecily Laurence, Mick Cogan, Alice Keane, Susan McKenna, Len Harty Jnr, Alice Barnard, Eric Hawtin, Edmund Pemberton, Mark Foley

The Wisdom of the Saints: Conversion

The Lord would never come and knock at our door unless He wished to enter. If He does not always enter, it is we who are to blame for that. - St Ambrose

The Lord pursued me for a long time. He put me, as it were, into prison in order to force me to think about Him and speak to Him. He deprived me of everything, so that I would prostrate myself at His feet. Invariably, however, I would backtrack and attach myself to things that added up to nothing. I shunned the great depth of love that Jesus had in store for me. - St Peter Julian Eymard

There are souls which, at first, are hard of heart and persist in the works of sin. Somehow, the good God in His mercy sends afflictions to this kind of people until they grow weary and come to their senses. Then they are converted, and draw near to God, and realise their sinfulness and repent with all their heart. Then they attain the true way of living. - St Anthony of Egypt

The moment I realised that God truly exists, I knew I could not do anything else but live for Him alone. - St Charles de Foucauld

The Lady told me to pray much for the conversion of sinners. - St Bernadette Soubirous of Lourdes



The word of the Lord came to John in the wilderness. He proclaimed a baptism of repentance for sins.

Around the Archdiocese

10-14 Jan: **WA Young Salesians Summer Camp** - 5 days of fun-filled activities from under \$50/day for ages 11 1/2 - 15yrs. Early bird discount. Scan the code on the poster in the foyer to register, or: 0418 979 600 / admin@wayyoungsalesians.com

Grow in Spirituality

READ THE ENTIRE BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

This Bible reading program by Fr Mike Schmitz of Minnesota USA walks you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes, providing commentary, reflection & prayer along the way. View them on YouTube, Spotify and Apple iTunes. Link: www.youtube.com/watch?v=BW0gXbEYyGA



Pastoral Ponderings

Our Christmas choir of 13 singers (4 parishioners plus 9 music students & graduates) met for the first time this past Monday - and I was blown away by the magnificent sound they made!

I'm conducting the Choir this year; this is my first go at conducting in 15 years (but don't worry, I know what I'm doing: my master's degree in music is in voice and conducting). We worked hard for two hours and ran through everything for Lessons & Carols. This Monday we'll review and refine, and also begin looking at music for Midnight Mass.

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I hope you're planning on attending our Annual Festival of Lessons & Carols next Sunday, 12th December at 7.00pm. Please invite your friends and neighbours of all faiths, or none - it's an interfaith service that is always inspiring.

*The church will be decorated, since Santa's helpers will come in the afternoon to deck the halls with boughs of holly. So the Third Sunday of Advent (**Gaudete Sunday** - Rejoice! Sunday) is the kick-off to the Christmas season here at St Paul's.*

Join us for supper afterwards in the undercroft.

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I was happy to see that so many of you took home the leaflets for the Solemn Novena in honour of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception. We prayed the Novena every day at Mass, of course, but I'm glad that so many of you prayed it at home as well.

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Our friendly neighbourhood burglar(s) stopped by last Sunday night and broke into the Poor Box next to the church door. It's unfortunate, because that money is given to the Vinnies to help a number of local families at Christmas time. Pray for the poor, and for the poor burglar(s).

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Please don't forget to note these important dates:
- Dec 21: Christmas confessions - 6.15pm (Tues)
- Dec 24: Christmas Eve Masses - 4.30 & 6pm
Choir concert of carols - 11.30pm
- Dec 25: Midnight Mass - 12 midnight!
Christmas Day Mass - 9.00am
- Dec 26: Holy Family Sunday - 9am & 4.30pm

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Our parish secretary, Leonie Humphries, was down from Geraldton last Wednesday to get some work done in the office. She always worries about our parish finances: we just never seem to get ahead this year. The air con man and the organ man were in this week, ensuring that everything works; but that costs. And the Christmas singers & trumpeter will cost as well. So will one of you folks please win Lotto for us!!!! Come, Lord Jesus!

