



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

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Rev Fr **Timothy E Deeter**, Parish Priest  
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 Ms **Leonie Humphries**, Parish Secretary



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 THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT**

Monday	5.45 pm - Mass	St Lucy, virgin & martyr	† faithful departed
Tuesday	5.45 pm - Mass	St John of the Cross, priest & doctor of the Church	† faithful departed
Wednesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Advent weekday	† faithful departed
Thursday	5.45 pm - Mass	Advent weekday	† faithful departed
Friday	9.00 am - Mass (Acacia) 5.45 pm - Mass	Late Advent weekday	† faithful departed
Saturday	10.00 am - NO MAASS	Late Advent weekday	

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Saturday	4.30 pm - Mass 6.00 pm - Mass		for the parish † faithful departed
Sunday	9.00 am - Mass		

**PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER**

MINISTRY	Saturday 4.30pm	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 9.00am
Readers	L D'Orsogna X Torre	E Gregory C Ryan	K Hondros G Saldanha
Acolytes	W Grzech	R Novacsek	D Cleary
Altar Servers	A & C Fanowrios S Guelfi	S & T Clare J Ryan	N Yap E Archer
Musicians	A Loiacono J Pinneri	A Loiacono J Pinneri	J Pinneri Fr T Deeter
IT Operators	G Torre	Please volunteer	D Agostini
Counters	K D'Cunha A Vajda		

*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 05/12	
Planned Giving	\$ 70.00
Online donations	1,445.00
Direct Debit	135.00
Loose	397.90
Catholic Weekly	54.10
Columban calendars	47.00
Votive candles	95.35
Funeral donation	400.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,644.35</b>

**Entrance Antiphon:** Rejoice in the Lord always! Again I say: rejoice!  
 Indeed, the Lord is near.

**Communion Antiphon:** Say to the faint of heart: Be strong, and do not fear.  
 Behold, our God will come, and He will save us.



**Liturgical Ministries**

Acolytes	Wojciech Grzech	0411 551 213
Altar Linen	Lori Valerio * Maria Odorisio	
Altar Servers	Lilian Bellandi	0412 980 261
Collectors & Counters	Andrew Vajda	9275 9328
Extraordinary Ministers	Simon Hehir	043 778 6023
Flowers	Jasmin Biagioni	0411 123 575
Liturgy Committee	Anne Marie Leahy	9271 5330
Music - Sun 9am Mass	Tina Jack	9271 6486
Music - Sat Masses / Organist	Alessio Loiacono	0466 461 892
Readers	Genevieve Saldanha	0405 806 848
Acacia Residence Chapel	Judith Paxman	9262 8533
Sacristan	David Cleary	9272 5114

**Parish Ministries & Activities**

Finance Committee	Greg Brennan	9381 3399
Planned Giving	Andrew Vajda	9275 9328
St Paul's Primary School	Yvonne Liebeck, Principal	9462 6000
RCIA	Fr Tim Deeter	9271 5253
St Paul's Youth Ministry	Mark & Linley	0407 383 914
Parish Social Committee	Ingrid Vajda	9275 9328
Sunday Morning Tea	School P&F mothers	9462 6000
Bible Study	Fr Tim / Fr Mariusz	9271 5253
PREP Co-ordinator	Susan Brown	0403 441 525
Social Justice	Gerard Leahy	9271 5330
St Paul's Community Care	John Ryan	9477 4910
St Vincent de Paul Society	Peter Quinn	9375 1024

**Community News**



**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.

**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 13: 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.

**THE CHOSEN: The First Christmas**  
 Tue 14 Dec: Join us as we view a 'flashback' in this wonderful series about the life of Jesus. 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.

**RCIA IS FOR EVERYONE!**  
 Wed 15 Dec: Join us in the undercroft, 7.30 - 9.00pm. This week: The Christmas Story - as told by Matthew & Luke. 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!

**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: \$72,432.64**

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

**ONGOING EXPENSES**  
 flowers - \$1,594.73 \* Catholic Weekly - \$189.20 \* air con servicing - \$621.50 \* organ & electronic keyboard servicing - \$220.50 \* FORMED subscription - \$750.00 \* RCIA books - \$125.84 \* Faith books - \$47.80 \* office diaries - \$179.80 \* **TOTAL: \$3,729.37**

**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:** Kevin Kelly, Mary Mollie Quinn, John Taylor, James Sutherland, Joan Foley, Doreen Stewart, Mary Hope, Vivian Hawtin, John Ferrari, Mario Papalia

**The Wisdom of the Saints: Perfection**

God has not called His servants to a mediocre, ordinary life, but rather to the perfection of a sublime holiness since He said to His disciples, "Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect." - Bl Henry Suso  
 Christian perfection requires three things of us: praying heroically, working heroically, and suffering heroically. - St Anthony Mary Claret

Our salvation and perfection consist in doing God's will. We must have this in mind, in everything we do and at every moment of our life. The more we accomplish God's will, the more perfect we will be. - St Peter Claver

There are certain souls who want to arrive at perfection immediately. This keeps them in constant disquiet. You should first cling to the feet of Jesus, then kiss His sacred hands, and then at last you may find your way into his Divine Heart. - St Alphonsus Ligouri

A happy spirit reaches perfection more quickly than any other soul. - St Philip Neri  
 Whether you are walking or keeping silence or speaking, alone or with others, let Jesus be your Model. He is perfect, and by following His example you will achieve perfection. - St Bonaventure



Rejoice and exult  
 with all your heart,  
 Daughter of Jerusalem!

**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](mailto: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=BW0gXbEVYgA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BW0gXbEVYgA)



**Pastoral Ponderings**

I hope you're planning on attending our **Annual Festival of Lessons & Carols** this Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> 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 are coming Sunday afternoon to deck the halls with boughs of holly. So this 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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 Our Building Fund had a big injection of funds this past week - thank you to all who are paying on their pledges, and to those who have made special gifts to the parish for the advancement of our building project.

**Zak Kirkup** has designed a beautiful brochure which will soon be available. It has explanatory text, plus wonderful photos of what we hope to build here at St Paul's. (Zak is in our RCIA program, by the way, and faithfully attends our Sunday 9.00am Mass.)

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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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 The very warm weather this past week certainly has not helped me get into the Christmas spirit! Despite living in Australia for 25 years, I still have a major problem with not experiencing icy cold, falling snow and crisp winter nights. Sigh.

I taught our choir a nice Australian carol (from a suite of ten such songs). It sings of 'golden weather' and 'Christmas bush' (we have a lot of it in our area, by the way).

They didn't know the carol, and they didn't get the Aussie references. So there I was, the Yankee priest, describing 'Christmas bush' with its red and orange and yellow blossoms, and telling the singers where they can find it. Nothing. They'd rather sing about Baby Jesus shivering in the bleak midwinter. Sigh.

\* \* \* \* \*  
 It's also a bit hard for me to feel Christmassy as I continue to mourn deaths in my family, and wonder when I will see them again. I hope you folks are grateful to have most of your loved ones close by. But if they're not, we pray: **Come, Lord Jesus!**

