



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

106 Rookwood St / Menora WA 6050
 tel: (08) 9271 5253 / email: stpaulsmtl@inet.net.au
 Father Tim's email: casapgf@inet.net.au
 Father Mariusz' email: mariuszgrzech@gmail.com
 website: www.stpaulsmtlawley.com

Rev Fr **Timothy E Deeter**, Parish Priest
 Rev Fr **Mariusz Grzech**, Assistant Priest
 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 LAST WEEK OF ADVENT / and CHRISTMAS

Monday	5.45 pm - Mass	Late Advent weekday	in thanksgiving
Tuesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Late Advent weekday / St Peter Canisius, pr & doctor	Matthew Pascoe - 18 th birthday
Wednesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Late Advent weekday	† Albert Whitlock (49 th anniversary)
Thursday	5.45 pm - Mass	Late Advent weekday / St John of Kanty, priest	special intention
Friday	10.00 am - Mass 4.30 pm - Mass 6.00 pm - Mass	The Morning Mass to Close the Advent Season THE VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS (counts for Christmas Day obligation) "	vocations to priesthood & religious life † Ed & Virginia Deeter special intention
Saturday	12.00 midnight - Mass 9.00 am - Mass	THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST "	for the parish

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Saturday	NO EVENING MASSES FOR EITHER CHRISTMAS OR SUNDAY VIGIL		
Sunday	9.00 am - Mass 4.30 pm - Mass	for Sunday's obligation "	for the parish † Dennis & Kevin Deeter, Philip Weimer

MINISTRY	Saturday 4.30pm	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 9.00am
Readers	D Hehir A Iacopetta	M Davila V Kurak	B Taylor P Keenan
Acolytes	L Torre		J Pereira
Altar Servers	G & X Torre C Colletti	R Arulraja D Cadogan	V Redcliff J Oyella
Musicians	A Loiacono J Pinneri	A Loiacono J Pinneri	Fr T Deeter J Pinneri
IT Operators	G Torre		Please volunteer
Counters	P Jordan M Jordan	D Agostini	

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 12/12	
Planned Giving	\$ 70.00
Online donations	515.00
Direct Debit	255.00
Loose	650.40
Catholic Weekly	23.90
Columban calendars	13.00
Votive candles	116.40
Bible study books	157.00
Lessons & Carols donations	785.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,585.70

Entrance Antiphon: Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One. Let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.
Communion Antiphon: Behold: a Virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and His Name will be called Emmanuel.



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

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. And we will have no overflow accommodation in the school hall this year - so please book in advance, and let 'occasional visitors' know this.

AVAILABLE CHRISTMAS SEATING
 As of last Thursday, here are the stats:

Mass time	Booked	Remaining
4.30pm	190	55
6.00pm	180	65
Midnight	105	140
9.00am	118	127
TOTAL	593	387

CHOIR PRACTICE
 Mon 20: The parish choir will practise in church, 7.00 to 9.00pm. The choir will sing for Christmas Midnight Mass.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS
 Tue 21 Dec: Four priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, from the end of Mass (6.15pm) until 7.15pm.

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

THIS FRIDAY - AND NEW YEAR'S!
 There will be NO 9.00am Mass at Acacia Chapel this Friday (24 Dec) OR next Friday (31 Dec). There WILL BE a 10.00am Mass in church this Friday to end the Advent season, as is traditional here at St Paul's. There will be a 5.45pm Mass on New Year's Eve, and a 10am Mass on New Year's Day.

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: \$73,370.04

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

ONGOING EXPENSES
 internet - \$99.00 * phone - \$4.83 * flowers - \$876.66 * air con repair - \$444.00 * bulletin covers - \$110.00 * mobile - \$89.99 * Catholic Weekly - \$189.20 * underground power - \$500.00 * sacristy misc - \$213.86 * **TOTAL: \$2,419.71**

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: Francis Knuckey, Rose Goss, Bertha McDermott, Con Migro Snr, James Byrne, Robert Hearne, James Patgterson, Lillian Moncrieff

The Wisdom of the Saints: The Incarnation

Invisible in His own divine nature, God became visible in our human nature. Beyond our physical grasp, He chose to be held in His Mother's arms. Existing as God before time began, He began to exist as a Man at a moment in time. Incapable of suffering as God, He did not refuse to become capable of human suffering. Immortal, He chose to be subject to mortality and death. - Pope St Leo the Great

If you could see Mary and Elizabeth - the sweet embrace of the Virgin with the woman who had once been sterile - and hear the greeting with which the unseen tiny John the Baptist in the womb recognised His Lord, the Herald sensing the presence of his Judge, then I'm sure you would join the Blessed Virgin in singing that sacred hymn: "My soul magnifies the Lord!" - St Bonaventure

Christ is born in order to restore our fallen human nature by His birth. He became a Child, He was fed, and He grew that He might inaugurate the perfect age of history that will come to fulfilment on the Last Day. He lifts us up so that we might no longer fall. And the human creature He once formed from the earth, He now makes heavenly. - St Peter Chrysologus

In Christ we see, as in a mirror, the spotless and excellent Face of God. - St Clement of Rome



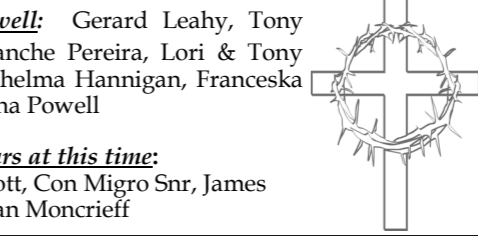
*Blessed are you among women
 and blessed is the Fruit
 of your womb!*

Around the Archdiocese

Fri 31 Dec (New Year's Eve): 7.00pm at St Bernadette's, Glendalough - Adoration, confessions, Rosary, Benediction & Mass. Light refreshments & fellowship in the hall. Evening concludes with another Holy Mass at 11.15pm; at Midnight we will Consecrate ourselves and families to the protection of the Sacred Heart of Jesus & the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the New Year, ending approx. 12.10am on 1st January 2022. Info: medjugorjewa1981@gmail.com * or ring 0407471 256.

Grow in Spirituality

ENRICH YOUR MARRIAGE
 The Marriage Kit is an enrichment course accessed from the privacy of your home on your own timetable. This online course will energise your relationship, revitalise your passion & equip you with practical tools. smartloving.org/marriage-kit Get 50% off with the coupon code: **Advent**



Pastoral Ponderings

We had a *fantastic Lessons & Carols* last Sunday evening! A good-sized congregation joined in the singing very enthusiastically, led by our wonderful **Parish Choir**. All seemed to enjoy the biblical teaching of our guest speaker, **Pastor Joyce Chen**, who reminded us that Jesus, the perfect Lamb, calls us all to offer our lives to God in various sacrificial ways.

The celebration continued at the lavish *supper afterwards* in the undercroft, prepared by **Ingrid Vajda** and her faithful crew. This was actually our first parish supper in the undercroft since 27th March 2020, so another small milestone on our way out of the pandemic.

Thank you to everyone who read, played, sang, cooked, baked, served and cleaned-up! It was a truly great start to the Christmas season here at St Paul's.

Thanks, too, to the parishioners (both from St Paul's and the Ordinariate) who *decorated* the church so beautifully last Sunday afternoon. We are blessed to have generous people who worked so hard to give us all a bit of Bethlehem here in Menora!

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

We will have our **Altar Servers gathering** in the period after New Year's. With Christmas occurring on the weekend, and schools ending at different times, it's hard to plan a Friday evening that is good for everyone. Perhaps some parents could suggest a suitable Friday evening before school resumes.

I broke a lower molar 10 days ago, and wasn't able to get to the dentist until this past Wednesday. He could only put in a temporary fix because the jagged edge of the molar cut up my tongue and caused some ulcers in the mouth. And it was quite painful to speak or sing - but I powered through it, didn't I? I will get the tooth repaired on January 6th - the Feast of the **Epiphany**, which will be a truly joyful day for me. If it ain't one darned thing . . .

My Aunt Alice (89) in Omaha, Nebraska survived the tornados in the US Midwest - no damage to her house, but she hid out under the stairs! She's very hopeful I'll come home soon. But all of us should be anxious for another coming: **Come, Lord Jesus!**