



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, which we can send 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 FIRST WEEK in ORDINARY TIME

Monday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	† Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Wednesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Thursday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time / St Hilary, bp & doctor	
Friday	9.00 am - Mass - Acacia 5.45pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	† faithful departed
Saturday	10.00 am - NO MASS	Weekday in Ordinary Time	

The SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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

PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER

MINISTRY	Saturday 4.30pm	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 9.00am
Readers	M Bowden-Jones A Iacopetta	M Ryan C Ryan	G Saldanha K Hondros
Acolytes	L Torre	R Novacek	W Grzech
Altar Servers	N Bowden-Jones X Torre	J Ryan R Arulraja N Adshead	N Yap E Archer
Musicians	A Loiacono J Pinneri	A Loiacono J Pinneri	Fr T Deeter Fr T Deeter
IT Operators	G Torre	Please volunteer	D Agostini
Counters	F Farrington J Pearce		

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

Thank You

Last Sunday's Contributions 02/01	
Planned Giving	\$ 40.00
Online donations	1,210.00
Direct Debit	175.00
Loose	451.00
Catholic Weekly	23.00
Votive candles	88.45
Columban calendars	
Interest received	0.44
TOTAL	\$ 1,987.45

Entrance Antiphon: After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened and the Spirit descended upon Him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered:
"This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased."

Communion Antiphon Behold the One of Whom John said:
"I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."



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	TBA	
Music - Sun 9am Mass	Fr Tim Deeter	9271 5253
Music - Sat 4.30pm & 6.00pm	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	TBA		
St Paul's Community Care	John Ryan		9477 4910
St Vincent de Paul Society	Peter Quinn		9375 1024

Community News

PRAYING FOR OUR CHILDREN

Tue 11 Jan: Join us in church at 9.30am to pray the Rosary for our children and grandchildren, and then share a cuppa after prayers. We're now in our 7th year!

HOLY HOUR & ST JOSEPH DEVOTION

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

2022 MASS DIARY IS OPEN

Book Masses for this year's anniversaries of births, deaths & marriages. Please don't delay - book your Masses well in advance. A lot of dates have already been reserved.

COME TO THE MANGER - LAST DAY!

Your donations support the Holy Childhood Association, a branch of Caritas that has clinics & schools throughout the Holy Land (Palestine, Israel, Jordan, Syria, Egypt & Cyprus), focussing on children's needs. Thus far we have given \$1,214.50 (last year we gave \$2,053.30). God bless you all.

FOR YOUR ATTENTION

Wall Fans: Please do not turn these on/off unless designated to do so. They should be accessed by the cords, not the power points - it is very hard and dangerous for Fr Tim to climb up into the pew to reach the power point, and we wouldn't want him falling down in an empty church with no one to help him! But if you insist: the LEFT cord works the oscillator, the RIGHT cord turns the fan on/off.

BUILDING FUND TO DATE

TOTAL in Building Fund: \$85,821.03

BUILDING FUND PLEDGES

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

ONGOING EXPENSES

flowers - \$876.66 * gardening - \$132.00 * FORMED subscription - \$1,133.79 * Gatto's - \$219.48 * power - \$752.60 * underground power instalment - \$500.00 * insurance instalment - \$2,054.56 * Catholic Weekly - \$189.20 * **TOTAL - \$5,794.59**



KEEP CALM IT'S ORDINARY TIME

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: Doug Bogue, Harry Mills, Lois Agnes Seman, Edward Moffat, Pearl Weir, Frank Cunningham

The Wisdom of the Saints: The Baptism of Christ

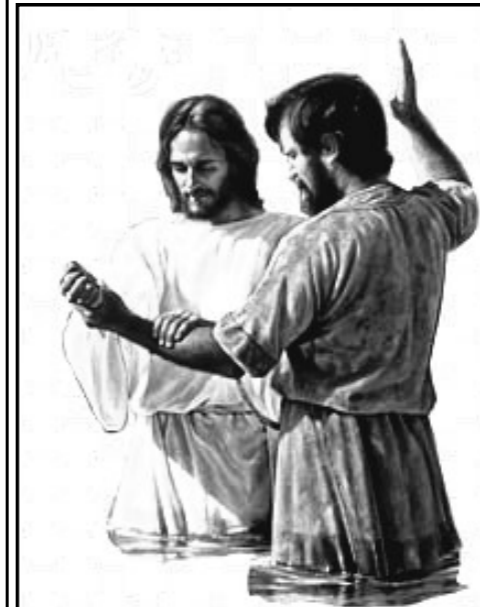
Christ is bathed in light - so let us also be bathed in light! Christ is baptised - so let us also go down into the water with Him, and then rise with Him!

Jesus rises from the waters - and the world rises with Him! Paradise had been closed by Adam's sin - but now the heavens themselves are torn open for us! The Spirit comes to Christ, bearing witness to His divinity. The Father's voice comes from Heaven, bearing witness to His Son's place of origin.

The Spirit descends in the form of a dove - like the dove that so long ago announced the end of the Flood. In this way, the Spirit honours the Body of Christ, both human and divine.

So today let us honour Christ's Baptism, and celebrate this feast in holiness of life. Let us continue to live in the cleansing life of our own baptism, because nothing gives God more pleasure than when we, His children, walk in the way of conversion and salvation.

God wants us to be a living force for all people, like lights shining in the world. So stand with Christ the Light, and be bathed in His heavenly glory. Enjoy the dazzling light of the Trinity in Whose Name we ourselves were baptised. To God be glory and power for ever. Amen! - St Gregory Nazianzen († 390)



John said, "He Who is to come is mightier than I. I baptise you with water, but He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit, and with fire!"

More Community News

SING A NEW SONG TO THE LORD!

Good liturgical music is a high priority here at St Paul's - but it comes at a price. Please consider a special gift to support our parish organist, cantors and choir. Thank you!

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

All is calm, all is bright here in the parish in these quiet days after **Christmastide**. The Nativity scene will be taken down and put away this afternoon (with thanks to our generous parishioners who will take care of this!), so when you next come to Mass, it will be obvious that we are in 'Ordinary Time'.

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But what is **Ordinary Time**? In the years before Vatican Council II, we had Sundays after Epiphany. Then came Lent, Eastertide and Pentecost. Then came a long stretch of Sundays after Pentecost. That actually made more sense than 'Ordinary Time', which in a way demeans these Sundays.

In Latin, this period is called 'Per Annum', which means 'Through the Year'. But the numbering of the Sundays never really works out, whether we call this time 'Ordinary Time' or 'Through the Year'. In any case, we're stuck with 'Ordinary Time'.

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But it's anything but ordinary. These are the Sundays when we do not observe an 'event' - like the Coming of Christ (Advent), His Birth and Showing to the Nations (Christmastide), His Suffering and Death (Lent), or His Resurrection and Ascension into Heaven (Eastertide).

No - in Ordinary Time we journey with Our Lord through the villages and towns of Galilee, through the regions of Syria, Transjordan and Samaria, as He teaches the people, works His many miracles, and proclaims the Kingdom of God. None of this is 'ordinary' - it's actually extraordinary!

By travelling with Our Lord and watching Him do His work, by sitting at His feet and listening to His teachings, we grow in knowledge of Who He is and what He has come to bring to the world.

This is a period of growing; hence the liturgical colour of Ordinary Time is **green** - the colour of new shoots of wheat, the colour of leaves on the trees, the colour of the chlorophyll that courses through plants and bushes and makes everything green.

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Because this is **Year C** of the three-year Lectionary, many of our Gospel passages come from **St Luke**.

Luke was not a Jew, but a Gentile who became a Christian. He joined the Christian community in Jerusalem and witnessed the initial growth of the Church there. Then he became a companion of St Paul and witnessed the phenomenal spread of the Gospel to the Gentile nations of Syria, Turkey, Greece, Malta and Italy.

Luke was a physician, so he is particularly keen on details of Jesus' healing miracles. He was also an artist, and his Gospel descriptions are beautifully 'painted' for us. Let's allow St Luke to guide us on our journey of growth in Gospel living this year.

