We warmly welcome you to

St Paul's Catholic Church / Mt Lawley Parish

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Rev Fr **Mariusz Grzech**, Assistant Priest

Ms **Leonie Humphries,** Parish Secretary *pro tempore*

Est. 1956

Parish Office *Please ring for an appointment.*
New Parishioners *Please complete a census form, which we can send to you, and return it to the office or sacristy.*
Baptism *Please contact the parish office to meet with the parish priest for registration and preparation.*
Reconciliation *WEDNESDAYS, 6.15 to 7.15pm and SATURDAYS, 3.30 to 4.30pm, or please ring for an appointment.*

The THIRD WEEK in ORDINARY TIME

Monday	**5.45 pm** - Mass	St Francis de Sales, *bishop & doctor of the Church*	† faithful departed
Tuesday	**5.45 pm** - Mass	THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL	† Saverio Ammoscato - *48th anniversary*
Wednesday	**5.45 pm** - Mass	AUSTRALIA DAY	† Clare Gartner - *birthday*
Thursday	**5.45 pm** - Mass	SS Timothy & Titus, *companions of St Paul, bishops*	† Niko Litić - *1st anniversary*
Friday	**9.00 am** - Mass - Acacia **5.45pm** - Mass	St Thomas Aquinas, *priest & doctor of the Church*	special intention - *Stephen Cain* special intention - *Theo Valerio*
Saturday	**10.00 am** - NO MASS	Weekday in Ordinary Time	

The FOURTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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

PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER

MINISTRY	Saturday 4.30pm	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 9.00am
Readers	M Bowden-Jones A Iacopetta	C Ryan V Kurak	M Davila A Troy
Acolytes	L Torre	R Novacsek	W Grzech
Altar Servers	A Fanowrios C Fanowrios	D Blinco I Blinco L Brennan	J Lugor J Ramos
Musicians	A Loiacono J Pinneri	A Loiacono J Pinneri	Fr T Deeter J Pinneri
IT Operators	G Torre	*Please volunteer*	D Agostini
Counters	P Jordan M Jordan		

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

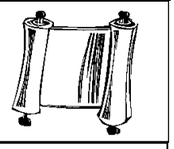
Thank You

Building Fund 16/01	$	75.00
BF Direct Debit		
Pledges		265.00
Containers for Change		
TOTAL	**$**	**340.00**

Last Sunday's Contributions	16/01
Planned Giving	$ 95.00
Online donations	885.00
Direct Debit	155.00
Loose	422.45
Catholic Weekly	17.70
Votive candles	60.45
TOTAL	**$ 1,635.50**

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord! Sing to the Lord, all the earth!
In His presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in His holy place.

Communion Antiphon I am the Light of the world, says the Lord.
Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.



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 25 Jan: Rosary at 9.30am in church, then a cuppa together. *Join us!*

A PARISH FEAST DAY!
Tue 25 Jan: We'll celebrate the feast of the Conversion of St Paul at 5.45pm Mass, and then we'll have a supper together in the undercroft. *If you can, please bring a plate to share. Let's enjoy the fellowship!*

AUSTRALIANS ALL, LET US REJOICE!
Wed 26 Jan: Come to 5.45pm Mass to pray for the nation. *If you can, stay for Holy Hour!*

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

ANOTHER FEAST DAY!
Thu 27 Jan: We'll celebrate Holy Mass in honour of St Timothy, patron of our parish priest. *He needs all the prayers he can get!*

LOOKING AHEAD TO BIBLE STUDY
Season Three of The Chosen isn't ready yet, so we're thinking of having a 'classic' Bible study on the Tuesday evenings of Lent, starting the 8th March, with Father Tim leading us through study of either a book of the Bible, or a theme that runs through several books of the Bible (e.g.: redemption, suffering, atonement, forgiveness, etc).

Is there a particular book of the Bible that we haven't yet studied and in which you'd be interested? Or is there a special theme appropriate to Lent you'd like to probe? Let Father Tim know (his email is here).

In the lead-up to this Bible study, Father Tim will show some DVDs about biblical stories, Holy Land travelogues, etc, also on Tuesday evenings, starting the 8th February.

AND LOOKING AHEAD TO RCIA
Wed 02 Feb: We'll gather in the undercroft at 7.30pm to discuss Man & Woman: Made Little Less than the Angels! *Start spreading the word - bring your friends!*

BUILDING FUND TO DATE
TOTAL in Building Fund: $85,507.63

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

ONGOING EXPENSES
flowers - $438.33 * candles & incense - $270.66 * water (church & presbytery) - $409.23 * FORMED subscription - $1,070.09 * underground power monthly instalment - $500.00 * church insurance instalment - $2,331.13 (paid 7x/yr) * BAS (December quarter) - $600.00 * **TOTAL: $5,619.44**

A GENTLE REMINDER
The Catholic Weekly paper is not free; your contributions help the parish pay for it.

The Wisdom of the Saints: The Scriptures

What moved and stimulated me most was reading the Holy Bible, to which I have always been very strongly attracted. There were passages that impressed me so deeply that I seemed to hear a Voice telling me the message of what I was reading. - St Anthony Mary Claret

The collection of Psalms in the Scripture, composed under divine inspiration, has - from the very beginnings of the Church - shown a wonderful power of fostering devotion among Christians. - Pope St Pius X

The Psalms seem to me to be like a mirror in which one can see himself and the stirrings of his own heart. He can recite the Psalms against the background of his own emotions. - St Athanasius

How I wept when I heard Your hymns and canticles, being deeply moved by the sweet singing of Your Church. Those voices flowed into my ears, truth filtered into my heart, and from my heart surged waves of devotion. - St Augustine

Some people read the Scriptures literally, not with spiritual understanding. They have lost the light by which the Scripture was formed and proclaimed. - St Catherine of Siena

The people were all in tears as they listened to Ezra read the words of the Law.

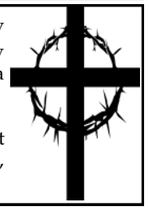
More Community News

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**

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, A Urquhart

parishioners whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Albert Budge, Hannah Wardrop, Fred Ardon, Kathleen Skeats, Clarice Day, Gerard O'Loughlin, Molly Miller, Anne Gould



Pastoral Ponderings

Top religions in Australia by % of population

Catholic	23%
Anglican	13%
Other Christians	16%
Muslim	3%
Buddhist	2%
Hindu	2%
Sikh	<1%
Jewish	<1%
Other	<1%

There was a time not too long ago when Catholics were the minority Christian group in Australia. Now we are on the top - but that brings a special responsibility: to proclaim Christ to the nation by the quality of our lives.

If we are going to live authentic Christian lives, we must be guided by God's word in Scripture. So here are six quick tips for effectively reading God's word:

*1) **Ask God for direction.** Before you open your bible, begin with a simple prayer asking God to take the wheel and direct your time in His word to reap the greatest blessing for you, and for His greater glory on earth.*

*2) **Consider your struggles, joys and needs.** Take a moment to ask God to bring to mind anything you've been struggling with, praying about, or even praising Him for. You'll be amazed how you may then turn directly to a passage that jumps off the page and directly addresses your needs.*

*3) **Start with just one verse.** Look up the daily verse on a bible app (e.g. Biblegateway.com, but there are many options available out there!) and turn to that verse in your bible. This may force you into places in God's Word you may not be inclined to visit and study. It's a great place to get started!*

*4) **Use a devotional.** The parish provides such devotionals for Advent/Christmas, and Lent/Easter; but these are simply guides TO scripture, not a replacement FOR scripture. If you use a devotional allow it to guide you to a scripture text, but then turn to your bible and read it there. You may be led to read further!*

*5) **Chunk it up!** Don't get overwhelmed, or get sidetracked or bored when you're reading the Bible. Simply 'chunk it up': read small bits and pieces. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you to a short passage. Read it, then read it again. Then, pray.*

*6) **Use SOAP!***
***S**cripture: Choose a text, and read it slowly.*
***O**bservation: What struck you about this text?*
***A**pplication: What is God saying to you?*
***P**rayer: Ask God to help you apply this text to your life. Hurray - you're reading the bible prayerfully!*