We warmly welcome you to

St Paul's Catholic Church / Mt Lawley Parish

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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 of LENT

Monday	**5.45 pm** - Mass	Lenten weekday	Brendan Fancote - *birthday*
Tuesday	**5.45 pm** - Mass	Lenten weekday	Fancote Family intentions
Wednesday	**5.45 pm** - Mass	Lenten weekday / *St Turibius of Mogrovejo, bishop*	† Sr Regina Naisbitt RNDM - *8th anniv*
Thursday	**5.45 pm** - Mass	Lenten weekday	† Marilyn Rogers - *d. 9th March in car crash*
Friday	**9.00 am** - Mass - Acacia **5.45pm** - Mass	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	† faithful departed for our grandchildren
Saturday	**10.00 am** - NO MASS		

The FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT: *Laetare Sunday*

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	X Torre T Merchant	C Ryan M Ryan	B Taylor C Moore
Acolytes	L Torre	R Novacsek	W Grzech
Altar Servers	C Colletti A & C Fanowrios	R Arulraja J Ryan J Adaikklam	V Redclift E Archer J Lugor
Musicians	A Loiacono J Pinneri	A Loiacono J Pinneri	Fr T Deeter J Pinneri
IT Operators	G Torre	*Please volunteer*	D Agostini
Counters	P Quinn B Moncrieff		

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 20/03	$	150.00
BF Direct Debit		
Pledges		970.00
Containers for Change		
TOTAL	**$**	**1,120.00**

Last Sunday's Contributions		20/03
Planned Giving	$	20.00
Online donations		680.00
Direct Debit		155.00
Loose		434.55
Catholic Weekly		31.00
Votive candles		76.50
Undercroft kitchen usage		20.00
TOTAL	**$**	**1,417.05**

Entrance Antiphon: When I prove My holiness among you, I will gather you from all the foreign lands, and I will pour clean water upon you and cleanse you from all your impurities, and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.

Communion Antiphon The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in Your House, for ever singing Your praise.

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

HOW'S YOUR LENT COMING ALONG?
All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat for those 14+ throughout the Universal Church. *Make this your best Lent ever - generously pray, fast and give alms.*

BIBLE STUDY ON HIATUS
Due to COVID limits on numbers allowed in the undercroft, we are postponing bible study until we can gather there again. *But study the Sunday Reflection Questions and daily meditations in your Remember booklets.*

PREP CLASSES ARE UNDERWAY!
Our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) meets every Wednesday in school term, 4.00 - 5.00pm at St Paul's School. *It is necessary to attend classes all year in order to qualify for admission to Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Contact* ***Sue Brown - 0403 441 525*** *- for information and enrolment.*

CHOIR PRACTICE
Mon 21 March: The Parish Choir will rehearse in church at 7.30pm.

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

RCIA / ADULT FAITH FORMATION
Wed 23 March: Meet in the undercroft at 7.30pm to discuss Carrying Jesus' Cross.

STATIONS & BENEDICTION
Fridays: start c. 6.10pm, after 5.45pm Mass.

ALTAR SERVERS: ***Please volunteer!***
Two servers are needed for Mass and the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings. *Make this part of your Lenten observance!*

BUILDING FUND TO DATE
TOTAL in Building Fund: $97,691.73

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

ONGOING EXPENSES
Water (presbytery) - $215.41 * water (church) - $211.22 * insurance monthly instalment - $2,191.00 * Gatto's (altar candles, votive candles, altar wine, charcoal, incense) - $864.20 * BAS Dec quarter - $600.00 * underground power monthly instalment - $500.00 * church air con hygiene clean - $1888.00 * undercroft air con replacement unit - $2,816.00 * **TOTAL: $7,894,87** *(income: $1,417.05)*

ANOTHER SOLEMNITY THIS WEEK!
You may excuse yourself from your Lenten penance on Friday to celebrate the Angel Gabriel's Annunciation of the Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary. *But it would be the noble thing be to come to Mass and celebrate the solemnity properly, plus pray for peace.*

The Wisdom of the Saints: Trust in Divine Providence

Father, I abandon myself into Your hands: do with me what You will. Whatever You may do, I thank You: I am ready for all, I accept all. Let only Your will be done in me, and in all Your creatures - I wish no more than this, Lord. - St Charles de Foucauld

I work here on borrowed money, a prisoner for the sake of Jesus Christ. Often my debts are so pressing that I dare not leave the house for fear of being seized by my creditors. When I see so many of my poor neighbours also suffering, pressed beyond their strength and overwhelmed with physical and mental ills which I cannot relieve, then I become very sad. But I trust in Christ, Who knows my heart. So I say this: Woe to the person who trusts in people rather than in Christ. - St John of God

The Heart of God invites us all to put Him to the test. The more He gives, the more He wants to give. He loves to see the trust that makes us continue to knock unceasingly. - Bl Placido Riccardi

When tempted to give up, I have only one thing left to do: to throw myself at the feet of the Tabernacle like a little dog at the feet of his master. - St John Vianney (patron of parish priests)

I worry until midnight. From then on, I let God do the worrying. - St Luigi Guanella

Moses, take off your shoes,
for the place on which you stand
is holy ground.
I am the God of your fathers:
I AM WHO I AM.

Praying with Children at Home

The Rosary - It can be a challenge to pray the family Rosary! Yet this has been a true mainstay of prayer in the home for many centuries. And in places and times where priests were unable to minister to their people (like Ireland during the Penal Laws, or Japan when borders were closed to all foreigners, and even here in Australia during colonial times), it was the daily gathering of the family each evening to pray the Rosary that kept the Faith alive.

But how to do it in these days when all of us (not just the children) are so dependent upon constant visual stimulation in order to maintain our attention? Some ideas:

- Our parish website has all the Mysteries of the Rosary on its livestream archive. The pictures and short scripture texts can help everyone to maintain a prayerful focus.
- Gatto's shop has some nice picture books and colouring books. Show pictures as you pray.
- Start with just one decade, and work up from there. *(More ideas next weekend.)*

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*:** Pina Fallara, Violet Cunningham, Len Watts, Mollie McNamara, Cecil Webster, Sister Regina Naisbitt RNDM, Gerard Pilkington

Pastoral Ponderings

I'm grateful to so many of you who expressed strong support for my homily about Ukraine last weekend. A number of people had no idea about the Budapest Memorandum which obliges Russia to respect the territorial sovereignty of Ukraine, and also obliges the United Nations to uphold the independence of Ukraine.

It's so important that we all accept our share in the effort to support Ukraine. The sudden rise in our petrol prices is a way in which we can actively stand by this poor people who are now suffering so much at the hands of Putin's tyranny. As I said last weekend, it's better to pay more for petrol than to send our soldiers to die far from home.

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Nevertheless, there is still more to be done. This coming Friday, 25th March, the Solemnity of the Lord's Annunciation, Pope Francis will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary - hopefully fulfilling the request made by Our Lady at Fatima in 1917.

It would be wonderful if you could come to 5.45pm Mass this Friday to join in this Solemn Act of Consecration. If you can stay for Stations of the Cross and Benediction afterwards, all the better.

"More things are wrought through prayer than this world dreams of" said Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809-1892). We who are believers should not only know this, but actively practise it by praying daily.

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Last week in the central column I gave some ideas for praying at home in the morning and evening. Today there are some ideas about praying the Rosary, with more to follow next week.

Do you ever share prayer suggestions with one another when you parents are gathering socially? It might be very worthwhile.

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I started this column by mentioning rising petrol prices. Food prices are also going up, due to the cost of transporting goods across the country - trucks and trains need fuel, too. So on it goes.

If you follow the Income and Expenses items in this parish newsletter each weekend, you can see that rising costs are a concern for the parish, too. I try not to mention this too much, but it is a very real concern for me. I worry about it, but I pray.

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This has affected our Building Project, too: finding a place for me to live when the Presbytery is torn down is hard because the rental market has exploded and rents are high. And the construction industry is suffering: some companies have folded, costs have increased, and interest rates are going up. So I pray a lot at night when I can't sleep! St Joseph, help us.