



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 FOURTH WEEK of LENT

Monday	5.45 pm - Mass	Lenten weekday	† Mario Pollio - 1 <sup>st</sup> anniv
Tuesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Lenten weekday	† Brigid Teresa Murphy - 1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary
Wednesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Lenten weekday	
Thursday	5.45 pm - Mass	Lenten weekday	
Friday	9.00 am - Mass - Acacia 5.45pm - Mass	Lenten weekday - FIRST FRIDAY	† faithful departed
Saturday	10.00 am - Mass	Lenten weekday / St Francis of Paola, hermit - FIRST SAT	

The FIFTH SUNDAY of LENT

Saturday	4.30 pm - Mass 6.00 pm - Mass		† Desmond Peter Murphy - 8 <sup>th</sup> anniversary for the parish
Sunday	9.00 am - Mass		

PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER

MINISTRY	Saturday 4.30pm	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 9.00am
Readers	L Plowman A Iacopetta	V Kurak A Tilbrook	M Tinning N Hondros
Acolytes	G Hobbs	J Pereira	D Cleary
Altar Servers	G Torre G Torre	D Jordan F Jordan	D Cadogan D Ebey
Musicians	A Loiacono The Choir	A Loiacono J Pinneri	M Peters The Choir
IT Operators	X Torre	Please volunteer	D Agostini
Counters	J Pearce F Farrington		

*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

Last Sunday's Contributions 20/03	
Planned Giving	\$ 20.00
Online donations	585.00
Direct Debit	235.00
Loose	614.00
Catholic Weekly	32.80
Votive candles	98.35
Undercroft kitchen usage	30.00
Sacramental fees	260.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,875.15</b>

**Entrance Antiphon:** Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
 Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
 exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.  
**Communion Antiphon** You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life;  
 he was lost, and is found.



**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, RCIA & YOUTH GROUP**  
 Due to COVID limits on numbers allowed in the undercroft, and also to cases of the virus popping up, with subsequent close contact situations, we are postponing bible study, RCIA and youth group until we can gather safely 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 28 March: Rehearsal 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.

**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: \$98,350.83**

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

**ONGOING EXPENSES**  
 Gatto's (altar candles, votive candles, altar wine, charcoal, incense) - \$864.20 \* under-ground power monthly instalment - \$500.00 \* **TOTAL: \$831.24**



The 'Prodigal Son' returns and suddenly the life of the fatted family calf flashes before his teary eyes. **Luke 15:11-32**

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: Edward Dwyer, Giuseppe Princi, Maria Grazia Bertone, Eileen Valentine, Ella Crilly, Ercil Williams, Irene Cogan, Alphonsus Barker, Charlie Eatt, Teresa Wallace

The Wisdom of the Saints: Joy

No one can live without delight. If a person does not seek spiritual joy, he will then seek pleasures of the flesh to fill the void. - St Thomas Aquinas

So, brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord, and not in the world. That is, rejoice in the truth, not in wickedness. Rejoice in the hope of eternal life, not in the fading flower of vanity. That is the way to rejoice! Wherever you are on earth, and for however long you remain on earth, know this: the Lord is near. So do not be anxious about anything. - St Anthony of Egypt

Melancholy is poison to spiritual devotion. If you are having difficulties in life, be happier and more joyful, because in carrying the Cross you are closer to God! - St Clare of Assisi

The soul of the person who loves God always swims in quiet joy, always keeps holiday, and is always in a mood for singing. - St John of the Cross

The person who has faith lives constantly with God. He is both serious and joyful: serious, because he is conscious of God's presence; and joyful, because he always thanks God. - St Clement of Alexandria  
 Laugh, and grow strong! - St Ignatius of Loyola



I will arise and go to my father and say, "Father, I have sinned against Heaven and against you."

Praying with Children at Home

The Rosary - In my little series of articles about prayer with children, I gave some history of the Rosary last weekend, plus some basic ideas. Here are some more:

- Don't try to get small children to pray an entire Rosary with you at home; you'll be asking for trouble! They're little! And if we adults have problems trying to remain focussed during the Rosary, why should we inflict this upon little ones.

- However, we should 'feed' the Rosary to children like we feed them their food: first, little amounts of soft stuff; then, a bit of solid food to chew on; then, a bit more.

- Mum and Dad should try to pray a Rosary together at least once in a while, but invite the children to join you. Have them pray just one decade with you, then permit them to go elsewhere in the house for some quiet activities on their own while you finish.

- After they get accustomed to one decade, ask them if they'd like to say a second one - and let them lead it! You may be surprised.

Pastoral Ponderings

It's hard to believe that March will end and April will begin this week. Time flies!

But with a new month come more opportunities to grow in prayer during Lent. This weekend we will have **First Friday** (Masses at 9am Acacia, 5.45pm in church) and **First Saturday** (Rosary at 9.35am, Mass at 10.00am).

Have you made the Nine First Fridays and the Five First Saturdays at least once in your life? If not, why not start one of these devotions this very weekend? It won't hurt, and it can only help.

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Thank you to everyone who came to the special Holy Hour this past Friday evening from 11.00pm to 12 midnight, as we joined the Holy Father who at that same hour in Rome pronounced the **Consecration of Russia and Ukraine** to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. At last it has been done!

Some say previous popes (Pius XII, Paul VI, John Paul II) had made the Consecration. Alas, although they said public prayers of Consecration, Russia was not singled out, but 'lumped in' with all the other nations of the world.

Now some say that by linking Ukraine to Russia, the Consecration is similarly invalid. But we must remember this: in 1917, when Our Lady made her request to consecrate Russia to her Immaculate Heart, the Ukraine was only a region of Russia and not an independent nation (hence, 'the Ukraine').

So by consecrating Russia and Ukraine together, the Holy Father is remaining faithful to the original intention of Our Lady. And how appropriate in our day, when Russia and Ukraine are at war with one another. May this Act of Consecration hasten the day of peace for all, especially Russia and Ukraine.

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I know some people don't like to pray the **Rosary**. They find it boring, repetitive, mind-numbing - or all of the above.

Let me first say this: name for me a saint in the past millennium who did not pray the Rosary. You can't! And the Saints were human beings just like us. But they knew how to pray.

Until the past fifty years or so, people were much more accustomed to silence, to sitting still, to being able to reflect by simply resting or taking a walk outdoors. The Rosary requires quiet reflection.

Today, we are always 'on the go'. Even when we are home on our own, or alone in the car, we have to be 'switched on' - the TV, the radio, the earbuds or whatever - we crave noise. Even when we go to bed, some of us have to have 'white noise' to sleep.

Think about this, good people. To pray the Rosary profitably requires quiet, stillness, and reflection. The problem isn't the Rosary - the problem is us.

