



We warmly welcome you to
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 SIXTEENTH WEEK in ORDINARY TIME

Monday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	† Ed & Virginia Deeter
Tuesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Wednesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday / St Apollinaris, bishop & martyr	
Thursday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday / St Lawrence of Brindisi, priest & doctor	
Friday	9.00 am - Mass - Acacia 5.45pm - Mass	ST MARY MAGDALENE, Apostle to the Apostles	† faithful departed † Joan Geraldine O'Callaghan - 8 th anniv
Saturday	10.00 am - NO MASS	Weekday/ St Bridget of Sweden, religious	

The SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	4.30 pm - Mass 6.00 pm - Mass	for the parish † Jenny Marshall - 6 th anniversary
Sunday	9.00 am - Mass	

PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER

MINISTRY	Saturday 4.30pm	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 9.00am
Readers	M Bowden-Jones T Merchant	C Ryan M Ryan	M Davila N Hondros
Acolytes	W Grzech	R Novacsek	D Cleary
Altar Servers	N Bowden-Jones J Hehir C Colletti	V Horgan H Miles N Adshead	E Crock M Crock D Ebey
Musicians	A Loiacono T Murphy-Jelley	A Loiacono T Murphy-Jelley	Fr T Deeter T Murphy-Jelley
IT Operators	S Gregory	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 10/07	
Planned Giving	\$ 30.00
Online donations	1,200.00
Direct Debit	260.00
Loose	575.10
Catholic Weekly	25.20
Votive candles	67.75
Interest received	0.17
TOTAL	\$ 2,158.05

Entrance Antiphon: See: I have God for my help! The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to You with willing heart, and praise Your Name, O Lord, for it is good.
Communion Antiphon: Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord.
If anyone hears My voice and opens the door to Me,
I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with Me.



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	TBA	
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

WELCOME BACK, THEO!
Our good friend and Principal Cantor, **Theodore Murphy-Jelley**, is back with us for the next six weeks or so, taking a break from his studies at the Royal Northern College of Music (School of Vocal Studies and Opera) in Manchester, UK, where he is pursuing studies toward his second master's degree. *It's great to have him back.*

REMINDERS: First Holy Communion
Wed 27 July: PREP classes resume, 4 to 5pm in the school, for all students
Thu 28 July: Parent-Candidate workshop: 6.30 to 7.30pm in the school hall
Thu 04 Aug: Parents-only meeting with Fr Tim: 6.30 to 7.30pm in the church

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

RCIA / FAITH FORMATION
Wed 20 July: Grow in knowledge of your Faith! This week's topic: I Believe in the Communion of Saints. All are welcome - 7.30pm in the undercroft. (Are the holy souls in Heaven receiving Holy Communion? Exactly what is 'the communion of saints?')

ST PAUL'S YOUTH MINISTRY
Sat 23 July: Join our youth and their adult leaders for a fun night of bowling (and eating!). We'll first attend the Saturday 4.30pm Mass, and then move on to Zone Bowling in Morley. *More details to come.*

BUILDING FUND TO DATE
TOTAL in Building Fund: \$131,253.41
BUILDING FUND PLEDGES
Please note your bank reference like this:
Your surname - Pledge.

ONGOING EXPENSES
candles - \$188.50 * altar wine - \$24.00 * flowers (Apr-June) - \$2,424.77 * internet & phone - \$103.64 * One License (copyright for hymns) - \$650.00 * fire equipment inspection - \$74.47 * **TOTAL - \$3,465.38**

CELEBRATE with CATHOLIC MISSION
Fri 22 July: Join with others in celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the Founding of The Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith (Catholic Mission), 9.30am - 2.00pm at The Spirituality Hub at Holy Family Church, 27 Capel St, Kirup. *There will be reflections on the life and Eucharistic spirituality of Blessed Pauline Jaricot, founder of Catholic Mission as well as of the Living Rosary movement, followed by Holy Mass. Info: Deborah Robertson - 0419 939 864; bunbury.director@catholicmission.org.au*

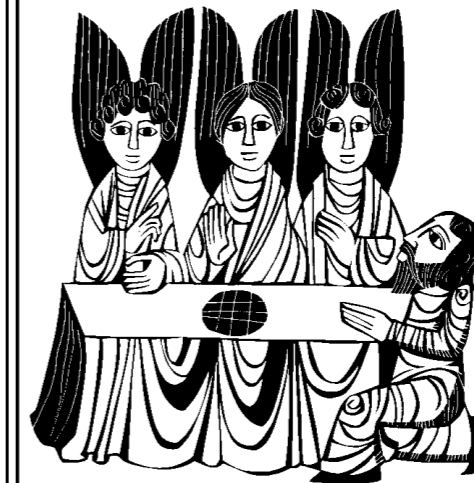


Please pray for parishioners who are unwell: Gerard Leahy, Tony Bonavita, Billy Francis, Terry Merchant, Blanche Pereira, Lori & Tony Valerio, Rebecca Webster, Thomas Mazza, Thelma Hannigan, Franceska Fairclough, Joseph Yap, Thomas Chong, Rhiana Powell

parishioners whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Sheila Hollier, Julia Bray, Barry Chidlow, Bernard Long, Ivy Mason, Dominica Mahony, Eldred Smith, Harry Harding

The Wisdom of the Saints: Human Nature

People travel abroad to marvel at the height of mountains, at the huge waves of the sea, at the long courses of the rivers, at the vast compass of the ocean, at the circular motion of the stars - but then they pass themselves by without marvelling! - St Augustine
It is not possible for all things to be perfect, unless all people were perfect, which I think will not occur for many, many years! - St Thomas More
Now to bring humanity into being - to make living and rational creatures with their bones, muscles, veins, and all the rest, out of nothing, that is, which had never existed before - I think this task of creation was far harder and more incredible than to restore human beings to eternal life after they had been re-dissolved into nothing into the earth. - St Irenaeus
How can I discipline this body of mine? How can I judge him? Before I can manage to bind him, I set him loose. Before I can condemn him, I am reconciled to him. Before I can punish him, I feel sorry for him. How can I hate him, when my human nature persuades me to love him? How can I escape from him, when he is going to rise with me? - St John Climacus



Abraham, I will visit you again next year without fail, and your wife Sarah will then have a son.

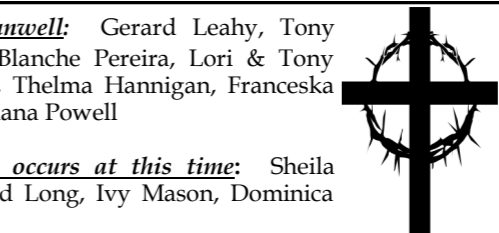
A Short Meditation
from The Imitation of Christ
by Thomas a Kempis (1379-1471)

What good does it do to debate about the Trinity, if you are displeasing to the Trinity by a lack of humility. Truly, lofty words do not make a person holy and just; a virtuous life makes one dear to God.

I would much rather feel deep sorrow for my sins than be able to define a theological description of sin.

If you knew the entire Bible by heart, and the sayings of all the philosophers, what good would it all be without God's love and grace?

Vanity of vanities: all is vanity, except to love God and serve Him alone. The highest wisdom is to love the world, not for its own sake, but for God's, and to direct all your effort toward gaining the Kingdom of Heaven.



Pastoral Ponderings

I received an email from The Catholic Company this week. In addition to selling various books and other religious items, they provide short articles every day to help people learn more about the Catholic faith. This one asked, "What is the oldest Marian hymn?" All of us should know this, because we have been saying this prayer at the close of every Mass since the pandemic began in March 2020:

We fly to thy protection,
O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and Blessed Virgin!

*Catholics have been singing or saying this antiphon for centuries. But it was only in 1917 that a small fragment of Egyptian papyrus was discovered stored away in the John Rylands Library in Manchester UK. This fragment contained the prayer to Our Blessed Mother that is known in Latin as **Sub Tuum Praesidium**.*

The fragment is in Greek, and it dates from around 250 AD. This is the date of the fragment, but the text itself is probably much older. There are likely other ancient hymns and prayers that have not yet been discovered.

This hymn has always been sung during the Liturgy of Christmas in the Coptic (Egyptian) Church, but it quickly spread throughout the then-known world.

When I was Director of Music at the Cathedral, we sang a musical version of this text; perhaps I'll have the parish choir sing it for you sometime.

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Another interesting fact about this text: the fact that it hails Mary as "O Holy Mother of God" shows that this title was applied to her long before she officially received it at the Council of Ephesus in 431 AD.

In the Roman catacombs, one can see these Greek words written on walls in numerous places: Chaire, Maria! which means, Hail, Mary!

We can see, then that devotion to Our Lady dates back to the very earliest centuries of the Church.

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*Mentioning the Council of Ephesus reminds me of the **Plenary Council of Australia**, concluded just last weekend. I wrote about this a bit last weekend, and I told you I'd give further reflections today, but I'm awaiting a finalised copy of the Council's decisions.*

But from what I've read, there isn't a lot that will affect our parish - it's mostly about governance, climate change (!), gender issues (!), and other topics that give me heartburn. I need a nap now!