



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 FIRST WEEK of ADVENT

Monday	5.45 pm - Mass	Advent Monday	for a successful job application
Tuesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Advent Tuesday	† Marise Wilson - 3 rd anniversary
Wednesday	5.45 pm - Mass	ST ANDREW, <i>Apostle & Martyr</i>	for success in university exams
Thursday	5.45 pm - Mass	Advent Thursday	for good health & Divine protection
Friday	9.00 am - Mass - Acacia 5.45 pm - Mass	Advent Friday - FIRST FRIDAY	† faithful departed † Wassilli Skworzow - anniversary
Saturday	10.00 am - Mass	St Francis Xavier, <i>priest</i> - FIRST SATURDAY	Our Lady's intentions

The FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT

Saturday	4.30 pm - Mass 6.00 pm - Mass	for the parish † Perry Pereira - anniversary
Sunday	9.00 am - Mass	for the people & Government of Ukraine

PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER

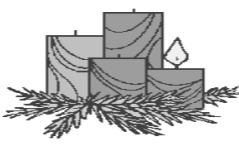
MINISTRY	Saturday 4.30pm	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 9.00am
Readers	T Merchant L Plowman	E Gregory A Tilbrook	B Taylor J Sluchniak
Acolytes	G Hobbs	J Pereira	D Cleary
Altar Servers	S Guelfi G & G Torre	V Horgan D & I Blinco	V Redclift D Cadogan
Musicians	A Loiacono J Pinneri	A Loiacono J Pinneri	Fr T Deeter J Pinneri
IT Operators	G Torre	Please volunteer	D Agostini
Counters	P Jordan M Jordan		

Thank You

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 20/11	
Planned Giving	\$ 40.00
Direct Debit	734.62
Loose	793.80
Catholic Weekly	20.00
Votive candles	89.50
Columban calendars	42.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,719.92

Entrance Antiphon: To You I lift up my soul, O my God. In You I have trusted:
 let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies exult over me,
 and let none who hope in You be put to shame.



Communion Antiphon: The Lord will bestow His bounty,
 and our earth shall yield its increase.

Liturgical Ministries			Parish Ministries & Activities		
Acolytes	Wojciech Grzech	0411 551 213	Finance Committee	TBA	
Altar Linen	Lori Valerio * Maria Odorisio		Planned Giving	Andrew Vajda	9275 9328
Altar Servers	Lilian Bellandi	0412 980 261	St Paul's Primary School	Peter Merry, <i>Principal</i>	9462 6000
Collectors & Counters	Andrew Vajda	9275 9328	RCIA	Fr Tim Deeter	9271 5253
Extraordinary Ministers	Simon Hehir	043 778 6023	St Paul's Youth Ministry	Mark & Linley	0407 383 914
Flowers	Jasmin Biagioni	0411 123 575	Parish Social Committee	Ingrid Vajda	9275 9328
Liturgy Committee	TBA		Sunday Morning Tea	School P&F mothers	9462 6000
Music - Sun 9am Mass	Fr Tim Deeter	9271 5253	Bible Study	Fr Tim / Fr Mariusz	9271 5253
Music - Sat 4.30pm & 6.00pm	Alessio Loiacono	0466 461 892	PREP Co-ordinator	Susan Brown	0403 441 525
Readers	Genevieve Saldanha	0405 806 848	Safeguarding Officer	Stephen Cain	0418 515 889
Acacia Residence Chapel	Judith Paxman	9262 8533	Safeguarding Officer	Linley Plowman	0407 383 914
Sacristan	David Cleary	9272 5114	St Vincent de Paul Society	Peter Quinn	9375 1024

Community News

CHRISTMAS MASS BOOKINGS
 Reserve your seats for Christmas Masses:
 ♦ Sat 24th December: 4.30pm & 6.00pm
 ♦ Midnight Mass (choir carols 11.30pm)
 ♦ Sun 25th December: 9.00am
 To reserve seats, go to:
www.trybooking.com/CEFGC

2023 PARISH MASS DIARY IS OPEN
 Please book in advance birth, wedding & death anniversary Masses.

A ROSARY FOR OUR CHILDREN
 Tue 9.30am - Rosary & Litany in church, followed by morning tea on the veranda.

BIBLE STUDY: From No Hope to Hope
 Tuesdays, 7.30 - 9.00pm. This week we will continue studying Jesus' teachings about death & eternal life. Join us in the undercroft.

HOLY HOUR & ST JOSEPH DEVOTION
 Every Wednesday: Adoration 6.15 - 7.15pm; confessions; simple Benediction.

RCIA / FAITH FORMATION
 Wednesdays, 7.30-9pm. This week: The Eucharist - The Supper of the Lamb.

PARISH RETREAT AT NEW NORCIA
 Apr 14-16: We're at capacity now (24), so bookings are closed.

BUILDING FUND TO DATE
TOTAL in Building Fund: \$144,923.81
BUILDING FUND PLEDGES
 Please note your bank reference like this:
 Your surname - Pledge.

ONGOING EXPENSES
 Archdiocesan assessment - \$2,000.00 * altar wine - \$24.00 * candles - \$179.60 * bulletin covers - \$101.00 * underground power - \$500.00 * Catholic Weekly - \$236.50 *
TOTAL - \$3,439.30

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL
Hampers are distributed to families in our local area to help provide a happy Christmas to those in need. A list of suggested items is posted in the porch. Leave your items in the basket or on the floor near the Offertory table behind the last pew.

You can also donate **vouchers** from Coles/Woolworths/IGA (food only) so that people can have the enjoyment & dignity of purchasing preferred perishable items.

Archdiocesan News

YOUNG SALESIANS SUMMER CAMP
 9-13 Jan 2023 for 11½ - 15 yrs old at Nanga Bush Camp, Murray River, Dwellingup. Info in the porch; \$260 if paid before 18 Nov; \$280 after that; \$300 after 16 Dec. Bus there & back from St Joachim's Church in Victoria Park. **Graham:** 0418 979 600

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, Thomas Chong, Rhiana Powell
parishioners whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Patrick McGinnity, George Miller, Monica Caplice, Ida Gianatti, Zofia Czajka, Terry Lonergan, Giuseppe Di Nardo, Sarah Hart, Jim Abbott, Tom McIntyre, Jim Hall, Perry Pereira, Edda Montini, John Brophy

The Wisdom of the Saints: The Incarnation

Christ did not mystically pass through the body of the Virgin Mary as through a channel. No, He truly took our flesh, and He was truly fed with milk from her. He truly ate as we eat and drank as we drink. For if the Incarnation was a figment, then our salvation is a figment. - St Cyril of Jerusalem
 Invisible in His own divine nature, Christ became visible in our human nature. Beyond our grasp as God, He chose to come within our grasp as an infant. Existing before time began, He began to exist at a moment in time. Incapable of suffering as God, He did not refuse to become a man, capable of suffering. Immortal, He chose to be subject to the laws of death. - Pope St Leo the Great

Christ is born so that by His birth He might restore our human nature. He became a child, was fed, and grew so that He might inaugurate His perfect Kingdom where we can live forever as He meant us to live. He supports us so that we may no longer fall. And man, formed out of the earth, is now made heavenly. - St Peter Chrysologus

Christ submitted Himself to cold and heat, hunger and thirst. He concealed His power, so that He could teach us weak mortals how to bear our tribulations with patience. - Bl Angela of Foligno



If you knew when the burglar was going to break in, you'd stay awake. So be on alert: the Son of Man is coming at an hour you don't expect.

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

Don't take pride in your possessions, nor in your friends who may be powerful and influential. Instead, take pride in God, Who gives us all things, and Who wants above all to give us Himself.

Do not brag about the good condition or beauty of your body, which a little sickness can spoil and disfigure. Do not be overly pleased about your own abilities or talents, lest you displease God, from Whom comes the sum total of whatever good you have.

Don't think that you are better than other people, lest you appear worse in God's eyes. God knows what we are. Don't be proud of your good deeds, for God's judgements differ from ours, and He is often displeased by what pleases us.

Pastoral Ponderings

Another **Advent** begins! Although secular society has been pushing Christmas for some time now on television and in the shops, we will now focus on our spiritual celebration of Our Lord's coming:

- ♦ 2000 years ago in Bethlehem
 - ♦ on the day of our own death
 - ♦ and on the Last Day, when He comes again.
- The purple vestments and the lighting of the Advent wreath will mark our liturgies over these next weeks. Singing "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" will be our expression of longing for Christ to come.

We badly need **Christ** to come to us. Our world, of course, is continually lurching from one crisis to another. If our leaders, instead of holding countless summit meetings, would simply call everyone to pray for peace, imagine what the result might be. But, as we are reminded in The Imitation, over-dependence on our own abilities and efforts while ignoring God is always counter-productive. During this Advent, let's all ask Jesus to pierce through our darkness and enlighten us with His peace.

Eleven of us priests gathered at Belmont Parish this past Thursday for our usual monthly meeting of prayer and discussion - and we also celebrated **Thanksgiving Day**, which we do annually. As always, I baked pumpkin pie and cornbread muffins.

We priests constantly remember you, our people, in our prayers. Please do the same for us.

As announced last weekend, **beginning today:**

- ♦ holy water is restored to the doorway fonts
- ♦ the offerings of bread and wine will be brought to the altar at the Offertory

However, we will wait (a while!) before restoring Communion from the common chalice. Likewise, we will postpone exchanging the Sign of Peace.

This year's Lessons & Carols service will be held on Sunday 11th December at 7.00pm, with a supper afterwards. **Sister Kathy Kettle RSM**, who is visiting us this weekend to speak to us about her work with Aid to the Church in Need, will also be our guest speaker at Lessons & Carols.. Please save the date, and invite your friends.

Father Mariusz has trained eight new altar servers and seven new acolytes. And he's our liaison with the City of Stirling as well as the Archdiocese about our building project and financial matters. So he needs a bit of rest, and will be on a well-earned break this week (back next weekend). Let's pray for him.

