



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 SECOND WEEK of ADVENT

Monday	5.45 pm - Mass	Advent Monday	Fancote Family intentions
Tuesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Advent Tuesday / St Nicholas, bishop	
Wednesday	5.45 pm - Mass	St Ambrose of Milan, bishop & doctor of the Church	
Thursday	5.45 pm - Mass	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY	†Laurie Smith - 9 th anniversary
Friday	9.00 am - Mass - Acacia 5.45 pm - Mass	Advent Friday / St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin, hermit	† faithful departed † Jerome Gonzalez - recently departed
Saturday	10.00 am - NO MASS	Advent Saturday / Our Lady of Loreto	

The THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT: *Gaudete (Rejoice!) 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	L D'Orsogna X Torre	V Kurak M Ryan	A Troy M Davila
Acolytes	L Torre	R Novacsek	W Grzech
Altar Servers	A & C Fanowrios C Colletti	J Adaikklam R Arulraja	E & M Crock E Ebey
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		

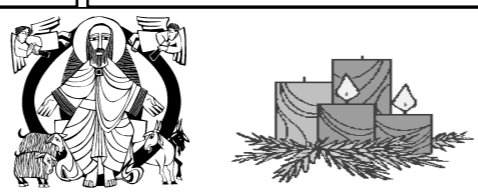
Thank You

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 27/11	
Planned Giving	\$ 1,075.00
Direct Debit	730.70
Loose	88.28
Tap and Go	15.00
Catholic Weekly	91.05
Votive candles	39.00
Columban calendars	
TOTAL	\$ 2,039.03

Entrance Antiphon: Your ways, O Lord, are close, and all Your ways are truth.
From old I have known Your decrees, for You are eternal.

Communion Antiphon: Let us live justly and devoutly in this age,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of the glory of our great God.



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	Peter Merry, 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
Safeguarding Officer	Stephen Cain	0418 515 889
Safeguarding Officer	Linley Plowman	0407 383 914
St Vincent de Paul Society	Peter Quinn	9375 1024

Community News

FLOWERS FOR OUR LADY & ST PAUL
 Kindly donated this week by Mary Scolaro.

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.

BIBLE STUDY: From No Hope to Hope
 Tuesdays, 7.30 - 9.00pm. This week we will study early Christian beliefs 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: How Real Is the Real Presence?

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
 Thursday 5.45pm: Come to Holy Mass to thank God for giving us Mary to help us.

BUILDING FUND TO DATE
TOTAL in Building Fund: \$146,826.21
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 * presbytery A/C service - \$398.20 * sound system upgrade - \$2,760.00 * lawn mowing - \$40.00 ***TOTAL - \$5,502.80**

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 near 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: Matthew Skeats, Mary Giles, Domenico Liva, Irene Dornan, Cecily Laurence, Mick Cogan, Alice Keane, Susan McKenna, Len Harty Jnr, Alice Barnard, Eric Hawtin, Edmund Pemberton, Patricia Burns

The Wisdom of the Saints: Prayer

For me, prayer means launching out my heart towards God. It means, quite simply, lifting up my eyes to Heaven with a cry from my heart - either a cry of grateful love resulting from joy, or a cry of desperation from the trough of despair. Prayer is a vast, supernatural force which opens my heart wide and binds me closely to Jesus. - St Thérèse of Lisieux

When I pray, I don't say anything at all. I just sit in church and look at the good God in the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle, and He looks back at me. - an old peasant of Ars, France

After I enter the chapel, I put myself in the presence of God and I say, "Lord, here I am. Give me whatever you want to give me." If He gives me something, I'm happy, and I thank Him. If He does not give me anything, I still thank Him, because I really don't deserve much. Then I start telling Him about my worries, my joys, my thoughts, my sorrows. And finally, I listen to Him. - St Catherine Labouré

Souls without prayer are like people whose arms and legs are paralysed. They have hands and feet, but they can't control them. In the same way, souls that are so weak because they are too busy with affairs of the world find it difficult to enter a quiet state of prayer. - St Teresa of Avila



I baptise you with water,
 but He will baptise you
 with the Holy Spirit & fire!

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

Ch. 7 (end): If you have any good qualities, believe that other people have better ones. By doing so, you will retain your humility.

It does you no harm if you place yourself beneath everyone else. But it does you great harm if you place yourself above even one other person. A humble person is always at peace, but a proud person carries a heart filled with envy and resentment.
Ch. 8: Don't open your heart to everyone, but discuss your private concerns with a person who is wise and who reveres God.

Do not spend much time with strangers; instead, develop the friendships you have, especially with those who are older and wiser than you are. Do not flatter the rich, and do not be eager to be seen with important people. Rather, be with the humble and simple, with the devout and the obedient, and talk about those things which will help you to become more holy.

Pastoral Ponderings

Are you using your copy of **Incarnate**? There are still a few copies available on the table by the side door.

With this little booklet in your handbag or pocket, or on your kitchen table or bedside table or desk, you can follow the liturgical seasons of Advent and Christmastide and take a five-minute break for reflection & prayer.

None of us here (including me) are called by God to be monks. But we are all called to be people of prayer. And it's often good to have a help to our prayer, a way to focus, a means of guiding our thoughts so that we don't simply drift off into mindless distraction, but actually think about a few things and then speak to God about those things, in our own words.

Advent is a good time to re-focus on prayer. It's not a season like Lent, when we focus on acts of penance and sacrifice. No, Advent is a quiet time before Christmas, inviting us to focus on the great mysteries first revealed to Mary and Joseph.

I think of Mary in her home, or walking in the fields around Nazareth, quietly thinking about what the Angel Gabriel had said to her. And I think of Joseph, working at some project of carpentry, quietly thinking about what God was asking of him and how he could do it.

God has a message for each one of us, too. But He only speaks when we are quiet enough to listen.

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Today's reflection from The Imitation asks us to be humble. As I've told you time and time again, the first two steps on the road to holiness are humility and obedience.

We are fortunate to have in our school community many good parents who want the best for their own children, but who also support the work of the staff to give the best education we can to all of our kids.

Unfortunately, there are those few who think the school should revolve entirely around their own kids and their own needs. They rarely have anything good to say about the school or the staff, but are quick to offer a complaint or a criticism.

These are the parents who feel 'entitled': they are self-important, focussed on material possessions and social advancement, and - interestingly enough - they do not come to Mass. No, they are too busy for that. The rules do not apply to them. And they also have plenty of negative things to say about me, too.

Poor people! In their desire to get their own way in the school and become the 'movers and shakers' in the community, they are walking out of the Light and into the darkness of their own hard hearts. We must pray for them, that they will be more humble.

