



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 ADVENT

Monday	5.45 pm - Mass	Our Lady of Guadalupe	for our grandchildren
Tuesday	5.45 pm - Mass	St Lucy, virgin & martyr	
Wednesday	5.45 pm - Mass	St John of the Cross, priest & doctor of the Church	
Thursday	5.45 pm - Mass	Advent Thursday	
Friday	9.00 am - Mass - Acacia 5.45 pm - Mass	Advent Friday	† faithful departed
Saturday	10.00 am - NO MASS	LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY	

The FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT

Saturday	4.30 pm - Mass 6.00 pm - Mass		for the parish
Sunday	9.00 am - Mass		† Francesco & Carmela Mazzella - anniv's

PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER

MINISTRY	Saturday 4.30pm	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 9.00am
Readers	T Merchant L Plowman	M Ryan E Gregory	N Hondros K Hondros
Acolytes	G Hobbs	J Pereira	D Cleary
Altar Servers	E & J Chatzimichail J Hehir	J Ryan H Miles N Adshead	E Archer N Yap
Musicians	A Loiacono J Pinneri	A Loiacono J Pinneri	Fr T Deeter E Foley
IT Operators	G Torre	Please volunteer	D Agostini
Counters	F Farrington J Pearce		

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 04/12		TOTAL	
Planned Giving	\$ 80.00		
Direct Debit	1,323.76		
Loose	785.30		
Tap and Go	122.62		
Catholic Weekly	33.25		
Votive candles	94.35		
Columban calendars	20.00		
Music donation	30.00		
TOTAL	\$ 2,700.20	TOTAL	\$ 2,489.28

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice in the Lord always!
 Again I say: rejoice!
 Indeed, the Lord is near.

Communion Antiphon: Say to the faint of heart: be strong, and do not fear.
 Behold: our God will come, and He will save us.



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.

A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS
 Sunday, 7.00pm. Join our reflection, in scripture and song, on the wondrous story of our salvation. Our parish choir, string consort & trumpeter will provide beautiful music to inspire us. A supper will follow.

BIBLE STUDY: From No Hope to Hope
 Tuesdays, 7.30 - 9.00pm. This week we will conclude our study, plus view a film about Holy Land sites connected with the Christmas Gospel. Join us in the undercroft.

ROSARY GROUP
 Tue 9.30am. Join us in church for Rosary & Litany, followed by morning tea.

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? (cont.)

BUILDING FUND TO DATE
TOTAL in Building Fund: \$149,712.21

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

ONGOING EXPENSES
 Archdiocesan assessment - \$2,000.00 *
 candles - \$80.00 * bulletin covers - \$303.00 *
 presbytery A/C service - \$398.20 * sound system - \$2,760.00 * **TOTAL - \$5,646.21**

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.

Or donate Coles/Woolies/IGA **vouchers** (food only) to give people the enjoyment & dignity of purchasing preferred food items.

ADVENT APPEAL FOR UKRAINE
 Archbishop Costelloe asks us to join with the other Dioceses of Australia in making a special sacrificial gift for the Ukrainian people. So there will be a special leaving collection at the Masses 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, Thomas Chong, Rhiana Powell

parishioners whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Mark Foley, Kevin Kelly, Mary Mollie Quinn, John Taylor, James Sutherland, Joan Foley, Doreen Stewart, Carmela Vizzari, Mary Hope

The Wisdom of the Saints: Joy

Leave sadness to those who live focussed only on the things of this world. We who work for God should be light-hearted. - St Leonard of Port Maurice

Be merry - really merry! The life of a true Christian should be a perpetual jubilee, a prelude to the festivals of eternity. - Bl Theophane Venard

Completely abandon yourself to the love of God, and in this way you will become truly happy. - Bl Henry Suso

Melancholy is the poison of devotion. When you are in tribulation, you need to be more happy and more joyful, because when we are in tribulation we are closer to God. - St Clare of Assisi

The person who loves God is always swimming in joy, always on holiday, and always in a mood for singing. - St John of the Cross

All the saints, and Our Lord Himself, assure us that the devout life is a life that is sweet, happy and lovable. - St Francis de Sales

Happiness is the natural way human beings are supposed to live. - St Thomas Aquinas



Think of how patiently
 a farmer waits for the rain.
 You, too, must be patient.
 Do not lose heart -
 the Lord is coming soon!

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

Ch. 8 (cont): We should have a great love for everyone, but intimacy sometimes gets in the way of our spiritual development.

Sometimes it happens that a stranger shines from a good reputation, but when we meet him, he falls far short of what we expected. Sometimes we intend to please others by our own company, and instead we displease them by the shortcomings they see in us.

Ch. 9: It is true that we all want to do as we please, and we like best people who agree with us. But if God is among us, sometimes it is necessary to give up our own way of thinking for the sake of peace.

Who is so wise that he can understand everything?

Pastoral Ponderings

When I received the letter from the Archbishop, asking for a special offering for **Ukraine**, at first I was a bit hesitant to even mention it to you.

After all, you have financial hardships of your own, with increased costs of food, petrol, electricity, and other things - a lot of it due to the war going on in Ukraine!

And then the **Reserve Bank** has not so kindly seen fit to raise interest rates again, despite a promise that there wouldn't be an increase until 2024. What can we do? Mortgage rates, credit card rates, everything is going up.

As I mentioned earlier, our insurance payments are being increased 15% to offset claims made by people in the Eastern states, suffering from **floods and fires** again this year.

And, despite all of this, you have done exceedingly well in making your contributions to the parish, presbytery and building funds. God bless you for your generosity, good people of St Paul's.

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And now this: another request for sacrificial giving, this time to Ukraine. But oh, how those people are suffering. They are entering a very cold winter, many of them without heat, power or water. Think of their children and their old people. Think of how their homes, hospitals, schools and churches have been bombed into ruins. They are truly suffering.

Remember what Our Lord said as He watched people making their contributions to the Temple. Most people were giving out of their surplus, He said - money that they could spare. But the widow who gave only two small coins actually gave more than the others. Why? Because she gave from her own need. Jesus says, "She gave all that she had."

Please: bring cash or your chequebook, and make a sacrificial gift to God's suffering people in Ukraine next weekend. We'll have a basket by the doors.

I ask you to encourage even your children to help in this special Advent offering. Their coins, given out of love for Ukrainian children, will be especially pleasing to the Christ Child.

Keep in mind Our Lord's words: "The amount you measure out is the amount you will be given in return." God bless you for your gifts to the poor.

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Chisholm Catholic College sent us a \$2,000.00 gift for our parish Building Fund. It's the second time they have done this. See how good God is!

I highly recommend Chisholm. It offers a very fine education - test scores are much higher than Trinity, Aquinas or Mercedes! And their religious education program is absolutely excellent. Finally, their fees are **half** the price of the other colleges.

