



We warmly welcome you to  
**St Paul's Catholic Church / Mt Lawley Parish**

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Gillian Theobald, Parish Secretary



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 ADVENT

<b>Monday</b>	5.45 pm - Mass	Late Advent weekday	† Wendy Hull-Deane - recently departed
<b>Tuesday</b>	5.45 pm - Mass	Late Advent weekday	Brennan Family intentions
<b>Wednesday</b>	5.45 pm - Mass	Late Advent weekday / St Peter Canisius, priest & dr	Nee Family intentions
<b>Thursday</b>	5.45 pm - Mass	Late Advent weekday	Fancote Family intentions
<b>Friday</b>	9.00 am - Mass - Acacia 5.45 pm - Mass	Late Advent weekday / St John of Kanty, priest	† faithful departed † Holy Souls in Purgatory
<b>Saturday</b>	10.00 am - Mass	The Conclusion of Advent	Mannix & Faranak Egede - merciful journey

The NATIVITY of the LORD

<b>Saturday</b>	4.30 pm - Mass 6.00 pm - Mass	† Ed & Virginia, Dennis & Kevin Deeter
<b>Sunday</b>	12.00 mid - Midnight Mass 9.00 am - Mass	for the parish

MINISTRY	Saturday 4.30pm	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 9.00am
Readers	L D'Orsogna X Torre	A Tilbrook V Kurak	G Saldanha L Bellandi
Acolytes	L Torre	R Novacsek	W Grzech
Altar Servers	S Guelfi G Torre C Odorisio	T & S Clare A Munro	G Duncan S Duncan
Musicians	A Loiacono J Pinneri	A Loiacono J Pinneri	Fr T Deeter J Pinneri
IT Operators	G Torre	Please volunteer	D Agostini
Counters	A Valerio L Valerio		

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  
**Direct Debit:** Make arrangements with your bank to make regular deposits

*Thank You*

Last Sunday's Contributions		11/12
Building Fund 11/12	\$	232.00
BF Direct Debit		400.00
Pledges		540.00
Containers for Change		4.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,176.50</b>

Planned Giving	\$	40.00
Direct Debit		1,028.66
Loose		754.10
Tap and Go		130.00
Catholic Weekly		26.00
Votive candles		142.40
Columban calendars		40.10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,161.26</b>

**Entrance Antiphon:** Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One. Let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.  
**Communion Antiphon:** Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and His Name will be called Emmanuel.



**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**  
 Kindly donated this week by Ingrid Vajda.  
**CHRISTMAS MASS BOOKINGS**  
 Reserve your seats for Christmas Masses:  
 ♦ Midnight Mass (choir carols 11.30pm)  
 ♦ Sun 25<sup>th</sup> December: 9.00am  
 (Christmas Eve is full.) To reserve seats, go to:  
[www.trybooking.com/CEFGC](http://www.trybooking.com/CEFGC)

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR PRIESTS**  
 Special envelopes are available by the doors for you to use, if you wish, for any gifts to our two priests for Christmas. They can be deposited into either of the boxes and will be given directly to the priests.

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

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

**CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS**  
 Th 22 Dec: 6.15 - 7.30pm: four priests will be available to hear confessions. No service - just choose a confessor & receive God's grace.

**THE CONCLUSION OF ADVENT**  
 Sat 24 Dec: 10.00am Mass to bring Advent to a conclusion. This is not a Christmas Mass

**BUILDING FUND TO DATE**  
**TOTAL in Building Fund: \$151,170.71**  
**BUILDING FUND PLEDGES**  
 Please note your bank reference like this:  
 Your surname - Pledge.

**ONGOING EXPENSES**  
 Archdiocesan assessment - \$2,000.00 \*  
 bulletin covers - \$303.00 \* presbytery A/C  
 service - \$398.20 \* Catholic Weekly -  
 \$189.10 \* workers comp insurance -  
 \$1,013.98 \* **TOTAL - \$4,009.39**

**SPECIAL DONATIONS**  
 Lessons & Carols - \$490.00 \* Tap & Go for  
 L&C - \$20.00 \* flowers - \$100.00 \* Rosary  
 group morning tea - \$200.00 \* special extra  
 donation - \$500.00 \* **TOTAL - \$1,610.00**

**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 this 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: Vivian Hawtin, John Ferrari, Mario Papalia, Francis Knuckey, Rose Goss, Bertha McDermott, Con Migro Snr, James Byrne, Robert Hearne

The Wisdom of the Saints: St Augustine on Christmas

So that we might journey more trustfully toward the truth, the Truth Itself - the Son of God - assumed our human nature, and established and founded our Christian faith.  
 Nothing was so necessary for raising our hope as to show us how deeply God loves us. And what could give us a stronger proof of this than that the Son of God should become a partner with us of our human nature?

What greater reason is there for the Lord to come to us than to show us God's love? If we have been slow to love, at least let us hasten to love in return.

Let us celebrate the birthday of the Lord with a joyous gathering and appropriate festivity. Let men and women alike rejoice, for Christ, the Man, was born, and He was born of a woman; thus, each sex was honoured.

We celebrate the Lord's Nativity, when the Wisdom of God revealed Himself as a speechless Child, and the Word of God wordlessly uttered the sound of a human voice. Every year we celebrate this day which saw the fulfillment of the prophecy: 'Truth springs out of the earth: & justice looks down from heaven.'



The Angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream.

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

**Ch. 9 (cont):** Do not have too much confidence in your own opinion, but be willing to hear what others have to say. If your opinion is a good one, but you follow the advice of someone else out of love for God, you will be a better person for it.

Indeed, I have often heard that it is safer to hear and to accept advice than to give it. It may also happen that each person's opinion may be good, but to refuse to yield to others when reason or cause requires it, is a sign of pride and stubbornness.

**Ch. 10:** As much as you can, avoid being caught up in day-to-day business affairs, for spending too much energy on it gets in the way of our spiritual journey. Even if we have the best of intentions, business easily dominates our lives and we quickly become proud of our successes. I often wish I had been less involved in the world.

Pastoral Ponderings

A big thank you to the parishioners of both of our parish communities - St Paul's and St Ninian's & St Chad's (Ordinariate) - who decorated the church so beautifully last Sunday afternoon. Several priests have told me that we have the best Christmas decorations in any of the churches they visit for confessions & Masses.

Some Catholics rarely come to weekend Mass on the grounds that 'they don't have time'. But then there are those who not only come to Mass faithfully every weekend, but give extra time to help out. God bless you for your quiet generosity.

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Most of those who decorated the church in the afternoon then went home, ate quickly, changed clothes and returned to church for our absolutely splendid **Festival of Lessons & Carols**. It just gets better and better every year! We had a good turnout of parishioners from St Paul's and the Ordinariate, plus some visitors.

Our preacher, **Sister Kathy Kettle RSM**, gave us a good summary of Pope Francis' three encyclical letters, and also presented a short video about Aid to the Church in Need. It was a good reminder that Christmas is about giving to others in need - it's not just about our own enjoyment.

Special thanks to our fantastic **Parish Choir, String Consort & Trumpet**, accompanied so well as always by **Alessio Loiacono**. The singing was first class. As one person said, "It just gets better and better every year!"

Thanks, too, to **Msgr Harry Entwistle** and all the readers, acolyte, servers and **Junior Soliano** on IT duty, who ensured that the service was dignified and moving for all who were in attendance.

Finally, thank you to the ladies who provided us with a splendid supper after the service. Our guests were very impressed.

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As I mentioned last weekend, all the dioceses of Australia are making a special sacrificial offering for the suffering people of **Ukraine**. Yes, things are tight for us here - I know it's hard for everyone to make ends meet these days, with our rising prices.

But the Ukrainians are now in 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.

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I've completed my three MRIs and two X-rays. But my doctor is unavailable until February 2<sup>nd</sup>. So I will have to be patient, take my meds, and wait to learn what comes next. Keep me in your prayers.

