



# St Paul's Catholic Church / Mt Lawley Parish

We warmly welcome you to  
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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 SECOND WEEK of CHRISTMASTIDE

<b>Monday</b>	<b>5.45 pm</b> - Mass	SS Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, <i>bps &amp; drs</i>	for the progress of our Building Project
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5.45 pm</b> - Mass	The Most Holy Name of Jesus	for our children's return to the Faith
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5.45 pm</b> - Mass	Wednesday before the Epiphany	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5.45 pm</b> - Mass	Thursday before the Epiphany	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> - Mass - Acacia <b>5.45 pm</b> - Mass	Friday before the Epiphany - FIRST FRIDAY	† faithful departed † Jessie Tilbrook - 54 <sup>th</sup> anniversary
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10.00 am</b> - Mass	Our Lady in Christmastide - FIRST SATURDAY	Our Lady's intentions

## The EPIPHANY of the LORD

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4.30 pm</b> - Mass <b>6.00 pm</b> - Mass		† Robert J Smith - 11 <sup>th</sup> anniversary
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> - Mass		for the parish

MINISTRY	Saturday 4.30pm	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 9.00am
Readers	T Merchant X Torre	M Ryan M Davila	L Bellandi C Moore
Acolytes	N Cirillo		R Novacek W Grzech
Altar Servers	E & J Chatzimichail J Hehir	R Arulraja N Yap	D Jordan F Jordan
Musicians	A Loiacono The Choir	A Loiacono J Pinneri	Fr T Deeter T Murphy-Jelley
IT Operators	Please volunteer		D Agostini
Counters	A Vajda V Kurak		

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  
**Tap & Go:** A facility is on a table behind the last pew in church.

# Thank You

Building Fund 25/12	\$ 230.25
BF Direct Debit	15,000.00
Pledges	600.00
Containers for Change	42.90
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 15,873.15</b>

<b>Last Sunday's Contributions 25/12</b>	
Planned Giving	\$ 50.00
Direct Debit	1,250.00
Loose	1,700.95
Tap and Go	358.06
Catholic Weekly	28.00
Votive candles	192.45
Columban calendars	8.00
Special donation: sound system	700.00
Special donation	2,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,287.46</b>

**Entrance Antiphon:** Today a Light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us, and He will be called Wondrous God, Prince of Peace, Father of future ages, and His reign will be without end.



**Communion Antiphon:** Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and for ever.

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, <i>Principal</i>	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



### 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. *O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

### FIRST FRIDAY \* FIRST SATURDAY

Let's consecrate this new year to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary: First Friday Masses 9.00am Acacia, 5.45pm church \* First Saturday Rosary 9.35am, Mass 10.00am. Let this be our motto this year: *All for Jesus, through Mary!*

### DONATIONS AT THE CRIB

To date: **\$894.65**. All offerings are sent to the Holy Land, to help Christian & Muslim children and their mothers with nutrition, medical & educational needs. *Thank you for your kind generosity to Christ's little ones.*

### CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR UKRAINE

Thank you for your generous gifts. We will continue to accept your kind donations through Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January. Then our donations will be added to those of other Catholics across Australia. *Christ, Who is suffering with His people, is grateful to you.*

### BUILDING FUND TO DATE

**TOTAL in Building Fund: \$168,069.76**

### BUILDING FUND PLEDGES

Please note your bank reference like this: *Your surname - Pledge.*

### ONGOING EXPENSES

Archdiocesan assessment - \$1,000.00 \*  
lawn mowing - \$40.00 \* candles - \$23.40 \*  
altar wine - \$ 24.00 \* workers compensation insurance - \$1,013.98 \* **TOTAL - \$2,663.26**



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:** James Patterson, Lillian Moncrieff, William Casten, Camillus Urquhart, Patricia Tranter, John Lyons, Doris Annie Cavanagh, Jack Kennedy, Horace Moir, Peggie Massam, Ted Curtain, Agnes Lavelle, Annie Cusick, Frank Danze, Jane Moir, Chas Cogan Snr, Renee Goder, Bernard Savage, Richard Savage, Peter Harries, Ellen Marks, Mary Cogan Snr, Jeno Pal, Stanley Casten, Eileen Watts, Wit McNamara, Mary Cable, Noel Budge

## The Wisdom of the Saints: Time and Eternity

*The eyes of the world see no further than this life, as my eyes see no further than the wall when the church door is shut. But the eyes of the Christian see deep into Eternity. - St John Vianney*  
*The past must be abandoned to God's mercy, the present to our fidelity to Him, and the future to His Divine Providence. - St Francis de Sales*  
*The entire span of our lives is very brief, when measured against the ages to come. All of our time is nothing in comparison with eternal life. Everything is sold for what it is worth, and we trade things for their equivalent value. But the promise of eternal life is purchased for very little. - St Athanasius*  
*Sometimes, when I feel lonely or depressed, I repeat to myself a line of poetry that brings peace and strength back into my soul; it runs, 'Time is just a ship that carries thee - time is not thy home.' That image appeals to me and helps me to endure this life of exile from Heaven. - St Therese of Lisieux*  
*I travel, I work, I suffer my weak health, I encounter a thousand difficulties - but all of these are really nothing, for this world is so tiny. To me, time and space are imperceptible things, because I have become accustomed to dwell with my sights set on eternity. - St Frances Xavier Cabrini*



### The parents of Jesus presented Him to the Lord, and offered in sacrifice a pair of turtledoves.

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

**Ch. 10 (cont):** I wonder: why are we so eager to chatter and gossip with each other since we seldom return to the quiet of our own hearts without a damaged conscience?

The reason is that by idle chit-chat, we seek comfort from one another, and we hope to lighten our distracted hearts. And to make matters worse, we chatter most freely about our favourite topics - what we'd like to have, and what (and who) we especially dislike!

What a mistake! This outside comfort is a huge detriment to the inner comfort that comes from God. Therefore, we must watch and pray that we do not waste time. If we must speak, let's speak about things that will benefit others spiritually. Devout conversations help our spiritual progress.

## Pastoral Ponderings

Our wonderful **Choir**, which sang so well for both Lessons & Carols (Dec 11) and Midnight Mass, is singing at the 4.30pm Mass this weekend for New Year's Eve, and again at the 9.00am Mass next weekend for Epiphany.

And our **strings players** (most of them) and trumpeter are also performing this weekend and next. Thank you, all, for your generous service to our parish worship.

I asked the Choir and instrumentalists to return for this weekend and next, because unfortunately only a small percentage of our parishioners were able to enjoy the beautiful Christmas music at Lessons and Carols or at Midnight Mass.

Fewer and fewer parishes have good, live music at Mass. More parishes resort to using recorded music rather than having good organists or even guitarists lead the music. And most don't have professional cantors or singers.

Why is this? Because most parishes are loathe to pay musicians and singers. Of course, we have some very good volunteer singers from the parish. But they depend upon the leadership of our trained singers from WAAPA and UWA. And we pay a just wage to our trained musicians, as is only right.

In the US, parishes are bound by a national policy that sets wages for musicians and singers based upon their training and experience. And in the US, the standard of church music is much higher than it is here in Australia. And, as a result, the singing of the people is much stronger there.

And so it should be: **singing** is not an 'add-on' to the Mass, but an essential part of our worship. The Missal states: "There should be no celebration of the Eucharist that does not include singing."

Thus even at our weekday Masses, we sing at least the psalm, and the gospel & memorial acclamations. On feasts we also sing Mass parts and hymns. We are just about the only parish that maintains this high standard of liturgy. But it is the **norm**, not an optional 'bit of decoration'.

In the Eastern churches, the entire Liturgy is sung from Sign of the Cross to Blessing & Dismissal. And you've heard me chant the Consecration.

To be honest, our parish budget doesn't allow for paying anyone other than our organist and regular cantor. So when we have the choir and trumpet, they are paid for either from special donations made for our music, or I contribute myself from my monthly stipend & gifts. This is how **important** having good music is to me: and I'm happy to do it.