

# St Paul's Catholic Church / Mt Lawley Parish

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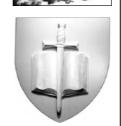
Rev Fr Timothy E Deeter, Parish Priest Rev Fr Mariusz Grzech, Assistant Priest

Gillian Theobald, Parish Secretary

Parish Office New Parishioners **Baptism** 

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 7.15nm and SATURDAYS 3.30 to 4.30nm, or please ring for an appointment



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| Reconciliation | WEDNESDAYS, 6.15 to 7.15pm and SATURDAYS, 3.30 to 4.30pm, or please ring for an appointment. |             |                   |                      |   |                 |  |  |  |
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|                | The SECO   | ND WEEK     | of CHRISTMA       | ASTIDE               |   |                 |  |  |  |
| Monday         | 5.45 pm - Mass SS Basil the C  |             | Great & Gregory N | lazianzen, bps & drs | for the progress of our Building Project                                |                 |  |  |  |
| Tuesday        | <b>5.45 pm</b> - Mass  | The Most Ho | oly Name of Jesus |                      | for our children's return to the Faith                                  |                 |  |  |  |
| Wednesday      | <b>5.45 pm</b> - Mass  | Wednesday   |                   |                      |   |                 |  |  |  |
| Thursday       | <b>5.45 pm</b> - Mass  | Thursday be |                   |                      |   |                 |  |  |  |
| Friday         | 9.00 am - Mass - Acacia Friday before the Epiphany - FIRST FRIDAY 5.45 pm - Mass             |             |                   |                      | † faithful departed<br>† Jessie Tilbrook - 54 <sup>th</sup> anniversary |                 |  |  |  |
| Saturday       | 10.00 am - Mass Our Lady in Christmastide - FIRST SATURDAY                                   |             |                   |                      | Our Lady's intentions   |                 |  |  |  |
|                | The  | EPIPHAN'    | Y of the LORD     |                      |   |                 |  |  |  |
| Saturday       | 4.30 pm - Mass<br>6.00 pm - Mass   |             |                   |                      | † Robert J Smith - 11th anniversary                                     |                 |  |  |  |
| Sunday         | 9.00 am - Mass   |             |                   |                      | for the parish  |                 |  |  |  |
| MINISTRY       | Saturday 4.30pm  |             | Saturday 6.00pm   |                      | Sunday 9.00am   |                 |  |  |  |
| Readers        | T Merchant X Tor   | re          | M Ryan            | M Davila             | L Bellandi  | C Moore         |  |  |  |
| Acolytes       | N Cirillo  |             | R Novacsek        |                      | W Grzech  |                 |  |  |  |
| Altar Servers  | E & J Chatzimichail J Hehir  |             | R Arulraja        | N Yap                | D Jordan  | F Jordan        |  |  |  |
| Musicians      | A Loiacono The C   | hoir        | A Loiacono        | J Pinneri            | Fr T Deeter   | T Murphy-Jelley |  |  |  |
| IT Operators   | Please volunteer   |             | Please volunteer  |                      | D Agostini  |                 |  |  |  |
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Thank you for your contributions! Here are our parish account details:

Parish Account: St Paul's Parish \* 086 006 \* 66717 2345

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**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 BF Direct Debit 230.25 15,000.00 Pledges Containers for Change 600.00 TOTAL \$ 15,873.15

25/12 50.00 1,250.00 1,700.95 Tap and Go Catholic Weekly 358.06 28.00 Votive candles 192.45 Columban calendars 8.00 700.00 2,000.00 Special donation: sound system Special donation TOTAL \$ \$ 6,287.46

Today a Light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us, **Entrance Antiphon:** 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       |                      |              | 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, Principal | 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



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 15th 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.

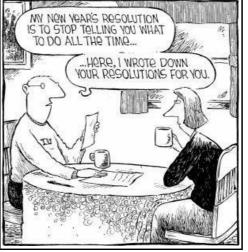
### **BUILDING FUND TO DATE**

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 hurch 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)

seek comfort from one another, and we | the people is much stronger there. 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.

Ch. 10 (cont): I wonder: why are we so | In the US, parishes are bound by a national policy eager to chatter and gossip with each other || that sets wages for musicians and singers based since we seldom return to the quiet of our | upon their training and experience. And in the US, own hearts without a damaged conscience? || the standard of church music is much higher than it The reason is that by idle chit-chat, we is here in Australia. And, as a result, the singing of

> 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 sings 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.

