



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 FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday	5.45 pm - Mass	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	for our grandchildren
Tuesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Wednesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	† Mark Anthony Stolp - 10 th anniversary
Thursday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Friday	9.00 am - Mass - Acacia 5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time / St Hilary, bp & dr	† faithful departed † Sean Liam Murphy - 54 th b'day & anniv
Saturday	10.00 am - NO MASS	Weekday in Ordinary Time	-----

The SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	4.30 pm - Mass 6.00 pm - Mass		for the parish
Sunday	9.00 am - Mass		

MINISTRY	Saturday 4.30pm	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 9.00am
Readers	L D'Orsogna A Troy	A Tilbrook V Kurak	J Sluchniak N Hondros
Acolytes	G Hobbs	Please volunteer	
Altar Servers	G Torre S Guelfi	J Adaikklam C Colletti	D Cadogan T Clare
Musicians	A Loiacono T Murphy-Jelley	A Loiacono J Pinneri	Fr T Deeter T Murphy-Jelley
IT Operators	Please volunteer		D Agostini
Counters	M Jordan P Jordan		

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

Last Sunday's Contributions 01/01	
Planned Giving	\$ 50.00
Direct Debit	864.27
Loose	757.85
Tap and Go	220.72
Catholic Weekly	99.50
Votive candles	73.25
Columban calendars	7.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,072.59

Building Fund 01/01	\$ 107.00
BF Direct Debit	749.56
Containers for Change	81.80
TOTAL	\$ 938.36

Entrance Antiphon: Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come, and kingship is in His grasp, and power and dominion.



Communion Antiphon: We have seen His Star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

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

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

UN-DECK THE HALLS!
 The Crib and our beautiful Christmas decorations will be taken down on Sunday afternoon around 1.30 - 2.00pm. Taking them down goes faster than putting them up!

HOLY HOUR & ST JOSEPH DEVOTION
 Every Wednesday: Adoration 6.15 - 7.15pm; confessions; simple Benediction. O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

DONATIONS AT THE CRIB
 To date: **\$1,526.25**. 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: \$169,130.72
BUILDING FUND PLEDGES
 Please note your bank reference like this: Your surname - Pledge.

ONGOING EXPENSES
 Archdiocesan assessment - \$1,000.00 *
 candles - \$94.30 * altar wine - \$36.00 *
 underground power - \$500.00 * workers compensation insurance - \$1,013.98 *
TOTAL - \$2,644.28



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: Anne-Marie Levitt, Doug Bogue, Harry Mills, Lois Agnes Seman, Edward Moffat, Pearl Weir, Frank Cunningham

The Wisdom of the Saints: Works and Work

Do not suppose that God has any need of our works. What He needs is the resoluteness of our will. - St Teresa of Avila

God places more value on good will in all we do than on the works themselves. Whether we give ourselves to God in the work of contemplative prayer or in the work of serving our neighbour in charitable deeds, we accomplish these things because 'the love of Christ urges us on'. - St Lawrence Giustiniani

The servant of charity should go to bed each night so exhausted from work that he feels like he has been beaten. - Bl Louis Guanella

We will lie down for such a long time after death that it is worthwhile to keep standing while we are alive. Let's work now - one day we shall rest. - Bl Agostini Pietrantoni

The most important thing is to take the burden on one's shoulders. As you press forward, the burden soon shakes down and the load is evenly distributed. - St John Bosco

Hell is full of talented people, but Heaven is full of energetic people! - St Jane Frances de Chantal
 A good work talked about is a good work spoilt. - St Vincent de Paul



Dromedaries of Midian, and everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the Lord's praises.

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

Ch. 11: We would have much peace if we were not such busybodies! What others say and do is no concern of ours. How can anyone remain at peace for long if he gets entangled in other people's business, or is constantly seeking new things to do, or who is hardly ever at peace in his own heart? Blessed are the simple in heart, for they shall have much peace!

How were some of the Saints so perfect and contemplative? They strove to subordinate all their earthly desires to heavenly ones. By doing so, they could cling to God from the very depths of their hearts, and freely attend to Him.

We are too occupied with our own concerns, and too interested in the passing affairs of the world.

Pastoral Ponderings

The death of Pope Emeritus **Benedict XVI** brings to mind several wonderful encounters I had with him, when he was Cardinal and then as Pope:
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The first was when I led a group of my Texas parishioners on a pilgrimage to Rome. One of the people saw the Cardinal walking to his apartment near St Peter's Square and shouted, "There's Cardinal Ratzinger! Let's ask him for a blessing!" The group of 20 ran toward him - but he was taken aback by everyone yelling and racing his way. He looked startled as he backed against the door, so I ran up and said, "Don't worry, Eminence - they just want your blessing." He then calmed down, asked where we were from, gave his blessing - and then quickly went inside the door and locked it!
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Another time, I was with a group of priests waiting to concelebrate a Mass in St Peter's Basilica. The MC asked if one of us knew Latin and Gregorian chant. No one put up a hand - but one of them pointed to me and said, "He can do it." So there I was, right next to the principal celebrant of the Mass in St Peter's, serving as deacon to none other than Cardinal Ratzinger.

I did just fine - chanted the Gospel in Latin, etc. But I didn't know the greeting for the Sign of Peace - because in the old Latin Mass nothing was said at that point. The new Latin words are "Offerte vobis pacem" (Offer each other the peace); but after a long moment of silence, during which Ratzinger turned and stared at me, I sang out, "Date signum pacis" (Give the sign of peace). Everyone was stunned, but then the Mass went on uneventfully.
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Several days later, I was in St Peter's sacristy preparing to say a private Mass. In came Cardinal Ratzinger who had just finished Mass. He came over to me and said very quietly, "Good morning, dear Father. In what language will you offer Holy Mass today? If you want to say Mass in Latin, we have books with the correct words!" He squeezed my arm, smiled and left me speechless.
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Another time I was asked to visit Ratzinger and tell him about my experiences in Medjugorje. His office was a huge room as big as our church! He sat at a large desk and for a half hour questioned me. But he was pleased with what I had to say (phew!)
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The last occasion was when I was living in Rome before coming to St Paul's. I attended a concert in the Audience Hall, and in came Pope Benedict. He saw me, gave me a wave and said, Salve, Pater! ("Hello, Father!"). He remembered my Latin error!

