



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 SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	† Judy Farrell - 1 st anniversary
Tuesday	5.45 pm - Mass	St Anthony of Egypt, abbot	† Yvonne Miranda - anniversary
Wednesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Thursday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	† Jan Margaret Kurak - 9 th anniversary
Friday	9.00 am - Mass - Acacia 5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday / SS Fabian, pope, & Sebastian, martyrs	† faithful departed † Giuseppe Odorisio - Month's Mind
Saturday	10.00 am - NO MASS	St Agnes, virgin & martyr	-----

The THIRD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	4.30 pm - Mass 6.00 pm - Mass		† Maria Grazia Bellandi - 7 th anniversary
Sunday	9.00 am - Mass		for the parish

MINISTRY	Saturday 4.30pm	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 9.00am
Readers	A Iacopetta L Plowman	C Ryan M Ryan	P Keenan K Hondros
Acolytes	L Torre	R Novacsek	W Grzech
Altar Servers	E & J Chatzimichail E Archer	J Ryan N Adshead	N Bowden-Jones G & S Duncan
Musicians	A Loiacono J Pinneri	A Loiacono J Pinneri	Fr T Deeter T Murphy-Jelley
IT Operators	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	D Agostini
Counters	P Quinn B Moncrieff		

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 08/01		TOTAL	
Planned Giving	\$ 40.00	Planned Giving	\$ 40.00
Direct Debit	1,827.52	Direct Debit	1,827.52
Loose	626.40	Loose	626.40
Tap and Go	239.36	Tap and Go	239.36
Catholic Weekly	56.30	Catholic Weekly	56.30
Votive candles	96.30	Votive candles	96.30
TOTAL	\$ 1,609.50	TOTAL	\$ 2,885.88

Entrance Antiphon: All the earth shall bow down before You, O God,
and shall sing to You, shall sing to Your Name, O Most High!

Communion Antiphon: I am the Light of the world, says the Lord.
Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the Light of life.



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.

HOLY HOUR & ST JOSEPH DEVOTION
 Every Wednesday: Adoration 6.15 - 7.15pm; confessions; devotions to St Joseph; simple Benediction. Be still, and know that I am God. Come to Me, and I will give you rest.

DONATIONS AT THE CRIB
 Final: **\$1,647.20**. 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 this weekend, after which 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: \$170,235.22

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

ONGOING EXPENSES
 Archdiocesan assessment - \$1,000.00 *
 candles - \$23.40 * altar wine - \$24.00 *
 underground power - \$500.00 * workers
 compensation insurance - \$1,013.98 * water
 - \$443.86 * photocopier - \$610.96 * **TOTAL**
- \$3,616.20

Around the Archdiocese

33rd ANNUAL FLAME CONGRESS
 Jan 27-29: Mater Christi Parish Community Centre, 340 Yangebup Rd, Yangebup. Speakers include Fr Joseph Laundry, Mario Borg, Kaye Rollings & Cyrus D'Souza. Info: www.flameministries.org or see poster in church porch.



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: Mary Waring, Rita Willcock, Felix Hunt, Margaret Broadley, Annie Lonnergan, Monica McGillivray, John Laurence, Maria Grazia Bellandi

The Wisdom of the Saints: Priests

Priest at the altar, priest in the confessional, priest among my students, priest on the streets, and priest in the offices of Government: I will be nothing but a priest. - St John Bosco

Like a farmer tending a sound tree, untouched by axe or fire because of its fruit, I want to serve you good people, not only in the body, but also to give my life for your well-being. - St Eusebius of Vercelli

O venerable dignity of priests, in whose hands the Son of God becomes incarnate once again, just as He once became flesh in the womb of Mary. - St Augustine of Hippo,

The Lord gave me, and still gives me, such faith in priests that even if they were to persecute me, I would still go to them for assistance. And even if I had the wisdom of Solomon and came upon priests who were simple-minded and weak, I would not speak against them. - St Francis of Assisi

The Most High and infinitely good God has not given to His Angels the power with which He has endowed His priests. - St John Chrysostom

Oh! How great is the priest. The priest will only be understood in Heaven. Were he understood here on earth, people would die - not out of fear, but out of love. - St John Vianney (patron of parish priests)



I, John, saw the Spirit coming down like a dove and resting on Jesus.

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

Ch. 11 (cont.): We seldom completely overcome a single fault, and we have little enthusiasm for our daily progress; thus, we remain cold and only vaguely interested in what we are doing.

If we were not so absorbed in ourselves, and if we were less confused in our own hearts, then we might savour divine things and experience something of heavenly contemplation.

The greatest hindrance to our spiritual development - indeed, the whole hindrance - is that we allow our passions and desires to control us, and we do not strive to walk in the perfect way of the Saints. When we meet the least adversity, we are too quickly dejected, and we turn to other people for comfort, instead of turning to God.

Pastoral Ponderings

The death of Cardinal Pell has given rise to a huge regurgitation of bile as the media have desperately sought to paint the picture of a man who was reviled and rejected by the majority of Australians.

This failure of many in the media to take an honest and measured estimation of the total contribution of the Cardinal to the Catholic Church and the country once again reveals how major media entities strive to shape the news, not simply report it.

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For example: the constant repetitive showing of old TV footage depicting then-Fr Pell accompanying Fr Gerard Ridsdale to his court hearing on charges of paedophilia (of which he was found guilty) tried to again portray Pell as a man who approved of these crimes, if not actually participating in them himself.

But I ask you: who would condemn a mother who, although weeping for her child's crimes, would still accompany that child to court for the trial? Who would accuse that mother of approving of the crimes, or of participating in them? No one. Yet it seems to be to George Pell's everlasting shame that he accompanied a fellow priest to court - a priest who had been rejected by everyone else, including his own bishop.

It took courage, and compassion, for Fr George Pell to take that public walk with Ridsdale. Did he regret doing so? If you don't know the answer, then you have read only the media reports about Cardinal Pell, and have not read Pell's own comments that were widely reported in the Catholic press, and in articles and books written by the Cardinal himself.

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It seems everyone has an opinion about George Pell, but few have actually known the man. I myself lived with him and worked for him for two years in Sydney, from 2006 to 2008, in the period leading up to World Youth Day 2008. I ate breakfast and dinner with him almost daily. I assisted at his Sunday Masses, and he often asked me to preach while he presided from his bishop's chair. I wrote some of his homilies. I sat in on meetings of all kinds with him. And I took walks with him in the evenings, to the Opera House and back.

Cardinal Pell could be gruff, and he was a very demanding boss who rarely said thank you or gave a compliment on a job well done. I was thoroughly exhausted working for him. It was very hard.

But he was good, moral, prayerful, highly intelligent and very hard-working himself. He had a sense of humour that was wonderful when he displayed it.

And, my God, he was convinced of the mission of the Church, and he stood firmly for everything the Church teaches. I am very sad that he is gone. RIP.

