



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

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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 FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	† Fr Tadgh Tierney OCD - recently deceased
Tuesday	5.45 pm - Mass	St John Bosco, priest	† Bernard Sheridan - recently deceased
Wednesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Thursday	5.45 pm - Mass	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD JESUS IN THE TEMPLE	for our grandchildren
Friday	9.00 am - Mass - Acacia 5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday / St Blaise, bishop & martyr - FIRST FRIDAY	† faithful departed
Saturday	10.00 am - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time - FIRST SATURDAY	Our Lady's intentions

The FIFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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

PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER

MINISTRY	Saturday 4.30pm	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 9.00am
Readers	A Troy X Torre	M Davila L Bellandi	K Hondros J Sluchniak
Acolytes	G Hobbs	R Novacek	W Grzech
Altar Servers	A & A Fanowrios C Odorisio	V Horgan C Coletti	E & M Crock N Yap
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 22/01	
Planned Giving	\$ 40.00
Direct Debit	1,273.95
Loose	642.50
Tap and Go	103.00
Catholic Weekly	43.80
Votive candles	74.05
Flowers donation	100.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,277.30

Entrance Antiphon: Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from the nations, to give thanks to Your Holy Name, and make it our glory to praise You.

Communion Antiphon: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the land.



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

BAPTISED IN CHRIST

On Sunday 15 January, we baptised **Darcy Arthur Galway**, b 23.09.22, the son of Brad & Anna (Pham) Galway. May he always walk in the saving Light of Christ.

HOLY HOUR & ST JOSEPH DEVOTION

Every Wednesday: Adoration 6.15 - 7.15pm; confessions; devotions to St Joseph; simple Benediction. Rest in the Lord.

CANDLEMAS DAY

Thu 02 Feb: The Blessing of Candles takes place at the start of Mass. Bring your own candles to be blessed. Use them at home when Holy Communion or the Anointing of the Sick are celebrated; light them during storms.

THE BLESSING OF THROATS

Fri 03 Feb: This blessing will be given at the end of the 5.45pm Mass, in honour of St Blaise, a special patron of the sick.

FIRST FRIDAY

Fri 03 Feb: 9.00am Mass Acacia * 5.45pm Mass in church. Let's continue to entrust ourselves and our families to the Sacred Heart.

FIRST SATURDAY

Sat 04 Feb: 9.00am confessions * 9.35am Rosary * 10.00am Mass. Our Lady of Fatima asked us to pray the Rosary and receive Holy Communion on First Saturday for peace.

BUILDING FUND TO DATE

TOTAL in Building Fund: \$172,428.92

BUILDING FUND PLEDGES

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

ONGOING EXPENSES

underground power - \$500.00 * Catholic Weekly - \$378.40 * photocopier - \$610.96 * pest control - \$660.00 * Lenten booklets - \$1,482.49 * **TOTAL - \$3,631.85**

Around the Archdiocese

ADULT FAITH EDUCATION

Term 1 2023 brochures listing a variety of offerings are available in the porch.

PRO-LIFE FUNDRAISING DINNER

Thu 23 Feb: At Matilda Bay Restaurant - all proceeds benefit Pregnancy Help Australia which provides assistance to families in pregnancy crisis situations. \$110/ticket, or \$1,000/table of 10. web: Perth-Gala for Life

VOTE FOR PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE!

P&N Bank's January funding includes our Catholic agency Pregnancy Assistance. The top 5 agencies receive \$2,000; the other 5 receive \$1,000. For info and to vote: www.pnbank.com.au/helping/ Voting will close at 11pm on Monday 30 January 2023. PA needs the help - so vote!

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: John Lace, Henry Spears, Gwendoline Dallimore, Thomas Stack, William Marshall, Rosa & Francesco Scorda, Jack McEncroe, Joyce Wade

The Wisdom of the Saints: Humility

The very moment God sees us fully convinced of our own nothingness, He reaches out His hand to us.

- St Thérèse of Lisieux

Do you want to understand the loftiness of God? Then, first, understand His lowliness. Allow yourself to be humble for your own sake, seeing that God allowed Himself to be humble for your sake, too; He didn't become one of us for His own sake! - St Augustine

Pride caused the fall of Lucifer, and the fall of Adam and Eve. If you want to know the ways of God, they are these: first, humility; second, humility; third, humility. Not that there aren't other important virtues, but unless humility is the foundation of all we do, our efforts are useless. - St Augustine

Whoever proudly and always disputes and contradicts, stands outside the door of holiness. Christ, the Master of humility, reveals His truth only to the humble; He hides himself from the proud. - St Vincent Ferrer

I knew nothing. I was nothing. That's the reason why God picked me out, and sent His Blessed Mother to visit me. - St Catherine Labouré (she emptied bedpans in a military retirement home)



Seeing the crowds,
Jesus went up the hill.
There He sat down,
and He began to teach them.

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

Ch. 11 (cont.): Spiritual fervour and progress ought to increase daily, but it is thought to be a fine thing these days if a person can hold on to even a little of those first intense feelings! If we would exercise a little self-discipline at the beginning, then later on we'd be able to do everything more easily and joyfully.

It's hard to give up old habits - but it's even harder to go against one's own will. Yet, if you can't overcome small, trivial things, when will you overcome difficult ones?

Fight the urge when it begins, and break off bad habits, lest perhaps, little by little, they lead you into bigger trouble. **If only** you'd realise how much peace and joy for yourself and others your good efforts could bring, I think you'd be more anxious to grow spiritually!

Pastoral Ponderings

This past Tuesday, 25 people gathered in the undercroft to share a light supper and view the Christmas episode of The Chosen, the wonderful TV series on the life of Christ. We watched seasons 1 & 2 last Lent & Eastertide; we'll watch season 3 on Tuesday nights during Lent - mark your diaries & calendars!

I was pleased to see 42 people attend our 5.45pm Mass this past Wednesday to celebrate our parish feastday, the Conversion of St Paul.

And 31 of us came together for the 5.45pm Mass on Thursday to pray for the nation on Australia Day. **Prayers are never wasted!**

Three more special opportunities occur this week for coming together as a worshipping community: Candlemas Day on Thursday, then First Friday and First Saturday. Again: prayers are never wasted!

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The Imitation (adjoining column) today urges us to tend to our spiritual growth. I especially like the very last sentence (read it now: If only . . . !).

Fr Mariusz and I are offering you a variety of opportunities to help you grow spiritually. It's very good that you come to the weekend Mass - God bless you for that (it's more than many Catholics do!).

But, folks, weekend Mass is the very **minimum**. If you want to grow and progress spiritually, then you need to do more - like an athlete who pushes himself to lift more, to run farther, to jump higher.

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A reminder: the Archdiocese asks that **ALL** of our parish workers - PAID AND UNPAID - take part in the Online Safeguarding Induction Level 1 Session. Dates and times of the online sessions are:

- ◆ Thursday 02 February 10.00am
- ◆ Monday 13 February 2.00pm
- ◆ Tuesday 21 February 7.00pm

You can access this online at home with this LINK: safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/ For help, RING: Safeguarding Office - 9221 7762 - or EMAIL safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au

This applies to those **18 and older** (younger people are exempted): acolytes, readers, cantors, organists, AV technicians, cleaners, counters, EMHCs, welcomers, gardeners, offertory organisers, finance council members, sacristans, safeguarding officers, youth ministers, parish secretary and clergy.

SOME of you (acolytes, youth leaders, catechists and clergy), plus any active EMHCs, are required to get a WWC (Working With Children) certification from the Government and keep that up to date.

Thank you for cooperating with the Church's effort to ensure that our churches and schools are safe places where children can grow in faith, free from fear. Thank you most sincerely.

