



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 FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday	5.45 pm - Mass	The Martyrs of Japan	† Roma Metcalf - 2 nd anniversary
Tuesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Wednesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday / <i>St Josephine Bakhita, virgin</i>	
Thursday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Friday	9.00 am - Mass - Acacia 5.45 pm - Mass	St Scholastica, virgin / ANOINTING OF THE SICK	† faithful departed for our parishioners who are ill
Saturday	10.00 am - NO MASS	Our Lady of Lourdes	-----

The SIXTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	4.30 pm - Mass 6.00 pm - Mass		† Santo Cipriano - 92 nd birthday † Tony Scolaro - 12 th anniversary
Sunday	9.00 am - Mass		† Diane Smith - anniversary

PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER

MINISTRY	Saturday 4.30pm		Saturday 6.00pm		Sunday 9.00am	
Readers	L Plowman	A Iacopetta	E Gregory	C Ryan	N Hondros	P Keenan
Acolytes	G Hobbs		J Pereira		D Cleary	
Altar Servers	J Hehir	M & G D'Orsogna	N Adshead	D & I Blinco	V Redclift	D & F Jordan
Musicians	A Loiacono	S Simmonds	A Loiacono	S Simmonds	Fr T Deeter	S Simmonds
IT Operators	G Torre		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

Thank You

Last Sunday's Contributions		29/01
Planned Giving		\$ 50.00
Direct Debit		878.38
Loose		503.00
Tap and Go		68.67
Catholic Weekly		46.40
Votive candles		59.15
Columban calendar		8.00
TOTAL	\$ 689.70	\$ 1,613.60

Entrance Antiphon: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God Who made us, for He is the Lord our God.

Communion Antiphon: Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled.
 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.



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

HOLY HOUR & ST JOSEPH DEVOTION
 Every Wednesday: Adoration 6.15 - 7.15pm; confessions; devotions to St Joseph; simple Benediction. Rest in the Lord.

RCIA RESUMES: The Last Stretch
 Wed 08 Feb: 7.30pm in the undercroft. Topic: *Forgiveness Heals People*. Join us! At the end of Lent, two of our candidates will be baptised. Let's pray for them.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
 Fri 10 Feb: The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during the 9.00am Mass Acacia and 5.45pm Mass here. Eligible are those who are elderly, seriously ill, preparing for or recovering from surgery.

BUILDING FUND TO DATE
TOTAL in Building Fund: \$173,018.92
BUILDING FUND PLEDGES
 Please note your bank reference like this: Your surname - Pledge.

ONGOING EXPENSES
 underground power - \$500.00 * Catholic Weekly - \$567.60 * photocopier - \$610.96 * pest control - \$660.00 * Lenten booklets - \$1,482.49 * church supplies - \$150.00 * MYOB - \$43.40 * lawnmowing - \$143.00 * altar candles - \$147.50 * charcoal - \$27.00 - **TOTAL - \$4,331.95**

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



"You can still be the salt of the earth on a low sodium diet."

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: Vera McGinny, John de Bijl, Annie Russell, Kathleen Rawlinson, James Burns, Archbishop William J Foley, Bert Wardrop, Geoffrey Liggins, Antonino Scolaro

The Wisdom of the Saints: The Scriptures

What moved and stimulated me most was reading the Holy Bible. I've always been strongly attracted to it. I find passages there that impress me so deeply that I seem to hear a Voice telling me the message that I'm reading. - St Anthony Mary Claret

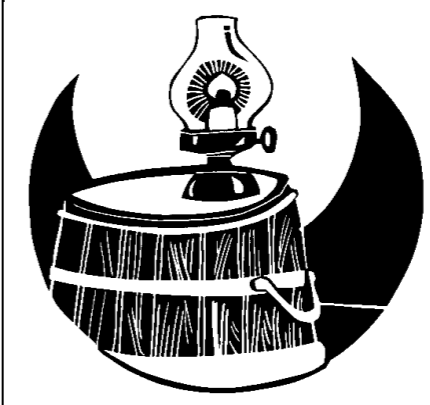
From the very beginnings of the Church, the Psalms of the Bible, composed under divine inspiration, have powerfully fostered the devotion of the Christian people. - Pope St Pius X

The Psalms seem to me to be like a mirror. I can see myself and the stirrings of my own heart in them, and I can recite them against the background of my own emotions. - St Athanasius

Everything that we read in the sacred Books shines and glitters, even if we're only skimming over the surface of the text. But the marrow is sweeter! If you want to eat the kernel, you must first break open the shell. - St Jerome

Read without ceasing the biblical precepts of the Lord and, when you have been sufficiently instructed by them, you will know the things to avoid and the things to pursue. - St Bernard of Clairvaux

All Scripture is useful for instruction, for correction, and for inspiration. - St Paul



No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub - no, they put it on a stand where it can shine for all.

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

Ch. 12: Sometimes it is good for us to have troubles and hardships, for they often call us back to our own hearts.

Once there, we realise that we are strangers in this world, and we know that we may not believe in anything that the world has to offer.

Sometimes it is good that we put up with people speaking against us. Sometimes it is good that we are thought of as bad and flawed, even when we do good things and have good intentions.

Such troubles are often aids to humility, and they protect us from pride. Indeed, we are sometimes better at seeking God when people have nothing but bad things to say about us, and when they refuse to give us credit for the good we have done!

That being the case, let us make God our sure Foundation, so that we do not need to look for comfort anywhere else.

Pastoral Ponderings

As you know, I mentioned at Mass last weekend that I'm willing to lead a (fourth) parish pilgrimage to the Holy Lands (Jordan, Israel, Palestine, Egypt) - and I already have six people wanting to go!

This would be next January, the 2nd to the 26th. Why then? Because:

- ♦ airfares and hotel prices are the lowest
- ♦ crowds are the smallest
- ♦ weather is very mild

So I've contacted my man in Jerusalem, a very good Catholic, who has begun putting together all the details.

It's important that we patronise the Catholics in the Holy Land. They are persecuted by both the Jews and the Muslims. Practically their only work is the tourism industry: hotels, restaurants and shops that serve Christian pilgrims. And they have taken a huge financial beating during the pandemic.

I was just reading The Holy Land Journal this week, and the Franciscan friars remind us that it has been our Good Friday collections the past three years that have enabled them to help support many Christian families: rent, food, clothing & medicines.

Before we know it, Good Friday will be upon us! So let's keep the needs of our Catholic brethren in the Holy Land in mind.

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This past Tuesday I led a 3.5 hour professional development day for the staff of St Paul's School. A good number of them are new recruits, so I needed to 'bring them up to scratch' on these topics:

- ♦ St Paul: his life, his mission and his message
- ♦ St Paul's School & Parish: history & ministry
- ♦ Maintaining a Catholic identity in our world
- ♦ Preparing class liturgies and school Masses
- ♦ Setting a Catholic example for our students

I'm always a bit nervous before these events - yes, I am! But I was well-received, and the teachers were very grateful for all the information I shared.

Next month, after a long pandemic hiatus, we will resume our monthly parish-school Masses where the children lead various aspects of the liturgy, and then we enjoy a sumptuous morning tea together.

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This past Thursday I met with my back surgeon to get the results of 2 MRIs, 2 X-rays and 1 CT scan. Other than some arthritis, I seem to be fine. He is very pleased that my spine wasn't damaged at all in the fall I took on the airplane last October 6th. And I'm actually feeling pretty good. I take minimal medications, and I manage to get around okay for an old man of 72 who is working full-time.

But please keep me in your prayers. I really do rely on them greatly. God bless you all!

