



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

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Rev Fr **Timothy E Deeter**, Parish Priest  
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**Gillian Theobald**, Parish Secretary

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.



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Parish Office  
 New Parishioners  
 Baptism  
 Reconciliation

| THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT |   |                       |  |
|------------------------|---|-----------------------|--|
| Monday                 | 5.45 pm - Mass                            | Lenten Monday         | † Lucio Pollio - recently deceased                 |
| Tuesday                | 5.45 pm - Mass                            | Lenten Tuesday        | † Francesco Mazzella                               |
| Wednesday              | 5.45 pm - Mass                            | Lenten Wednesday      | special intention                                  |
| Thursday               | 5.45 pm - Mass                            | Lenten Thursday       | Thomas & Anne Chong - 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary |
| Friday                 | 9.00 am - Mass - Acacia<br>5.45 pm - Mass | SAINT PATRICK, bishop | † faithful departed<br>† Desmond Peter Murphy      |
| Saturday               | 10.00 am - NO MASS                        | Lenten Saturday       | -----  |

| THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: LAETARE (Rejoice!) SUNDAY |                                  |  |  |
|--|----------------------------------|--|--|
| Saturday   | 4.30 pm - Mass<br>6.00 pm - Mass |  | † Adrian Urquhart - 90 <sup>th</sup> birthday, 4 March<br>Noah Yap - 18 <sup>th</sup> birthday |
| Sunday   | 9.00 am - Mass                   |  | for the parish   |

| PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER |                 |             |                  |            |               |              |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------|------------|---------------|--------------|
| MINISTRY                 | Saturday 4.30pm |             | Saturday 6.00pm  |            | Sunday 9.00am |              |
| Readers                  | A Iacopetta     | A Troy      | V Kurak          | M Davila   | F Jones       | C Moore      |
| Acolytes                 | L Torre         |             | R Novacek        |            | W Grzech      |              |
| Altar Servers            | G D'Orsogna     | M D'Orsogna | J Adaikklam      | V Horgan   | C Colletti    | D & F Jordan |
| Musicians                | A Loiacono      | J Pinneri   | A Loiacono       | S Simmonds | 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 |                     | 26/02              |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Planned Giving              |                     | \$ 80.00           |
| Direct Debit                |                     | 1,166.67           |
| Loose                       |                     | 632.30             |
| Tap and Go                  |                     | 53.95              |
| Catholic Weekly             |                     | 42.50              |
| Votive candles              |                     | 159.80             |
| Sacramental fees            |                     | 80.00              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                | <b>\$ 10,998.80</b> | <b>\$ 2,215.22</b> |

**Entrance Antiphon:** When I prove My holiness among you, I will gather you from all the foreign lands, and I will pour clean water upon you to cleanse you from all your impurities, and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.

**Communion Antiphon:** For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.



| 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 WEEK & EASTER BOOKINGS**  
 Please pick up a flyer from the entrances with details on booking seats for:

- ♦ Good Friday Stations - 10.00am
- ♦ Good Friday Liturgy - 3.00pm
- ♦ Holy Saturday Easter Vigil - 7.30pm
- ♦ Easter Sunday Masses - 8.00 & 9.30am

No booking will be necessary for Palm Sunday Masses, Holy Thursday 7.30pm Mass, or Good Friday 7.30pm Seven Last Words service.  
 Please book early to guarantee your seats.

**PARISH CENSUS UPDATE**  
 If you are new to the parish, OR if you have changed any details (address, phone, new baby), please take a census form from the entrances, complete & return ASAP.

**CHOIR PRACTICE**  
 Mon 13 March: 6.30pm in church

**BIBLE STUDY: The Chosen, Season 3**  
 Tue 14 March: Join us to watch episodes in the undercroft at 7.30pm, or use the app.

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

**RCIA / ADULT FAITH FORMATION**  
 Wed 15 March: 7.30 - 9.00pm. Topic - The Ten Commandments of God (cont).

**FRIDAY: ST PATRICK'S DAY**  
 This is a solemnity in Australia, therefore we are dispensed from abstinence.

**STATIONS & BENEDICTION**  
 Lenten Fridays: 6.10pm, after 5.45pm Mass.

**NOVENA IN HONOUR OF ST JOSEPH**  
 Begins this weekend, concluding with his feastday Mass on Mon 20<sup>th</sup> March (transferred from the 19<sup>th</sup>, a Sunday this year).

**SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION**  
 A reminder: the Archdiocese asks that ALL of our parish workers - PAID AND UNPAID - take part in the Online Safeguarding Induction Level 1 Session. Online sessions dates & times:

- ♦ Friday 17 March 10.00 - 11.00am
- Access this online at home with this LINK: [safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/](http://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/)

**BUILDING FUND TO DATE**  
**TOTAL in Building Fund: \$184,993.42**

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

**ONGOING EXPENSES**  
 phone - \$89.99 \* internet - \$100.88 \* bulletin covers - \$101.00 \* underground power - \$500.00 \* church a/c unit repair - \$264.00 \* presbytery office a/c unit replacement - \$2,394.70 \* **TOTAL - \$3,639.77**

Please pray for parishioners who are unwell: Gerard Leahy, Tony Bonavita, Billy Francis, Terry Merchant, Blanca 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: Ferdinand Eenhorn, Paul Gouvernet, Gert Casey, John Metcalfe, Don Sinclair, Edgar Anthony, Bridget Herlihy, Winifred Stone, Johanna Johnson, Joe Shandley, Jean St Louis, Dorothy Hart

**The Wisdom of the Saints: Obedience**

Obedience is the perfection of the spiritual life. By it, man submits to man for the love of God, just as God rendered Himself obedient to men for their salvation. - St Thomas Aquinas

Obedience is the only virtue that plants all the other virtues in the heart, and then preserves them so that they can grow after having been planted. - Pope St Gregory I, 'the Great'

It's extraordinary what a lot of nervous strain you can avoid by being obedient! It is enviable, the simple vow of the religious sister, who has only one compass to steer her life by: the will of her superior! She knows for certain, all the time, that she is on the right path: there's no fear that she can go wrong, even when she feels fairly certain that her superiors are wrong! - St Thérèse of Lisieux

If you judge your superior and murmur against him in your heart, even though you outwardly do what has been commanded, this is not the virtue of obedience, but a cloak over your malice. - St Bernard Abbot John, without a single thought as to whether it would do any good or not, watered a dry stick for a whole year when told to do so. Heaven approves this kind of obedience with miracles! - St Ignatius  
 In other sacrifices, the flesh of another is slain; but in obedience, our own will is sacrificed. - again, St Ignatius of Loyola

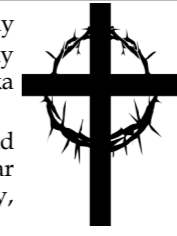


*"Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again, but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never thirst again."*

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

**Ch. 13 (cont.):** When you are tempted, seek advice often, and never deal harshly with others who are tempted. Instead, comfort them as you would have them comfort you.

The beginning of all evil temptations is a mind that isn't firmly fixed on its purpose, but that has little trust in God. Just as a ship without a rudder is driven to and fro by the waves, so a careless person who abandons the course is tempted in many ways. Fire tempers iron, and temptation tempers the just person. We often don't know what we are capable of doing, but temptation reveals exactly what we are.



**Pastoral Ponderings**

Did you know that a group of priests meet in our church at noon on the First Tuesday of each month to pray the Rosary, discuss spiritual topics - and then go out to lunch together?

We've been doing this for a number of years now, and - as Psalm 133 says - 'How good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity.'

When we share with one another our intentions for prayer, someone always mentions, "For the good people we serve in our parishes and ministries." You are never far from our thoughts.

But please don't forget to pray for your priests - and pray for men who will be generous and self-sacrificing enough to join us as priests. Thank you.

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On Thursday I had lunch with the president of the Bible Society WA and the manager of Kooyong Christian shop. They had heard me speak last week at the Christian clergy gathering at Optus Stadium and wanted to meet me, and pick my brain about how to share the Christian message with Catholics.

We went to look at the 'Catholic section' of their large shop: it amounted to one small shelf at the very bottom of one bookshelf, and all that was there were a few 'Catholic' bibles in a translation I had never heard of.

So one of them agreed to come to the Presbytery one day to see my personal library. I'll give him ideas on good books to have in stock for Catholics.

I also mentioned to both of them my last visit to Kooyong, which was a good number of years ago. I was dismayed to find a series of comic books that were extremely disparaging about the Catholic Church, attacking the Pope, the Mass, the Blessed Mother, confession, priests - you name it. I said that I had brought this to the attention of the owner at the time, but nothing had been done. So the new owner said he would 'look into it'. I hope he does.

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Then, on Thursday evening after Mass, I had dinner with one of our younger priests who was seeking advice about several aspects of his parish ministry.

Over the years, I have often been sought out for advice and support by younger priests. They know I have not had an easy life trying to maintain a strong parish in the midst of a majority of Catholic people (and even priests!) who are weak, and worse, very apathetic about living a good spiritual life.

Of course, I am also weak. But as St Paul said, "When I am weak, then I am strong." Knowing that many people - even priests - depend upon me to lead and guide them keeps me motivated. I get tired as I grow old, but your prayers can help me go on.