



St Paul's Catholic Church / Mt Lawley Parish

We warmly welcome you to
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 Rev Fr **Timothy E Deeter**, Parish Priest
 Rev Fr **Mariusz Grzech**, Assistant Priest

Gillian Theobald, Parish Secretary

Please ring for an appointment.
 Please complete a census form, found in the church porch, and return it to the office or sacristy.
 Sunday afternoons. Please contact one of the priests to make an appointment for instruction.
 WEDNESDAYS, 6.15 to 7.15pm and SATURDAYS, 3.30 to 4.30pm, or please ring for an appointment.



Estab. 1956

Parish Office
 New Parishioners
 Baptism
 Reconciliation

FOURTH WEEK of EASTERTIDE

MASS INTENTIONS

| Day | Time | Mass | Intention |
|-----------|--------------------|---------------|---|
| Monday | 5.45 pm | Mass | St Joseph the Worker Sean Tilbrook - good outcome of surgery |
| Tuesday | 5.45 pm | Mass | St Athanasius, bishop & doctor of the Church † Fr Francisco Mascarenhas |
| Wednesday | 5.45 pm | Mass | SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES, Apostles & Martyrs † Jan (30 yrs) & Regina (27 yrs) Kurak |
| Thursday | 5.45 pm | Mass | Thursday in Eastertide |
| Friday | 9.00 am 5.45 pm | Mass (Acacia) | Friday in Eastertide - FIRST FRIDAY † faithful departed |
| Saturday | 10.00 am | Mass | Saturday in Eastertide - FIRST SATURDAY Our Lady's intentions |

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER

| 29 - 30 April 2023 | Saturday 4.30pm | | Saturday 6.00pm | | Sunday 9.00am | |
|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|------------|---------------|-------------|
| Readers | A Troy | P Keenan | V Kurak | L Bellandi | C Moore | J Sluchniak |
| Acolytes | L Torre | | J Pereira | | D Cleary | |
| Altar Servers | X Torre | N Bowden-Jones | D & I Blinco | C Colletti | G & S Duncan | M Crock |
| Musicians | A Loiacono | J Pinneri | A Loiacono | J Pinneri | --- J Pinneri | |
| IT Operators | G Torre | | Please volunteer | | D Agostini | |
| Counters | F Farrington | J Pearce | | | | |

Thank you for your contribution. 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 Acc't: St Paul's Building Fund * 086 006 * 151619353
Direct Debit: Make arrangements with your bank to make regular deposits.

Thank You

| Building Fund | 23/04 |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Jar, envelopes, online | \$ 155.00 |
| Pledges | 440.00 |
| Containers for Change | 41.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 636.00 |

| Last Sunday's Contributions | 23/04 |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Planned Giving | \$ 40.00 |
| Online donations | 1,374.14 |
| Loose | 563.00 |
| Tap and Go | 83.38 |
| Catholic Weekly | 20.00 |
| Candles | 88.95 |
| Sacramental fees | |
| Special donation (music) | 100.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 2,269.47 |

Entrance Antiphon: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
 by the word of the Lord the heavens were made: Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Good Shepherd has risen, Who laid down His life for His sheep,
 and willingly died for His flock: Alleluia!



| 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 | TBA | |
| 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

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER
 Mon 01 May: Looking for a job? Having problems at work? Confide in St Joseph, the patron of workers, at 5.45pm Mass.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHILDREN
 Tue 02 May: Rosary & Litany at 9.30am, then a cuppa. Join us for prayer & fellowship.

HOLY HOUR & ST JOSEPH DEVOTION
 Every Wednesday: Adoration 6.15-7.15pm; confessions; devotions to St Joseph; simple Benediction. Jesus says: Peace! Be still.

CONFIRMATION WORKSHOP
 Thurs 04 May: Candidates & their parents will meet in the school hall 6.30 - 7.30pm to learn about this Sacrament of Initiation.

FIRST FRIDAY / FIRST SATURDAY
 Friday Masses: 9.00am (Acacia) * 5.45pm / Saturday: Confessions 9.00am * Rosary 9.35am * Mass 10.00am. Let's honour the requests of Our Lord & Our Lady.

PROJECT COMPASSION
 As of last Sunday, we have collected \$3,205.20. Here's how you can turn in your donations to Project Compassion:

- ♦ **donation boxes** - Please bring them to church no later than the weekend of 20/21 May, and leave them on the table in the church porch.

- ♦ **envelopes** - Please deposit them in the baskets next to the Mass collection boxes. Do not send them to Sydney, or the parish won't get credit.

- ♦ **EFT** - Caritas' banking details at NAB: BSB 086 006 (our parish no.) Account no. 826 198 877 Account name Caritas Australia WA Project Compassion Reference Mount Lawley Parish

- ♦ **mail** - if by cheque or credit card, post to 40-A Mary St, HIGHGATE WA 6003 don't forget to credit Mount Lawley Parish

If you have any questions, ring the Caritas office in Highgate: 9422 7925 - and don't forget to credit St Paul's Mt Lawley Parish!!!!

BUILDING FUND TO DATE
TOTAL in Building Fund: \$189,607.57

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

ONGOING EXPENSES
 underground power instalment - \$500.00 * Archdiocesan assessment (April) - \$1,000.00 * Catholic Weekly - \$283.80 * livestreaming license - \$1,254.00 * parish website hosting - \$168.00 * internet domain name - \$21.95 * bulletin covers - \$101.00 * bookkeeping - \$200.00 * Mass intention envelopes - \$407.00 * church fans - \$2,985.00 * **TOTAL: \$6,920.75**

Please pray for **parishioners who are unwell:** Tony Bonavita, Billy Francis, Terry Merchant, Blanche Pereira, Lori & Tony Valerio, Rebecca Webster, Thomas Mazza, Thelma Hannigan, Francesca Fairclough, Thomas Chong, Rhiana Powell

parishioners whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: John Fenton Snr, Lou Frapple, Sheila Hart, Philippa O'Neill, Barbara Brown, Michael Eva, Florence Sangster, Jim Marrett, Lloyd Hollier, Syd Budge

The Wisdom of the Saints: Simplicity

A humble, simple person, if his opinion is asked, gives it in all simplicity and then allows others to give theirs. Whether they are right or wrong, he says no more. - St John Vianney

Be sober and hard-working people. Avoid all vanity in dress - otherwise you may be excluded from Heaven. Try to keep to the simplicity of life of our grandparents. - St Nicholas of Flüe

When Our Lord sees pure souls coming eagerly to visit Him (or to watch Him online!) in the Blessed Sacrament, He smiles upon them. They come with that simplicity of heart that pleases Him so very much. - St John Vianney

This is the summit of philosophy: to be simple and yet wise. This is the angelic life, and it is the life of a child. Although he may be chastened by his father or mother, he always seeks out his parent, looking up to them above all others. - St John Chrysostom

In His divine nature, God is simple; He is not two-faced. We should try to imitate Him. We should be simple in our affections, intentions, actions and words. We should have no other aim in life but to please God alone in all things. - St Vincent de Paul



The sheep follow the Shepherd because they know His voice.

A Short Meditation

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

Ch. 15: Never do what you know is wrong for anything in the world, or to please anyone. Yet, a good work may be put aside, or changed into a better work, in order to serve the needy.

Without love, good works are worthless; but with love, they become entirely rewarding, no matter how small or insignificant they may seem. Indeed, God places more importance on the reason you work than on how much work you actually do. A person does much who loves much; he does much who does it well; he does well who serves the common good rather than himself.

Often what seems to be love is not love at all, but just the natural feelings that we all have. Along with such feelings, however, usually come questionable motives, such as willfulness, the hope of reward, and self-interest.

Pastoral Ponderings

Thank you to all of you who attended this past Monday's funeral for parishioner Esme McGroder. When I began the Mass, I was a bit taken aback by all the people in the front who remained sitting, and didn't give the simplest responses (e.g., 'And with your spirit'); many of them didn't even make the Sign of the Cross.

But then I looked up and saw all of you standing, making the Sign of the Cross, and responding to the prayers. Thank you - I appreciated your attendance and your support.

A priest who doesn't get responses from his people feels like a comedian who doesn't get any laughs. The poor comedian goes on with his routine, but he becomes flustered, and he bombs out.

It's a flawed analogy, but believe me, it's not easy to stand up in front of a church full of people - even you! - and try to motivate people to respond, to sing, and even to listen. But you did well on Monday, and I'm grateful for your support.

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This Sunday's Gospel is about sheep and the Good Shepherd. At Esme's funeral, I thought of another Gospel passage: the one about the Shepherd who separates the sheep from the goats.

It was amazing to see an invisible dividing line in the church, separating the participating Catholics from everyone else. The two groups were literally divided by a barrier that ran right across the church.

What bothered me was the fact that a good number of the people who couldn't be bothered to make the Sign of the Cross or say an Amen, and who had to be asked to stand for the Gospel, then trotted up to Holy Communion.

One of the purposes of our First Friday devotions is to atone for offences against the Eucharist. Our faithful and reverent participation in the Mass, and our humble approach to receiving Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, must become a witness to others. And we must pray for the conversion of those who can't be bothered to pray, much less to come to Holy Mass. As I've said before, invite someone to join you for Mass one weekend. You may be acting as God's instrument of salvation.

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Today (Saturday) I commemorate 26 years since I arrived in Perth to begin my ministry in Australia. It has not been easy, but I have always looked upon it as a 'missionary venture' to spread the Gospel of Christ in this Great South Land of the Holy Spirit that, in many ways, is a desert land thirsting for spiritual renewal.

Our parish is an oasis in this desert. Your good participation in the liturgy helps draw in people who are thirsting for the living God. Goodonya!

