



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

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Estab. 1956

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

The EIGHTEENTH WEEK in ORDINARY TIME			MASS INTENTIONS
Monday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday / Pope St Sixtus II & companions, martyrs	† John Scolaro - 11 th anniversary
Tuesday	5.45 pm - Mass	ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP, virgin	† Adolfo Mettimano - 16 th anniversary
Wednesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday / St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, virgin & martyr	† Mary Teresa Ure - 8 th anniversary
Thursday	5.45 pm - Mass	ST LAWRENCE, deacon & martyr	Brandon Duong - 22 nd birthday
Friday	9.00 am - Mass (Acacia) 5.45 pm - Mass	St Clare of Assisi, virgin	† faithful departed Lauren, Maire & Tracy Fancote - b'days
Saturday	10.00 am - NO MASS	Weekday / St Jane Frances de Chantal, religious	-----

The NINETEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME		
Saturday	4.30 pm - Mass 6.00 pm - Mass	† Patrick Columcille Murphy - 57 th anniv for the parish
Sunday	9.00 am - Mass	in thanksgiving - 73 rd anniv Fr Tim's Baptism

PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER					
5 - 6 August 2023	Saturday 4.30pm		Saturday 6.00pm		Sunday 9.00am
Readers	P Keenan	E Gregory	L Bellandi	V Kurak	School students
Acolytes	L Torre		R Novacsek		D Cleary
Altar Servers	X, G & I Torre		D & I Blinco	N Adshead	E Archer T Clare
Musicians	A Loiacono	T Murphy-Jelley	A Loiacono	T Murphy-Jelley	Fr T Deeter T Murphy-Jelley
IT Operators	G Torre		Please volunteer		Please volunteer
Counters	P Quinn	B Moncrieff			

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.

<i>Thank You</i>		Building Fund	30/07
		jar, envelopes, online	\$ -----
		Pledges	820.00
		Containers for Change	44.20
		TOTAL	\$ 864.20
		Last Sunday's Contributions	30/07
		Planned Giving	\$ -----
		Online donations	1,394.74
		Loose	663.00
		Tap and Go	407.07
		Catholic Weekly	30.00
		Candles	86.60
		TOTAL	\$ 2,582.41

Entrance Antiphon: In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is My Beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased. Listen to Him!
Communion Antiphon: When Christ appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.



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	TBA		
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

OUR NATIONAL PATRON SAINT
Tue 08 Aug: Join us at 5.45pm Mass as we celebrate St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, our sole Australian Saint.

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

MARY'S ASSUMPTION INTO HEAVEN
Tue 15 Aug - a holyday of obligation. Masses:
Mon 14 Aug (Vigil) - 5.45pm
Tue 15 Aug (Feast) - 8 & 9.00am * 5.45pm
Please make plans to join us for this holyday.

INTERESTED IN JOINING US?
We may begin a new 2-yr series of RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) sessions in the spring (if there is sufficient interest). We meet Wednesdays, 7.30 - 9.00pm in the undercroft. If you, or someone you know, may be interested, please get in touch with Fr Tim or Fr Mariusz.

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:
Thurs 07 Aug 10 - 11am online
Wed 16 Aug 2 - 3pm online
Thurs 31 Aug 7 - 8pm online

Access this online at home with this LINK: safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/
Thank you to everyone who has done this!

CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD
An Introduction to Christian Anthropology
Four Saturdays, 2 - 23 Sept at The Catholic Pastoral Centre, Highgate, 10.30am - noon. Presented by Natalie Thomas, & sponsored by the Ordinariate Community. More info on the notice board. All are welcome.

BUILDING FUND TO DATE
TOTAL in Building Fund: \$202,711.64
BUILDING FUND PLEDGES
Please note your bank reference like this: Your surname - Pledge.

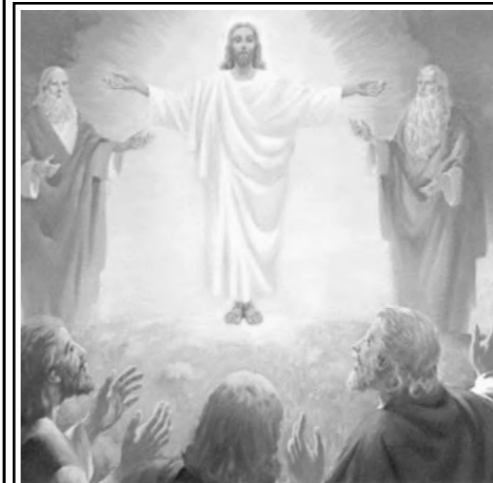
ONGOING EXPENSES
Archdiocesan tax - \$1,000.00 * underground power - \$500.00 * candles - \$219.50 * incense - \$36.95 * City of Stirling rates - \$1,020.00 * parents' sacramental booklets - \$457.70 * **TOTAL: \$3,234.15**

ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE MASS
Sat 19 Aug: All are invited to this special 10.00am Mass at the Cathedral. A blessing will be given to all married couples present. Commemorative certificates will be given to couples with milestone anniversaries (10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 or 50+ years). Register: <https://bit.ly/mmarragemass202>

Please pray for parishioners who are unwell: 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 Scolaro, Gino Della Bosca, Patricia Foley, Pietro Arrigo, James Hewitt, Sr Margaret Mary Crock RNDM, Doreen Bryant, Jim Murdoch, Romeo Tatasciore, Elizabeth King, Sarina Arrigo, Mary Boxsell, Carmela Di Nardo, Elsie Clear, Molly Chapman, Iris Kelly

The Wisdom of the Saints: Mystic Union with God

The air is in the sunshine, and the sunshine is in the air. In the same way, God is in the being of the human soul, and whenever our soul is focussed on actively loving God and our neighbour, we are being united with God in the very depths of our being. - Bl Jan van Ruysbroeck
I simply disappeared, like a drop of water in the ocean. Only Jesus was left - for He is my King. Weak and helpless as I am, I have begged to be united with Him, my Strength. - St Therese of Lisieux
To be loved by God, to be united to Him, to live in His Presence, to live for God - oh, how wonderful life is when we live with God. And then we do not fear death. - St John Vianney, the Curé of Ars
If we will learn to spend some time in silent reflection, we will eventually be absorbed into a love for God which doesn't require words or images. We'll be absorbed into Him. - Bl Henry Suso
Let us learn to die to ourselves and follow Christ. Small sacrifices will help us accomplish this. And by following the Crucified One, we will pass from this world to the Father. - St Bonaventure
My Lord and my God, take from me anything that separates me from You. Protect me from myself, so that I may belong entirely to You! - St Nicholas of Flüe



Jesus was transfigured before them, and Moses and Elijah appeared.

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

Book 20 (cont.): The Saints were secure in their faith because they always showed the greatest reverence to God. Just because their own gifts and deeds were great didn't mean that they no longer had to be humble. Lesser people are too self-assured, due to their pride and presumption - and in the end it is all self-delusion. Often, the people whom others hold in the highest esteem are put in serious danger by their own self-confidence. So it is better to battle with temptations, lest we become overconfident or attracted to material comforts instead of being drawn to God.
Oh, if we could only rid ourselves of our useless cares and focus instead on things that are wholesome and holy, and put our hope in God - imagine what great peace we would have! So let's train ourselves in true sorrow for our own failings, and grow in deep compassion for others. Then we will find true peace and rest in life.

Pastoral Ponderings

I'm writing this on Thursday evening, having come back to my office after a one-hour meeting in church with the parents of our children who will receive Our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time on Sunday 10th September.

These sacramental meetings - for Reconciliation and Confirmation, as well as for First Communion - are a bit difficult for me. As I told someone earlier, I feel like a comedian on stage in a comedy club, and I'm getting no laughs! It's difficult, because those in front of me come from many different backgrounds:

- ◆ those who went to Catholic schools in the past
- ◆ those who never went to Catholic schools
- ◆ those who grew up attending Mass regularly
- ◆ those who rarely or never attended Mass
- ◆ those from homes where prayer was practised
- ◆ those from homes where no one ever prayed
- ◆ those who now attend Mass regularly
- ◆ those who now attend Mass occasionally
- ◆ those who now attend Mass rarely, or never.

There is no one lecture, there is no one video, there is no one scripture reading, there is no one prayer that will touch everyone - or even anyone. It's hard.

Yet, in my heart, I know that God exists, and that He loves each one of us, and that He longs to have us drawn to Him in a mystic bond of union (see above).

And I know that He sent His Son to our earth to teach us how to live, to show us how to help others, and to offer us the way to eternal life.

And I sincerely believe that He established the Catholic Church to guide us on that way. No other church has the fullness of the truth taught by Christ (as we've seen once again in our recent study of the Bible and the Church Fathers).

And I firmly believe in the Seven Sacraments as the ways in which God wants to accompany us on our journey through life.

And I cling to the Holy Eucharist as the 'daily Bread' given to us by Christ, to nourish and sustain us on our pilgrim way through this 'valley of tears'.

And I am supremely confident that I will be given the promise that Christ attaches to the Eucharist: "Whoever eats My Flesh and drinks My Blood will have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the Last Day, for My Flesh is real food, and My Blood is real drink."

Next Sunday, 13th August, will be the 73rd anniversary of my Baptism. I am grateful for the faith given to me by my parents and my parish priest, and I try my best to convey to everyone in the parish and in our school that our Catholic faith is the best gift we could have been given in life. To God be the glory!

