



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 TWENTY-EIGHTH WEEK in ORDINARY TIME		MASS INTENTIONS	
Monday	5.45 pm - Mass	St Margaret Mary Alacoque, <i>virgin</i>	
Tuesday	5.45 pm - Mass	St Ignatius of Antioch, <i>bishop & martyr</i>	
Wednesday	5.45 pm - Mass	SAINT LUKE, <i>evangelist & martyr</i>	
Thursday	5.45 pm - Mass	The North American Martyrs	
Friday	9.00 am - Mass (Acacia) 5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	† faithful departed
Saturday	10.00 am - NO MASS	Weekday in Ordinary Time	

The TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME		MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday	4.30 pm - Mass 6.00 pm - Mass	† Enda Louise Murphy -14 th anniversary for the parish	
Sunday	9.00 am - Mass	† Maria Hoong - anniversary	

PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER				
14 - 15 October 2023	Saturday 4.30pm		Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 9.00am
Readers	T Merchant	A Iacopetta	M Davila V Kurak	L Bellandi <i>Please volunteer</i>
Acolytes	W Grzech		R Novacsek	D Cleary
Altar Servers	A Fanowrios	C Fanowrios	D & I Blinco C Colletti	D Cadogan S Macnish
Musicians	A Loiacono	T Murphy-Jelley	A Loiacono T Murphy-Jelley	MIDI machine T Murphy-Jelley
IT Operators	G Torre		<i>Please volunteer</i>	<i>Please volunteer</i>
Counters	M Jordan	P Jordan		

Thank You

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.

Building Fund	08/10	Last Sunday's Contributions	08/10
Jar, envelopes, online	\$ 115.00	Online donations	\$ 2,212.83
Pledges	1,044.69	Loose	600.00
Containers for Change	10.80	Tap and Go	171.68
		Catholic Weekly	17.00
		Candles	89.75
		Columban calendars	17.00
		Donation: Harries funeral	400.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,170.49	TOTAL	\$ 3,508.26

Entrance Antiphon: If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities - Lord, who could stand? But with You is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

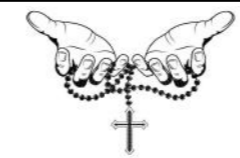
Communion Antiphon: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.



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, <i>Principal</i>	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



THIS IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY
We pray the Rosary as a community before each weekday Mass, starting at 5.20pm, and before each weekend Mass, starting 20 minutes before the start of Mass. Please be a Rosary leader this month: families, children, singles are all invited to lead us in prayer.

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

CAN YOU HELP US COUNT?
We need volunteers to count the weekend collections. Two people count the money after the Sunday 9.00am Mass. They count the money at home and then bring it to Andrew Vajda's house - it is banked on Monday. If you can assist in this ministry, contact Fr Mariusz or Fr Tim. Thank you!

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:

Thu	19 Oct	2-3pm	Online
Tue	24 Oct	7-8pm	Online
Tue	07 Nov	7-8pm	Online
Fri	17 Nov	10-11am	Online
Wed	06 Dec	10-11am	Online

Access this online at home with this LINK: safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/ Thank you, everyone, for doing this!

BUILDING FUND TO DATE
TOTAL in Building Fund: \$208,451.77

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

ONGOING EXPENSES
insurance - \$1,505.57 * underground power - \$500.00 * Archdiocesan tax - \$1,000.00 * air con service - \$621.50 * Peter's Pence - \$1,261.71 * FORMED parish subscription - \$1,449.00 * **TOTAL: \$5,201.69**



"And if you don't have an attorney, we've got millions of them."

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: Con Hogan, Antonina Danze, David Huston, Mary Cogan, Mary Gordon, Les Dornan, Eileen Margaret McGinnity, Elizabeth Massam, Molly Spears, Kathleen Urquhart, Addolorata Spina

The Wisdom of the Saints: Human Nature

People travel abroad to wonder at the lofty mountains, the huge waves of the sea, the long courses of rivers, the vast expanse of the ocean, the circular paths of the stars - yet they never stop to wonder at the marvel of what they themselves are as human beings! - St Augustine of Hippo

Our human condition is so noble and so beloved by God Most High that He was willing to die for our sake. He would not have done this if we were not creatures of great worth. - Bl Angela of Foligno

It is not our body alone which feels, nor our mind alone which thinks: we, as human beings, both feel and think as one united being. - St Thomas Aquinas

God is like a mother who carries her child in her arms as she walks near a cliff. While she is trying all the time to keep her child from danger, he is doing his best to get into it! - St John Vianney

Lift up your heart after you fall. Gently humble yourself before God, knowing your misery, and don't be astonished at your weakness, because it's not surprising that weak people should be weak, or infirm people should be infirm, or frail people should be frail. - St Francis de Sales

Things will not be well until all people are good - which won't be for a long time! - St Thomas More



*The Banquet is prepared:
all are invited
to the Wedding Feast!*

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

Chap 22 (end): Oh, how great is our human frailty! We are always prone to doing things that we shouldn't. We confess our sins one day, and then the next we do what we confessed all over again! We resolve to be on our guard, and then an hour later we act as if we had never made that resolution.

Since we are so weak and unstable, we are right when we have a humble opinion of ourselves. What we gained through grace with much time and effort, we can quickly lose through carelessness.

What will become of us in the end, we who so quickly lose our resolve? We can't sit back and rest as though we already have spiritual peace. It would be good for us to start all over and, like good beginners, learn the ways of good behaviour once again. If we did so, there might be some hope of changing in the future, and some hope of making spiritual progress.

Pastoral Ponderings

As I prepare this edition of the parish newsletter, I'm in New York City where I'm visiting cousins and friends. Tonight (Wednesday) I'm attending a performance of Verdi's opera 'Nabucco' at the great Metropolitan Opera. I bought the cheapest ticket, which means I'm in the very last row of the main floor - but I'm bringing binoculars so I can see the performers! Hearing the singers and musicians will be no problem in that great auditorium, however.

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'Nabucco' is an Italian contraction of the biblical name 'Nabuchadnezzar', the Babylonian king who besieged Jerusalem and took the inhabitants captive in 597 BC. The opera's best-known number is the "Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves" ("Va, pensiero, sull'ali dorate" - "Fly, thought, on golden wings").

It turns out to be an appropriate opera to attend in these days when the attention of the world is on the terrible situation in Israel and Gaza. The history of the Jewish people is one of constant struggle - both with their neighbours and with God Himself.

As Thomas à Kempis writes in The Imitation (see adjoining column), not only the Jewish people but all of us are weak people - always promising to change, always vowing to serve God, but then quickly failing to follow through on our promises and vows. We are our own worst enemies. After each war, we vow "Never again!" - yet here we are again: Ukraine, and now Israel & Gaza.

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The Bible tells us that God promised the land of Canaan - today's Israel - to Abraham. But we then read that Abraham didn't simply leave his home in Ur of Chaldea (today's Iraq) and waltz into Canaan and settle down peacefully. No, he was met with resistance at the start. However, after a few battles, he made a peaceful settlement with the inhabitants, he purchased land, and he settled down quietly.

In August and September our bible study group saw how the Hebrews, returning to Canaan after years of living in Egypt because of a famine at home, had a very difficult time making Canaan their own. They fought and battled their way through the land for years. In fact, it wasn't until the time of King David and his son King Solomon that the Hebrews finally made Canaan their own - more than 400 years of struggle. And it continues in our own day.

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I've been in contact with our pilgrimage organisers in Jerusalem. Hopefully this terrible conflict will be contained quickly. Israel itself is safe, but I am watching the Australian Government's travel advisories carefully. Let's all pray for a speedy resolution of the warfare, and for help & comfort for those who are suffering both in Israel and in Gaza.

