



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

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Estab. 1956

Parish Office
New Parishioners
Baptism
Reconciliation

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.

The FIRST WEEK of ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	5.45 pm - Mass	Advent Monday / <i>St John of Damascus, priest & doctor</i>	† faithful departed
Tuesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Advent Tuesday	
Wednesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Advent Wednesday / <i>St Nicholas of Myra, bishop</i>	
Thursday	5.45 pm - Mass	St Ambrose of Milan, <i>bishop & doctor of the Church</i>	
Friday	9.00 am - Mass (Acacia) 5.45 pm - Mass	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY	† faithful departed † Laurie Smith - 10 th anniversary
Saturday	10.00 am - NO MASS	Advent Saturday / <i>St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin</i>	-----

The SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT

Saturday	4.30 pm - Mass 6.00 pm - Mass	for the parish † Luke Yap - anniversary
Sunday	9.00 am - Mass	† faithful departed

PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER

2 - 3 December 2023	Saturday 4.30pm	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 9.00am
Readers	L D'Orsogna F Jones	L Bellandi T Kelleher	J Sluchniak Z Kirkup
Acolytes	L Torre	-----	D Cleary
Altar Servers	G Torre S Guelfi L Ireland P Tindale	R & J Arulraja C Coletti	V Redcliff <i>Please volunteer</i>
Musicians	A Loiacono T Murphy-Jelley	A Loiacono T Murphy-Jelley	Fr T Deeter T Murphy-Jelley
IT Operators	G Torre	<i>Please volunteer</i>	<i>Please volunteer</i>
Counters	P Quinn B Moncrieff		

Thank You

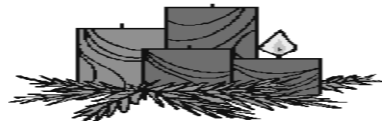
Thank you for your contribution. Here are our parish account details:

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 26/11		Last Sunday's Contributions 26/11	
Jar, envelopes, online	\$ 30.00	Planned Giving	\$ 1,342.44
Pledges	860.00	Online donations	624.35
Containers for Change	34.90	Loose	166.77
		Tap and Go	31.80
		Catholic Weekly	75.05
		Candles	20.00
		Columban calendars	
TOTAL	\$ 924.90	TOTAL	\$ 2,260.41

Entrance Antiphon: To You I lift up my soul, O my God! In You I have trusted - let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies exult over me, and let none who hope in You be put to shame.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord will bestow His bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.



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

2024 MASS DIARY IS NOW OPEN

To have Mass offered for the anniversary of a birth, wedding or death, or for any need or intention, please use the special Mass intention envelopes found in the porch, or send an email or note to Fr Tim, or to the parish office.

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.*

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR COPY

We are providing The Sign, a booklet of Advent & Christmas daily reflections, for all adult parishioners. *Take one - and use it!*

ADVENT IN THE HOME

Take home a sheet of ideas for observing a holy Advent at home:

- * Advent wreath prayers for the 4 weeks
- * making a Manger of good deeds
- * observing the feast of St Nicholas

MARK YOUR DIARIES!

- ♦ **Festival of Lessons & Carols**
- Sunday 17th December - 7.00pm
- ♦ **Christmas Confessions**
- Thursday 21st December - 6.15 - 7.15pm
- ♦ **Christmas Masses**
- Sunday 24 Dec: 4.30pm & 6.00pm
- Midnight Mass, choir at 11.30pm
- Monday 25 Dec: 9.00am
book: www.trybooking.com/CNCKV

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NOVENA
The Novena ends on Thurs 7 Dec. On Fri 8 Dec, Miraculous Medals will be blessed and distributed during the 9am RSL and 5.45pm parish Masses. Leaflets are available for those who wish to pray the Novena at home. The Novena prayers are also on our website.

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:

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!

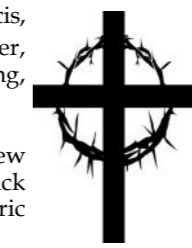
BUILDING FUND TO DATE
TOTAL in Building Fund: \$223,331.38

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

ONGOING EXPENSES
altar linens - \$680.50 * candles - \$80.55 * bulletin covers - \$101.00 * **TOTAL: \$862.05**
Coming next week: rates * gas (exciting, eh?)

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: Matthew Skeats, Mary Giles, Domenico Liva, Irene Dornan, Cecily Laurence, Mick Cogan, Alice Keane, Susan McKenna, Len Harty Jnr, Alice Barnard, Eric Hawtin, Edmund Pemberton, Patricia Burns



The Wisdom of the Saints: Prudence, Patience, Perseverance

Prudence must precede every action that we undertake; for if we lack prudence, then anything we want to do, no matter how good, will turn into evil. - St Basil the Great

Take care not to consciously do or say anything which, if all the world were to learn of it, you could not acknowledge and say, "Yes, that was what I did, or that is what I said." - St Louis IX of France

There are some favours that the Almighty does not grant either the first, or the second, or the third time you ask Him, because He wants you to pray for a long time. He often wills this delay to keep you in a state of humility, and to make you appreciate the value of His graces. - St John Eudes

In my long experience of working with children, very often I had to remember this truth: that it is easier to become angry than to restrain oneself, and easier to threaten a child than to persuade him. Yes, it is more appropriate to be persistent in disciplining our own impatience and pride than to correct the children. We must be firm but kind, and be patient with them. - St John Bosco

To be criticised, denounced and despised by good people, even by our own friends and relatives, is a severe test of virtue. - St Francis de Sales



*If the Master returns unexpectedly,
He must not find you asleep,
so I say to you: Stay awake!*

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

Chap 24 (cont.): Why aren't you preparing for the Day of Judgement, when no one will be able to excuse or defend another, when each person's burden will be enough for himself alone? Right now your work is fruitful, your tears are acceptable, your sighs are heard, and your sorrow satisfies and cleanses your soul.

A patient person undergoes a great and wholesome cleansing. While bearing any injuries, he grieves more about the evil of others than for his own wrongs. He gladly prays for his enemies, and he truly forgives them. He does not shrink from asking for forgiveness from others. He is more easily moved to compassion than to anger. He remains self-controlled, and he directs every aspect of his life toward his quest for God. It is better to wash away sins and nip our vices than to keep them now, only to have them purged in the future.

Pastoral Ponderings

I enjoy reading the quarterly newsletter The Brag from Campion College in New South Wales.

Campion is a small tertiary institution providing a liberal arts education for Catholic students since 2006. It is named for the 16th century English martyr St Edmund Campion.

This past October, President Katalin Novak of Hungary addressed the students about her country's unique pro-family policies, and the importance of faith in public and personal life.

She said that in 2010, her country had the EU's lowest fertility rate - just 1.2 children per couple. So her Government introduced a new policy: Hungary now spends 6% of its GDP on family welfare policies - more than twice as much as defence.

The more children a woman has, the less tax she pays. And if she has at least four children, she will never again pay personal income tax - ever!

Higher education loans are also reduced after each successive child, and totally written off for a family with at least three children.

Housing subsidies, mortgage reductions, personal loans & other financial benefits tied to childbearing are also widely available.

She warned the students against postponing their family in favour of career. She is now 46, but sees herself first as a wife, mother and daughter.

She said: "I've never heard of anyone regretting not signing one more contract, or working one more day in the office. But I've heard from many who, just before passing away, regretted not having one more child, or not spending enough time with their family."

In these weeks of Advent, as our thoughts turn to the Holy Family on their journey to Bethlehem, pray that we can all become less work-driven, and more family-focussed.

*Some 40 parishioners gathered at Pasta-in-the-Valley for our **Pre-Christmas Lunch** on Saturday. It was a good way to start Advent.*

*Our next big event will be **Lessons & Carols** on Sunday 17th December at 7.00pm. For those of you who don't know what Lessons & Carols means, it is a service of 9 scripture readings & 9 Christmas carols, telling the entire story of salvation from the Fall of the first human beings to the visit of the Magi to adore the newborn Saviour of the world. Singing is always magnificent, led by our wonderful parish choir, and accompanied by our fantastic organist, Alessio Loiacono, plus a string consort & trumpeter.*

*This year, we have a very short Advent: just three weeks and a day. The Fourth Sunday of Advent is also Christmas Eve! Be sure to **book your seats** for the Christmas Masses - the Big Day is coming soon!*