



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 SECOND WEEK of ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	5.45 pm - Mass	Advent Monday / <i>St Damasus I, pope</i>	† Kathleen (Giroux) Zahn - d. 25 Nov.
Tuesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Advent Tuesday / <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	for our grandchildren
Wednesday	5.45 pm - Mass	St Lucy, virgin & martyr	
Thursday	5.45 pm - Mass	St John of the Cross, priest & doctor of the Church	
Friday	9.00 am - Mass (Acacia) 5.45 pm - Mass	Advent Friday	† faithful departed
Saturday	10.00 am - NO MASS	Advent Saturday	-----
The THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT: Gaudete Sunday			
Saturday	4.30 pm - Mass 6.00 pm - Mass		† Jo Odorisio - anniversary for the parish
Sunday	9.00 am - Mass		† faithful departed

PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER

9 - 10 December 2023	Saturday 4.30pm		Saturday 6.00pm		Sunday 9.00am	
Readers	C Archer	L Plowman	M Davila	V Kurak	G Saldanha	C Moore
Acolytes	G Hobbs		R Novacek		J Pereira	
Altar Servers	E & F Archer	A Coelho	V Horgan	J Ryan	D Jordan	F Jorda
Musicians	A Loiacono	T Murphy-Jelley	A Loiacono	T Murphy-Jelley	Fr T Deeter	T Murphy-Jelley
IT Operators	Please volunteer		Please volunteer		Please volunteer	
Counters	P Jordan.	M Jordan				

Thank You

Thank you for your contribution. Here are our parish account details:		Building Fund 02/12		Last Sunday's Contributions 02/12	
Parish Account:	St Paul's Parish * 086 006 * 66717 2345	Jar, envelopes, online	\$ 20.00	Planned Giving	\$ 1,814.75
Presbytery Account:	St Paul's Parish Presbytery * 086 006 * 551882898	Pledges	810.00	Online donations	534.50
Building Fund Acc't:	St Paul's Building Fund * 086 006 * 151619353	Containers for Change	26.70	Loose	288.41
Direct Debit:	Make arrangements with your bank to make regular deposits.			Catholic Weekly	33.00
				Candles	90.75
				Columban calendars	50.00
		TOTAL	\$ 856.70	TOTAL	\$ 2,811.41

Entrance Antiphon: O people of Zion, behold: the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of His voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Communion Antiphon: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God!



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
Liturg 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

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.

A ROSARY FOR OUR CHILDREN
Tues 9.30am: Rosary & Litany in church, followed by a cuppa. All are welcome.

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.*

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

READERS WORKBOOKS ARE HERE
Please pick up your copy in the porch.

THANKS FROM CATHOLIC MISSION
Our generous gift of \$2,275.00 will help our medical missionaries in East Timor provide life-saving healthcare to the vulnerable. May the Lord reward you for your goodness.

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	24 Jan	10-11am
Tue	06 Feb	7 - 8pm
Wed	14 Feb	2 - 3pm
Thurs	22 Feb	10-11am
Tue	27 Feb	7 - 8pm
Wed	06 Mar	7 - 8pm
Thurs	14 Mar	2 - 3pm

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: \$224,853.18

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

ONGOING EXPENSES
- \$508.88 * underground power - \$500.00 * crucifix spotlight - \$1,375.00 (est) * liturgical calendars (4) - \$199.80 * graduation gift vouchers (2) - \$100.00 * **TOTAL - \$3,364.18**

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: Mark Foley, Kevin Kelly, Mary Mollie Quinn, John Taylor, James Sutherland, Joan Foley, Doreen Stewart, Carmela Vizzari, Mary Hope

The Wisdom of the Saints: The Mystical Body of Christ

God has gathered us out of all lands, from one end of the world to the other. He has forgiven our sins, and has taught us that we are members of one Body in Christ. - St Anthony of Egypt

You cannot have God for your Father if you do not have the Church for your Mother. Those who were outside Noah's Ark could not escape death; nor can you escape eternal death if you are outside the doors of the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ. - St Cyprian of Carthage

The whole aim of the Church's work on earth is the growth of the Mystical Body through converting sinners, saving souls, and helping us all to grow and persevere in Christ. It is this very goal that caused the Son of God to come down to our earth. - St Anthony Mary Claret

Christianity is not dead, as the followers of the atheist Voltaire like to think. In fact, I know some young people living in the lap of luxury, who are utterly humble, charitable, reverent, seeking out the poor in their slums, and very devout in their religious duties. They are completely sincere in living out their Catholic faith and doing good for the Mystical Body of Christ on earth. - Bl Theophane Venard



*I send My Messenger before you:
he will prepare your way.*

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

Chap 24 (cont.): Truly, we are deceiving ourselves if we become too self-confident. What other fuel does the fire have, except your sins? The more lax you are now, and the more you focus on exaggerating your own self-importance, the more severely will you pay for it later on - and the more fuel will you be gathering for the fire!

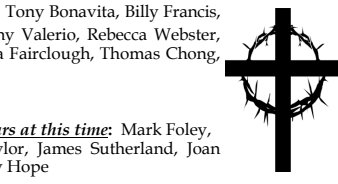
In whatever ways you have sinned, in those same ways you will be severely punished. In Hell, lazy will be pushed with burning prods, while gluttons will suffer great hunger and thirst. Lovers of luxury and pleasure will be drenched in burning tar and stinking brimstone, and the envious will howl their anguish like mad dogs.

In Hell, each vice will be punished with its own special torment. The proud will be utterly confused, while the miserly will be in terrible need.

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Pastoral Ponderings

Given today's excerpt from *The Imitation of Christ* (middle column) is a bit scary (but true), I thought I'd balance it a bit with some positive thoughts from *The Wisdom of the Saints* (box above).

I especially like the last observation, made by **Blessed Theophane Venard**. Like him, we live in an increasingly godless society. Yet, like him, we enjoy the quiet witness of good young Catholics who are striving to live their faith in tangible ways.

We are proud of our thirty-five altar servers who assist at our liturgies so reverently. But unless you come to weekday Mass, you're probably not aware that several of our Year 10, 11 and 12 teens pop in and volunteer to serve.

That is a special joy for me, and it reminds me of myself at that age. I didn't just serve when I was rostered on the weekends - no, I truly loved serving, and I served almost daily.

So who was Blessed Theophane Venard? He was born in France in 1829, one of six children. As a boy he read of the martyrdom of 29-year-old **Jean-Charles Cornay** in Vietnam, and he was inspired to become a missionary priest himself.

He was originally sent to Hong Kong in 1853, but a change of plans found him sent to Vietnam. He had to hide out in the mountains and minister to people mostly at night. He was captured in 1860 and held in a cage for two months. He refused to trample on a crucifix, and was beheaded in 1861 on 2 February, the feast of the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple. He was just 31.

I myself was raised on reading the lives of the Saints. The stories of their idealism and heroism made me want to imitate them. Indeed, I became a priest. And I was called to leave my homeland and journey to the ends of the earth to minister to God's people - alas, not in mountainous jungles, but in the concrete jungles of Perth and Sydney.

And I labour for Christ - not amid those who hate Him and murder His priests, but worse: I, like you, am surrounded by **apathy** - Catholics who just don't care, who can't be bothered to make an effort to join us at Holy Mass, even once in a while, to show love for Him Who loved us, even unto death.

Bl Theophane and St Jean-Charles imitated Jesus in a bloody death. My own dying with Christ has been taking much longer than theirs! And it hasn't been bloody, but our godless society makes martyrdom by apathy painful nonetheless.

But seeing our young people who serve or read at Mass, and those who will sing or play their stringed instruments for us at Christmas, tells me that all is not lost. Christ still calls, and **the young respond**.