



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 THIRD WEEK of ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	5.45 pm - Mass	Late Advent Monday	Fancote family & friends
Tuesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Late Advent Tuesday	Brennan family & friends
Wednesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Late Advent Wednesday	Nee family & friends
Thursday	5.45 pm - Mass	Late Advent Thursday / St Peter Canisius, priest & dr	† recently deceased family & friends
Friday	9.00 am - Mass (Acacia) 5.45 pm - Mass	Late Advent Friday	† faithful departed † Albert Whitlock - 55 th anniversary
Saturday	10.00 am - NO MASS	Late Advent Saturday / St John of Kanty, priest	-----

The FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT

Saturday	4.30 pm - Mass 6.00 pm - Mass	† John Halligan - recently deceased for the parish
Sunday	9.00 am - Mass	† Isaac Blizzard

PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER

16 - 17 December 2023	Saturday 4.30pm	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 9.00am
Readers	A Iacopetta L D'Orsogna	M Ryan <i>Please volunteer</i>	M Tinning L Bellandi
Acolytes	A Troy	Fr M Grzech	D Cleary
Altar Servers	<i>Please volunteer</i>	V Horgan J Arulraja	S Macnish P Tindale
Musicians	A Loiacono T Murphy-Jelley	A Loiacono T Murphy-Jelley	Fr T Deeter T Murphy-Jelley
IT Operators	D Samanta	<i>Please volunteer</i>	<i>Please volunteer</i>
Counters	L Bellandi A Vinciguerra		

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	10/12	Last Sunday's Contributions	10/12
Jar, envelopes, online	\$ 70.00	Planned Giving	\$ 2,266.02
Pledges	1,090.00	Online donations	596.35
Containers for Change	69.60	Loose	201.11
		Tap and Go	23.90
		Catholic Weekly	155.50
		Candles	16.00
		Columban calendars	
TOTAL	\$ 1,229.60	TOTAL	\$ 3,258.88

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice in the Lord always! Again I say: rejoice!
Indeed, the Lord is near.

Communion Antiphon: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong, and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and He will save us.



Liturgical Ministries

Acolytes	John Pereira	0401 623 521
Altar Linen	Lori Valerio * Maria Odorisio	
Altar Servers	Lilian Bellandi	0412 980 261
Collectors & Counters	Dianne Smith	0408 569 969
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

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.

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.

THANK YOU FROM THE VINNIES

The St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal here raised \$5,037.00 and our Poor Box in the porch produced another \$2,640.00 - plus food items left in the basket under the Offertory table. God bless you all!

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: \$225,372.48

BUILDING FUND PLEDGES

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

ONGOING EXPENSES

altar linens - \$680.50 * underground power - \$500.00 * TOTAL - \$1,180.50

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: Vivian Hawtin, John Ferrari, Mario Papalia, Francis Knuckey, Rose Goss, Bertha McDermott, Con Migro Snr, James Byrne, Robert Hearne

The Wisdom of the Saints: Simplicity

Christ did not appear as a philosopher or as a wordy scholar, or as someone who disputed noisily, or as a scribe renowned for wisdom and learning. No, He spoke with people in utmost simplicity and showed them the way of truth by His manner of life, His virtues, and His miracles. - Bl Angela of Foligno
When Our Lord sees pure souls coming eagerly to visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament, He smiles on them. They come with the simple faith that pleases Him so much. - St John Mary Vianney
If someone asks a humble person for his opinion, he gives it in all simplicity, and then he lets others give theirs. Whether they are right or wrong, he says no more. - St John Mary Vianney
The soul of a little child is free from all diseases of the mind; he retains no memory of wrongs, but approaches those who have inflicted them in a friendly fashion as if nothing had happened. He may be chastened by his mother, but he always seeks her out above all others. - St John Chrysostom
God wants us to have the attitude of children. When they are ill, or afraid, they run quickly to their mother for help. In the same way, God wants us to run to Mary and say, "My kind Mother, my dear Mother, my gracious Mother, help me - I've fallen into the mud!" - Bl Julian of Norwich



When they asked John who he was, he replied, "I am a voice crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare a way for the Lord!'"

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

Chap 24 (cont.): One hour of suffering in Hell will be worse than one hundred years of the most heavy penance here on earth.

There is no rest in Hell, and no comfort for the damned - but here on earth there is sometimes rest from work, and we enjoy the solace of our friends.

So be anxious and worry now about your sins, so that on the Day of Judgement you may be secure among the Blessed, for on that Day the righteous will stand firmly against those who have afflicted and oppressed them. Then, the poor and humble will have great assurance, while the proud will quake with fear on all sides.

On that Day, the person who learned to be a despised fool for Christ's sake will be revealed to have been the wisest person in this world.

Pastoral Ponderings

Next weekend is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. We will have the usual weekend timetable:

- Saturday 4.30pm & 6.00pm
 - Sunday 9.00am
- Then we will observe Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, again with the weekend timetable:
- Christmas Eve 4.30pm & 6.00pm
 - Midnight Mass (11.30pm carols, 12mid Mass)
 - Christmas Day 9.00am

Please do the right thing and come to Mass - once, to complete our Advent observance, and a second time, to begin our Christmas celebration. Goodonya!

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As you see in the middle column, Thomas à Kempis is continuing his discussion of Hell. There are some people who think there is no Hell - tell Jesus about this! He refers to Hell on a number of occasions in the Gospel, most notably as we heard a few Sundays ago on the Solemnity of Christ the King.

After confronting the 'goats' with the fact that they ignored Him whenever they ignored the needs of the hungry or thirsty, the sick or imprisoned, and they claim ignorance, He says, "Depart from Me, you accursed, into the eternal hellfire prepared for the Devil and his angels!" What a terrible thought.

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As your spiritual father, I urge you again: do the right thing and come to Mass twice next weekend: once to conclude Advent, and then again to open the Christmas season.

Yes, we can all come up with excuses and reasons why "one Mass should count for both", and "I'm too busy", blah blah blah. Don't be like that.

Thomas à Kempis says that 'one hour of suffering in Hell will be worse than one hundred years of the most heavy penance here on earth.' Well, I don't think one hour of Mass this Saturday evening or Sunday morning could be compared to an hour in Hell! So, if nothing else, look upon the extra Mass as a penance - but a penance offered gladly to Our Lord in thanksgiving for all of His goodness to you. And our Masses aren't too much suffering - we have nice music, a decent homily, the Word of God and the Body and Blood of Christ. Come twice to Mass!

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I'm very proud of the generosity you have shown in recent weeks to the Vinnies and to Catholic Mission - the reports are in the first column. Despite a hard time with the economic downturn, you continue to give to those in need - both those who are near, served by the Vinnies, and those who are afar, helped by Catholic Mission. Plus you support our parish.

In this way, you are responding to Our Lord, Who says, "I was hungry, and you gave Me food. . . Come, enter into the joy of Your Lord!"

