

# St Paul's Catholic Church / Mt Lawley Parish

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Gillian Theobald, Parish Secretary

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.



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St Vincent de Paul Society

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Monday	5.45 p	.45 pm - Mass Late Advent Monday				Fa	Fancote family & friends			
Tuesday	5.45 p	m - Mass	Late Advent Tuesday			Bre	Brennan family & friends			
Wednesday	<b>5.45 pm -</b> Mass		Late Advent Wednesday			Ne	Nee family & friends			
Thursday	<b>5.45 pm</b> - Mass		Late Advent Thursday / St Peter Canisius, priest & dr			† r	† recently deceased family & friends			
Friday	9.00 am - Mass (Acacia) 5.45 pm - Mass		Late Advent Friday				† faithful departed † Albert Whitlock - 55 <sup>th</sup> anniversary			
Saturday	10.00 aı	m - NO MASS	Late Advent Saturday / St John of Kanty, priest							
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Saturday	<b>4.30 pm -</b> Mass <b>6.00 pm -</b> Mass							† John Halligan - recently deceased for the parish		
Sunday	9.00 a	9.00 am - Mass					† Is	† Isaac Blizzard		
		P.	ARISH MINISTRIES	ROS	STER					
16 - 17 Decemb	oer 2023	Saturda	y 4.30pm Saturday 6.00pm				Sunday 9.00am			
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Thank you for your contribution. Here are our parish account details:  Parish Account: St Paul's Parish * 086 006 * 66717 23  Presbytery Account: St Paul's Parish Presbytery * 086 006 * 55188289  Building Fund Acc't: St Paul's Building Fund * 086 006 * 15161939				2345 2898 9353	Building Fund 10/1 Jar, envelopes, online Pledges 1,090.0 Containers for Change 69.6		12 00 00	Online donations Loose Tap and Go Catholic Weekly Candles Columban calendars		\$ 2,266.02 596.35 201.11 23.90 155.50 16.00
Direct Debit: Make arrangements with your bank to make regular deposits. TOTAL \$ 1,229.60 TOTAL						TOTAL		\$ 3,258.88		
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Liturgica		Parish Ministries & Activities			
Acolytes	John Pereira	0401 623 521	Finance	Committee	TBA
Altar Linen	Lori Valerio * Maria	Odorisio	Planned	Giving	Andrew Vajda
Altar Servers	Lilian Bellandi	0412 980 261	St Paul's	Primary School	Peter Merry, Principal
Collectors & Counters	Dianne Smith	0408 569 969	RCIA		Fr Tim Deeter
Extraordinary Ministers	Simon Hehir	043 778 6023	St Paul's	Youth Ministry	TBA
Flowers	Jasmin Biagioni	0411 123 575	Parish S	ocial Committee	Ingrid Vajda
Liturgy Committee	TBA		Sunday !	Morning Tea	School P&F mothers
Music - Sun 9am Mass	Fr Tim Deeter	9271 5253	Bible Stu	ıdy	Fr Tim / Fr Mariusz
Music - Sat 4.30pm & 6.00pm	Alessio Loiacono	0466 461 892	PREP Co	o-ordinator	Susan Brown
Readers	Genevieve Saldanha	0405 806 848	Safeguar	ding Officer	Stephen Cain

Bohold our Cod will come and He will care us

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**Communion Antiphon:** Say to the faint of heart: Be strong, and do not fear.

Judith Paxman

David Cleary

Acacia Residence Chapel

Sacristan



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 <b>-</b> 11am				
Tue	06 Feb	7 - 8pm				
Wed	14 Feb	2 - 3pm				
Thurs	22 Feb	10 <b>-</b> 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**

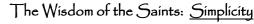
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### ONGOING EXPENSES

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



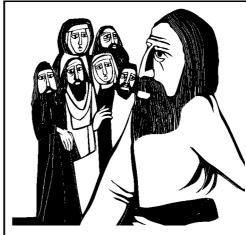
Christ did not appear as a philosopher or as a wordy scholar, or as someone who disputed noisily, or as a scribe renowned for wisdom and learning. No, He spoke with people in utmost simplicity and showed them the way of truth by His manner of life, His virtues, and His miracles. - Bl Angela of Foligno

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 the solace of our friends.

So be anxious and worry now about your 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!

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.

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 sometimes rest from work, and we enjoy 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 sins, so that on the Day of Judgement you | in Hell will be worse than one hundred years of the may be secure among the Blessed, for on | most heavy penance here on earth.' Well, I don't that Day the righteous will stand firmly || think one hour of Mass this Saturday evening or against those who have afflicted and | Sunday morning could be compared to an hour in oppressed them. Then, the poor and hum- Hell! So, if nothing else, look upon the extra Mass ble will have great assurance, while the 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!

> 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!"

