



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 CHRISTMASTIDE MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	9.00 am - Mass	MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD (New Year's Day)	
Tuesday	5.45 pm - Mass	SS Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, bps & drs	
Wednesday	5.45 pm - Mass	The Most Holy Name of Jesus	
Thursday	5.45 pm - Mass	Thursday before the Epiphany	
Friday	9.00 am - Mass (Acacia) 5.45 pm - Mass	Friday before the Epiphany / FIRST FRIDAY	† faithful departed
Saturday	10.00 am - Mass	Saturday before the Epiphany / FIRST SATURDAY	Our Lady's intentions

The **EPIPHANY** of the LORD

Saturday	4.30 pm - Mass 6.00 pm - Mass	for the parish † Jessie Tilbrook - 55 th anniversary
Sunday	9.00 am - Mass	† Robert J Smith - 12 th anniversary

PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER

30 - 31 December 2023	Saturday 4.30pm		Saturday 6.00pm		Sunday 9.00am	
Readers	L Plowman	A Iacopetta	M Ryan	M Davila	C Moore	J Sluchniak
Acolytes	L Torre		A Troy		D Cleary	
Altar Servers	I Torre	S Guelfi	J Ryan	R Arulraja	N Yap	P Tindale
Musicians	A Loiacono	The Choir	A Loiacono	T Murphy-Jelley	Fr T Deeter	The Choir
IT Operators	See the new roster		Please volunteer		Please volunteer	
Counters	P Quinn	B Moncrieff	<i>Thank You</i>		Last Week's Contributions 23-24-25/12	

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.

	23-24-25/12		23-24-25/12
Building Fund	23-24-25/12	Planned Giving	2,329.13
Jar, envelopes, online	\$ 108.00	Online donations	2,138.10
Pledges	6,017.00	Loose	366.87
Containers for Change	3.60	Tap and Go	33.85
Christmas Stall	937.60	Catholic Weekly	171.05
		Candles	10.00
		Columban calendars	25.00
		Music donation	
TOTAL	\$ 7,066.20	TOTAL	\$ 5,074.00

Entrance Antiphon: The shepherds went in haste,
and found Mary and Joseph,
and the Infant lying in a manger.

Communion Antiphon: Our God has appeared on the earth,
and lived among 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 PARISH MASS DIARY IS OPEN

Please book in advance birth, wedding & death anniversary Masses.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Mon 5.45pm: Come to dedicate this new year to God, asking Him to bless all of our undertakings, supported by the prayers of Mary, Mother of God.

HOLY HOUR & ST JOSEPH DEVOTION
Every Wednesday: Adoration 6.15-7.15pm; confessions; devotions to St Joseph; simple Benediction. *O come, let us adore Him!*

FIRST FRIDAY * FIRST SATURDAY

Let's consecrate this new year to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary: First Friday Masses 9.00am Acacia, 5.45pm church * First Saturday Rosary 9.35am, Mass 10.00am.
Our 2024 motto: *All for Jesus, through Mary!*

EPIPHANY BLESSINGS: Water & Chalk

At next weekend's Masses, we will bless the chalk used to mark your doorways, and also holy water to recall Christ's Baptism. *Bring your own vessels to take holy water home.*

DONATIONS AT THE CRIB

To date: **\$1,751.85**. All offerings are sent to the Holy Land, to help Christian & Muslim children and their mothers with nutrition, medical & educational needs. *Thank you for your kind generosity to Christ's little ones.*

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: **\$231,838.08**

BUILDING FUND PLEDGES

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

ONGOING EXPENSES

electricity - \$533.99 * internet - \$101.48 * coffee machine - \$143.00 * MYOB accounting program - \$43.40 * **TOTAL - \$841.87**

Please pray for parishioners who are unwell: Tony Bonavita, Billy Francis, Terry Merchant, Blanche Pereira, Lori & Tony Valerio, Rebecca Webster, Thelma Hannigan, Franceska Fairclough, Thomas Chong, Rhiana Powell

parishioners whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Agnes Lavelle, Anne Cusick, Frank Danze, Jane Moir, Chas Cogan Snr, Renee Goder, Bernard Savage, Richard Savage, Peter Harries, Ellen Marks, Mary Cogan Snr, Jenó Pal, Stanley Casten, Eileen Watts, Wit McNamara, Mary Cable, Noel Budge

The Wisdom of the Saints: Love, Marriage & Family

The charity which burned in the household at Nazareth should be an inspiration for every family. All the Christian virtues should flourish in the family, unity should thrive, and the example of its virtuous living should shine brightly. - Pope St John XXIII

It is easy to love the people who are far away. It is not always easy to love those close to us. It is easier to give a cup of rice to relieve hunger than to relieve the loneliness and pain of someone unloved in our own home. Bring love into your home, for this is where our love for each other must start. - St Teresa of Calcutta

It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God. Without God, people only succeed in bringing out the worst in one another. Lovers who have nothing else to do but love each other soon find there is nothing else. Without a central loyalty life is unfinished. - Venerable Bishop Fulton J Sheen

The greater the friendship, the more solid and long-lasting the marriage will be, because we are united not only in flesh but in activity in the home. - St Thomas Aquinas

We become what we love, and who we love shapes what we become. - St Clare of Assisi



The parents of Jesus presented Him to the Lord, and offered in sacrifice a pair of turtledoves.

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

Chap 24 (cont.): On that Day of Judgment, indifference to riches will count more than all the treasures of the world.

On that Day, you will derive more comfort from devout prayer than from fancy food.

On that Day, you will rejoice more in silence than in tedious gossip.

On that Day, holy deeds will be worth more than eloquent language.

On that Day, an austere life and ardent penance will be more pleasing than all earthly joys.

Teach yourself to endure in small things now, that on that Day you may be freed from heavier pains. Prove here what you can endure hereafter. If you can endure so little now, how will you be able to bear eternal torments?

Pastoral Ponderings

Our wonderful **Choir**, which sang so well for both Lessons & Carols (Dec 11) and Midnight Mass, is singing at the 4.30pm and 9.00am Masses this weekend for the Feast of the Holy Family & New Year's Eve, and again at the 4.30pm and 9.00am Masses next weekend for Epiphany.

And our trumpeter and **strings players** (most of them) also performing this weekend and next. We thank them for enhancing our parish worship.

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Allow me to bring to your attention the 34th Annual **Flame Congress** at John XXIII College in Mount Claremont, Fri-Sun 12-14 January. The theme will be "Rejoice" and speakers will include:

- ◆ Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB
- ◆ Fr Timothy E Deeter
- ◆ Cyrus D'Souza FMI
- ◆ Kaye Rollings FMI
- ◆ Cheryle Douglas FMI

There will be free evening rallies on Fri-Sat-Sun at 7.00pm. Day sessions Sat-Sun 9.00am - 5.00pm. Food & drinks available; air-conditioned. A detailed **timetable** and more info are posted on the notice board in the foyer.

I'm speaking on Saturday, 11.30am - 12.40pm; Sunday, 7.35 - 9.15pm; and I'm offering Mass and preaching that Sunday at 11.30am.

I was asked if I'd be a speaker, and I agreed. When the timetable came out, I was astonished to see that I'm giving not one, but two talks - plus a Mass and homily! (They actually had me down for three talks, but I balked at that.) The theme I was given is this: **Rejoice!** Well, a person can only rejoice so much!

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I did rejoice, however, to see how good you were, coming to Mass last weekend for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, and then again for Christmas. We had **seven** Masses in **three** days - and they were big ones! But everyone seemed happy to be here, and I was pleased at the wonderful participation in the carols and prayers, and your good attention during my homily. You're so good! Full marks to you!

And I thank you for your generosity to the parish collections last weekend; we are finally getting on top of our bills, and I'm able to sleep much better as a result.

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I must admit that I was a bit exhausted by it all, especially with Christmas coming, as it did, cheek-to-jowl with the last weekend of Advent!. But I was able to get enough rest this week, so I'm none the worse for wear.

Thank you, on Fr Mariusz's behalf and my own, for your beautiful cards and generous gifts to us both. May the Christ Child reward your goodness.

