



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 in ORDINARY TIME MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	9.00 am - Mass	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	for our grandchildren
Tuesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Wednesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Thursday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	† Mark Anthony Stolp - 11 th anniversary
Friday	9.00 am - Mass (Acacia) 5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	† faithful departed
Saturday	10.00 am - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time / St Hilary of Poitiers, bp*dr	

The SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	4.30 pm - Mass 6.00 pm - Mass	† Sean Liam Murphy - 71 st b'day & anniv for the parish
Sunday	9.00 am - Mass	† Bertha Nation - birthday

PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER

6 - 7 January 2024	Saturday 4.30pm	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 9.00am
Readers	E Gregory X Torre	L Bellandi <i>Please volunteer</i>	S Horgan M Tinning
Acolytes	L Torre	R Novacsek	J Pereira
Altar Servers	T Gregory G & M D'Orsogna	J Arulraja C Coletti	T Clare M Mai
Musicians	A Loiacono The Choir	A Loiacono T Murphy-Jelley	A Loiacono The Choir
IT Operators	<i>See the new roster</i>		<i>Please volunteer</i>
Counters	P Jordan M Jordan	<i>Thank You</i>	

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		TOTAL	
Planned Giving	31/12		
Online donations	\$ 1,572.09		
Loose	533.80		
Tap and Go	176.58		
Catholic Weekly	19.00		
Candles	127.50		
Columban calendars	2,000.00		
Christmas donation			
TOTAL	\$ 1,785.11	TOTAL	\$ 4,428.97

Entrance Antiphon: Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East, and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.
Communion Antiphon: We have seen His Star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.



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	Nicola Lee, 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.

EPIPHANY CUSTOMS

Today we practise three venerable customs connected with the Epiphany:

- ♦ the Announcement of the Liturgical Dates for the New Year
- ♦ the Blessing of Holy Water for use in your homes
- ♦ the Blessing of Chalk for marking your doorways as a sign of God's protection

A ROSARY FOR OUR CHILDREN

Tue 09 Jan: Rosary & Litany at 9.30am in church, followed by a cuppa on the porch.

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!

DONATIONS AT THE CRIB

To date: **\$2,423.95**. 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.

CAN YOU COUNT HIGHER THAN 10?

We need some more pairs of people to count the weekend collections on Sundays after Mass, downstairs in the undercroft. If you can help, please contact the parish.

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: **\$234,874.59**

BUILDING FUND PLEDGES

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

ONGOING EXPENSES

internet - \$101.48 * underground power - \$500.00 * **TOTAL - \$601.48**

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: Anne-Marie Levitt, Doug Bogue, Harry Mills, Lois Agnes Seman, Edward Moffat

The Wisdom of the Saints: The Epiphany of the Lord

Gold signified the power of a king, frankincense the honour of God, and myrrh the burial of the body. So the Magi offered Christ gold as King, frankincense as God, myrrh as Man. - St John Chrysostom
 What are you doing, O Magi? Do you adore a little Babe, in a wretched hovel, wrapped in miserable rags? Can this Child be truly God? Have you become foolish, O Wise Men? Yes, these Wise Men have become fools - that they may be wise. - Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

Give me, Lord, the gold of Your holy love; give me the spirit of holy prayer, give me the desire and strength to mortify myself in everything that displeases You. I am resolved to obey You and to love You; but You know my weakness. Oh, give me the grace to be faithful to You! - St Alphonsus Liguori

Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: Heaven on earth, earth in Heaven, man in God, God in man, One Whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body. - St Peter Chrysologus

Truth, by which the world is held together, has sprung from the earth, in order to be carried in the arms of a woman. - St Augustine of Hippo



The wise men said to Herod: 'Where is the Infant King of the Jews?' We saw His Star as it rose, and have come to do Him homage.' Herod was deeply troubled.

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

Chap 24 (end): If a little suffering makes you so edgy now, what will Hell do then? You can't have both kinds of happiness: your every desire in this world fulfilled, and then a share in Christ's Kingdom in the next!

If up to this point you have always lived with honours and pleasures, what good would it all do you if you were to die now? So then, everything is useless vanity except to love God and to serve Him alone. The person who loves God with his whole heart has no fear of death or judgement or Hell, because perfect love gives sure access to God. But it's no wonder that the person who has turned his back on God fears death and judgement! A person who loses the feeling of deep and abiding love for God will quickly fall into Satan's snares.



Pastoral Ponderings

On New Year's Day of 2021 we had about 90 people at Mass. This year we had 235 in church! I and Fr Mariusz were very much inspired. Thank you to all who decided to start off the New Year by giving thanks and praise to God at Holy Mass.

Our wonderful Choir is again singing at the 4.30pm and 9.00am Masses this weekend to help us celebrate the Epiphany with fitting solemnity. We are grateful to them for assisting our worship during this Christmastide.

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
- ♦ Cheryl 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.

Archbishop Costelloe has asked me to assist Fr Brian Limbourn in leading the Latin Mass community at St Anne's Church in Belmont on Sundays. I will be offering Masses at 11.30am and 5.00pm.

Most Latin Mass attendees do so because of attachment to the 'old Mass', or because they are exasperated with the poor liturgy in their own parishes (weak homilies, banal music, lack of proper reverence, tinkering with the ceremonies, etc.).

This is exactly why I have worked hard to provide you with good music, solid preaching, and reverent ceremonies. I think you appreciate this.

But some Latin Mass attendees have gone to an extreme: they reject the Second Vatican Council, they reject the Novus Ordo Mass (the way we have Mass) as being invalid, and they reject the idea of priests concelebrating one Mass together. The priest who was at St Anne's, Fr Michael Rowe, is one of these, and so he can no longer lead that community.

It's a bit of a sad situation, but there are only a few priests who have sufficient knowledge of Latin to properly offer the Latin Mass, and I'm one of the few. So I've agreed to take on this ministry in order to help the people of St Anne's. Hopefully the Lord will give me grace and sufficient health for the task.