



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 FOURTH WEEK in ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	9.00 am - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Tuesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	† Jasmin Mzsa - recently died
Wednesday	5.45 pm - Mass	St John Bosco, priest	† James Serpico, Snr - recently died
Thursday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Friday	9.00 am - Mass (Acacia) 5.45 pm - Mass	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD: <i>Candlemas</i> - FIRST FRIDAY	† faithful departed for our grandchildren
Saturday	10.00 am - Mass	St Blaise, bishop & martyr - FIRST SATURDAY	for Our Lady's intentions

The FIFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME: Word of God Sunday

Saturday	4.30 pm - Mass 6.00 pm - Mass	for the parish
Sunday	9.00 am - Mass	

PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER

27 - 28 January 2024	Saturday 4.30pm		Saturday 6.00pm		Sunday 9.00am	
Readers	A Iacopetta	E Gregory	C Ryan	M Ryan	S Horgan	C Moore
Acolytes	L Torre		A Troy		D Cleary	
Altar Servers	G & I Torre	L Ireland	J Ryan	V Horgan	S Macnish	P Tindale
Musicians	A Loiacono	T Murphy-Jelley	A Loiacono	T Murphy-Jelley	A Loiacono	T Murphy-Jelley
IT Operators	See the new roster		Please volunteer		Please volunteer	
Counters	P Quinn	B Moncrieff	<i>Thank You</i>		Last Weekend's Contributions 21/01	

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	21/01	
Jar, envelopes, online	\$ 45.00	Planned Giving
Pledges	625.00	Online donations
Containers for Change	6.30	Loose
		Tap and Go
		Catholic Weekly
		Candles
		Columban calendars
TOTAL	\$ 676.30	TOTAL
		\$ 2,520.84

Entrance Antiphon: Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to Your holy Name
and make it our glory to praise You.

Communion Antiphon: Let Your Face shine on Your servant. Save me in Your merciful love.
O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on You.



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

HOLY HOUR & ST JOSEPH DEVOTION
Every Wednesday: Adoration 6.15-7.15pm;
confessions; devotions to St Joseph; simple
Benediction. We find our rest in the Lord.

FIRST FRIDAY * FIRST SATURDAY
Fri: Masses at 9.00am RSL & 5.45pm in our
church. Let's entrust ourselves to the Most
Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Sat: confessions at 9.00am * Rosary at
9.35am * Mass at 10.00am. We respond to the
request that Our Lady made at Fatima in 1917.

BLESSING OF CANDLES: Candlemas
Fri 02 Feb: Bring your own candles to add
to the candles that will be blessed for use in
church. Be on time! The blessing occurs at the
very start of the 5.45pm Mass.

BLESSING OF THROATS: St Blaise Day
Sat 03 Feb: The traditional Blessing of
Throats will take place during the 10.00am
Mass, and will also be offered after all the
weekend Masses. This blessing covers all
illnesses of body, mind and spirit.

ALL SACRAMENTS PARENT MEETING
Thu 15 Feb: Info will be given about dates
& requirements for First Reconciliation,
First Holy Communion, and Confirmation.
6.30pm in church - Parents only, please.

CAN YOU COUNT HIGHER THAN 10?
Helpers needed to count the weekend
collections on Sundays after Mass, down-
stairs in the undercroft. Contact the parish.

CAN YOU PUSH A BUTTON?
Volunteers needed to operate the Power-
Point at weekend Masses. It's simply a
matter of pushing a button! Contact us.

SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION
ALL of our parish workers - PAID & UNPAID
- must take part in the Online Safeguarding
Induction Level 1 Session. Online sessions:

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/](http://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/) Thank you, everyone, for doing this!

BUILDING FUND TO DATE
TOTAL in Building Fund: \$237,329.59

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

ONGOING EXPENSES
altar breads - \$196.50 * bulletin covers -
\$101.00 * underground power - \$500.00 *
bookkeeping - \$200.00 * candles & misc -
\$207.88 * **TOTAL: \$1,205.38**

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 Gould,
John Lace, Henry Spears, Gwendoline Dallimore, Thomas Stack, William
Marshall, Rosa & Francesco Scorda, Jack McEncroe

The Wisdom of the Saints: Satan and His Legions

Modern times are dominated by Satan, and will be more so in the future. The conflict with Hell
cannot be waged by human beings, not even the most clever. - St Maximilian Kolbe

To free a man who is a physical captive in the hands of barbarians is a noble deed; but to free one soul
from the spiritual slavery of Satan is greater than freeing every physical slave. - St John Eudes

Think seriously about this fact: the Devil does not sleep. He is constantly seeking our spiritual and
moral ruin in a thousand ways. - St Angela Merici

The Devil chooses the times when we feel most unable to pray as the precise moments when he will
unleash his most furious attacks on us. - Nilus Sorsky, a Russian monk

The way to overcome the Devil when he stirs up feelings of hatred for those who injure us is to pray
immediately for their conversion. - St John Vianney

God did not create demons, for He made nothing bad. The demons were made good angels, but they
fell from grace and now they're wandering around the earth. They envy us believers, so they meddle in
our lives: they don't want us to ascend to the place from which they fell. - St Anthony of Egypt



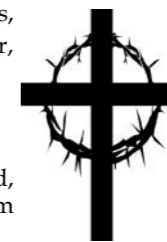
The astonished people said,
"Jesus gives orders to demons,
and they obey Him!"
His reputation spread rapidly
throughout Galilee.

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

Chap 25 (cont.): There is one thing that
keeps many people from gaining ground
and from fervently striving to improve: the
dread of difficulty, or - more accurately -
the effort of the struggle.

The people who progress most in virtue -
truly, the ones who progress beyond all
others - are those who make a valiant effort
to overcome the things that are the most
troublesome to them, that work most
against them.

A person makes more progress and
deserves fuller grace in those instances
where he overcomes such obstacles
completely and where he cleanses his spirit
by doing so. But not everyone has the same
amount to overcome and cleanse.



Pastoral Ponderings

Time seems to rush by faster and faster. Each
month is packed with activities and events, and I
just manage to catch my breath at the end of one
week, thinking to myself, "Well, I made it through
that week" - when the next week is even busier!

We just finished the Christmas season, and have
hardly dented Ordinary Time (this is Week 4), when
the teachers are returning to school this week, to be
followed by the students next week.

Soon we'll be starting **Lent** on Ash Wednesday,
14th February (which will cause a lot of angst for
those who plan on having a nice St Valentine's Day
steak dinner . . . but it will be a day of fast and abste-
nence. Ha! So if I were you, I'd plan my outing for
the night before, which is Shrove Tuesday. You be
spared the Valentine's Day price hike in restaurants.

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Back to the topic of school: this past Thursday, Fr
Mariusz and I joined two of our veteran teachers for
a meeting with our new principal **Nicola Lee** and
our new assistant principal **Leanne Fanetti**. It was
a 2-hour meeting, but very profitable and enjoyable.

Nicola and Leanne are both faith-filled women,
and completely supportive of our efforts to instill the
Catholic faith in our children through:

- ◆ class prayer services on Tuesdays
- ◆ student Masses on Thursdays
- ◆ catechism lessons on Fridays
- ◆ hymn singing every other Friday
- ◆ confessions four times per year
- ◆ Rosary, Stations, Benediction, conferral of the
Scapular - the traditional Catholic devotions

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This Monday morning I'll meet with the entire staff
to give presentations on **St Paul** (his life, mission
and message), preparing prayer services and Masses,
and an overview of the liturgical year.

Then, Fr Mariusz will offer Mass, but instead of a
homily, I'll speak at several strategic moments to
explain why the priest says or does various things.
It's an **'instructional Mass'**, and I've always had
very good feedback on this afterwards.

So please keep me, Fr Mariusz and our school staff
in your prayers. We have a wonderful school, but it
takes a lot of extra effort to make it a Catholic school.

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Friday's feast of the Presentation of the Lord is one
of the most beautiful in the church year. It begins
with the **Blessing of Candles** near the main door of
the church, then a procession with lighted candles to
the altar, followed by Mass. The feast recalls when
Mary and Joseph presented Jesus in the Temple on
the fortieth day after His Birth, and Simeon hailed
Him as 'a Light of revelation to the nations'. Join us!