



We warmly welcome you to
St Paul's Catholic Church / Mt Lawley Parish

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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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Parish Office
New Parishioners
Baptism
Reconciliation

The THIRD WEEK of LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	5.45 pm - Mass	Lenten weekday / St Casimir, prince	† Antoinetta Buonacore - anniversary
Tuesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Lenten weekday	† Carmine Cuomo
Wednesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Lenten weekday	† Jimmy Hay - recently deceased
Thursday	5.45 pm - Mass	Lenten weekday / SS Perpetua & Felicity, martyrs	for our grandchildren
Friday	9.00 am - Mass (Acacia) 5.45 pm - Mass	Lenten weekday / St John of God, religious	† faithful departed † Fr Wayne Davis - recently deceased
Saturday	10.00 am - NO MASS	Lenten weekday / St Francesca of Rome, religious	-----

The FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT: *Laetare (Rejoicing) Sunday*

Saturday	4.30 pm - Mass 6.00 pm - Mass		† Gino Lombardo - 1st anniversary
Sunday	9.00 am - Mass		for the parish

PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER

2 - March 2024	Saturday 4.30pm		Saturday 6.00pm		Sunday 9.00am	
Readers	L D'Orsogna	A Iacopetta	L Bellandi	V Kurak	J Sluchniak	C Moore
Acolytes	G Hobbs		R Novacsek		D Cleary	
Altar Servers	G & L D'Orsogna	J Cherry	V Horgan	C Coletti	N Yap	S Macnish
Musicians	A Loiacono	T Murphy-Jelley	A Loiacono	T Murphy-Jelley	A Loiacono	T Murphy-Jelley
IT Operators	Please volunteer		Please volunteer		Please volunteer	
Counters	V Kurak	J Dignam	<i>Thank You</i>		<u>Last Weekend's Contributions 25/02</u>	

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	25/02	
Online donations	\$ 1,417.68	
Loose	554.35	
Tap and Go	176.58	
Catholic Weekly	21.10	
Candles	81.20	
Sacramental fees	160.00	
TOTAL	\$ 709.60	TOTAL \$ 2,410.91

Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are always on the Lord, for He rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young:
by Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in Your house, for ever singing Your praise.



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

LENTEN REGULATIONS
Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat throughout the Universal Church. Make this your *best* Lent - do something extra in terms of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHILDREN
Tue 9.30am: Rosary & Litany in church, then a cuppa together. Come, join us!

BIBLE STUDY: The Gospel of St Mark
Tuesdays during Lent, 7.30 - 9.00pm in the undercroft. Video, teaching, discussion & fellowship. Spread the word and invite others!

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

STATIONS & BENEDICTION
Fridays during Lent: Stations start about 6.15pm, following the 5.45pm Mass. Try to attend this devotion at least once during Lent.

PARISH LUNCH AT SIENA'S
Sun 10 March - Siena's in Leederville at noon. Bookings: trybooking.com/CPOVQ Join us - we'll have a rip-roaring good time!

BOOK YOUR EASTER SEATS EARLY!
To ensure that everyone has a seat and is comfortable during Holy Week, please book your seats ASAP:

- ♦ Good Friday Stations - 10.00am www.trybooking.com/CPHVQ
- ♦ Good Friday Solemn Liturgy - 3.00pm www.trybooking.com/CPHVT
- ♦ Holy Saturday Easter Vigil - 7.30pm www.trybooking.com/CPHVM
- ♦ Easter Sunday Mass - 8.00am AND
- ♦ Easter Sunday Choral Mass - 9.30am www.trybooking.com/CPHVL

NO bookings are required for Palm Sunday weekend Masses, Holy Thursday 7.30pm Mass or Good Friday 7pm Seven Last Words service.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
PREP will commence in Term 2, starting on Wednesday 24th April, 4 to 5pm. This year we'll meet in the church undercroft, not the school. Susan Brown will teach Year 3 (First Reconciliation), Fr Tim will teach Year 4 (First Holy Communion, and Fr Mariusz will teach Year 6 (Confirmation). We could use some classroom helpers.

BUILDING FUND TO DATE
TOTAL in Building Fund: \$251,047.29

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

ONGOING EXPENSES
electricity - \$1,483.42 * candles - \$581.90 *
Christmas & Easter envelopes - \$352.00 *
TOTAL: \$2,417.32

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: Teresa Caefano, Fr Michael Byrne PP 1984-1993, Bernard Quinn, Frank Sonneman, Henry Kenny, Rene Raphael, Mary Lenton, Miralda Lace, Margaret Gorddard

The Wisdom of the Saints: Conversion

There are souls which at first were hard of heart, and persisted in the works of sin. Somehow, the good God in His mercy sends them the chastisement of affliction, until they grow weary and come to their senses. Then they are converted and repent, and draw near to God. - St Anthony of Egypt

God would never come and knock at the door of our heart unless He wished to enter. If He does not always enter, it is we who are to blame. - St Ambrose

The moment I realised that God truly exists, I knew I could do nothing else in life but live for Him alone. - St Charles Marie de Foucauld

Unbelievers will be converted by our example of humility and virtue far more quickly than by any of our conversations with them. So let us arm ourselves with devout prayers. Let us set off on our task showing genuine humility as we go barefoot to combat the Goliath of unbelief. - St Dominic

The beautiful Lady in white said that I must pray for the conversion of sinners. I asked her many times what she meant by this, but she only smiled. - St Bernadette Soubirous of Lourdes

Pastoral Ponderings

Here's one sign of our parish growth: the average weekly collections -

2010	\$1,418.44
2019	\$1,858.73
2024	\$2,562.21

Thank you for your generous support of the parish.
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Another - and more important - sign of parish growth is **good attendance** at Holy Mass and our various devotions: Holy Hour, Rosary, Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Bible study has also had steady attendance of 20 to 23 people the past two Tuesday evenings.

It's inspiring to see how many of you are coming to various spiritual activities. All of you are busy doing many things; but the fact that you make time to worship God, to pray, to learn, and to grow in your spiritual lives is what makes our parish a good place to be.
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Here's a card that Fr Mariusz and I received just today (Thursday), to back up what I've said above:

I have attended your church the last five and a half months while visiting my daughter. One of our first encounters with the parish was the Christmas luncheon in Swan Valley, where we met some parishioners and the two of you. I have enjoyed my experience at your parish. The Masses were engaging and the homilies interesting, inspiring and related to my everyday life. Your parishioners made me feel welcome. You truly have a vibrant parish. I wish you and your parish all the best. You will be in my prayers.

God bless
Catherine Moskosky
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It's affirming to all of us to get such positive feedback from a visitor, isn't it? I'm glad that Catherine felt welcome, due to your friendliness toward her.

I hope you will try to join us for our **Parish Lunch** next Sunday at Siena's in Leederville. It's *Laetare (Rejoicing) Sunday*, the mid-point of Lent - a perfect time to get together for a meal and a bit of a 'chin-wag'. Book your seats today!

It's the little events like this that help reinforce our bonds as a community. Note above that Catherine found our first parish lunch worth mentioning. It reminds me of the words of the Roman author and theologian Tertullian (160-225), who commented that the pagans said, "See how these Christians love one another!"

Let's make this **Third Week of Lent** a good one: pray, fast, and give alms to the poor. In this way we obey Our Lord's call, and grow in His love.



His disciples then remembered the words of Scripture: "Zeal for Your House will devour Me!"

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

Chap 25 (cont.): When you come to look for your comfort in life from nothing but God, then you are beginning to know God perfectly. Then, too, you will be quite content in life, no matter what happens.

Then you will neither rejoice for much nor grieve for little, but instead you will commit yourself completely and with great confidence to God, for He will then mean everything to you.

To God, nothing passes away or dies, but all things are alive, and all things serve Him promptly at a nod.

Always be mindful of the end of your life, and that lost time will never return to you. You will never acquire virtue without care and diligence. If you begin to become lazy and apathetic, you will begin to do badly.

