



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

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Estab. 1956

Parish Office Please ring for an appointment.
New Parishioners Please complete a census form, found in the church porch, and return it to the office or sacristy.
Baptism Sunday afternoons. Please contact one of the priests to make an appointment for instruction.
Reconciliation WEDNESDAYS, 6.15 to 7.15pm and SATURDAYS, 3.30 to 4.30pm, or please ring for an appointment.

| The SIXTH WEEK in ORDINARY TIME • The START of LENT | | MASS INTENTIONS | |
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| Monday | 9.00 am - Mass | Weekday in Ordinary Time | † Tony Scolaro - 13 th anniversary |
| Tuesday | 5.45 pm - Mass | Weekday in Ordinary Time | † Diane Smith - anniversary |
| Wednesday | 5.45 pm - Mass | ASH WEDNESDAY | for the parish |
| Thursday | 5.45 pm - Mass | Thursday after Ash Wednesday | † Fr William Cleary PP - anniversary |
| Friday | 9.00 am - Mass (Acacia) 5.45 pm - Mass | Friday after Ash Wednesday | † faithful departed † Bernard Clune - 13 th anniversary |
| Saturday | 10.00 am - NO MASS | Saturday after Ash Wednesday / Seven Servite Founders | ----- |

| The FIRST SUNDAY of LENT | | | |
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| Saturday | 4.30 pm - Mass 6.00 pm - Mass | | † Santo Cipriano - 93 rd birthday † Clive Tilbrook - 41 st anniversary |
| Sunday | 9.00 am - Mass | | for the parish |

| PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER | | | | | | |
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| 10 - 11 February 2024 | Saturday 4.30pm | | Saturday 6.00pm | | Sunday 9.00am | |
| Readers | C Archer | E Gregory | M Davila | Please volunteer | Z Kirkup | S Horgan |
| Acolytes | L Torre | | J Pereira | | D Cleary | |
| Altar Servers | E & F Archer | T Gregory | C Coletti | R Arulaja | G Duncan | S Duncan |
| 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 | L Bellandi | G Di Latte | <i>Thank You</i> | | Last Weekend's Contributions 04/02 | |

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.

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| Building Fund | 04/02 | |
| Jar, envelopes, online | \$ 65.00 | Planned Giving |
| Pledges | 820.00 | Online donations |
| Containers for Change | 6.10 | Loose |
| | | Tap and Go |
| | | Catholic Weekly |
| | | Candles |
| | | Columban calendars |
| TOTAL | \$ 891.10 | TOTAL |
| | | \$ 3,303.74 |

Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me,
for You are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of Your Name.
Communion Antiphon: God so loved the world that He gave us His Only Begotten Son,
so that all who believe in Him may not perish, but may have eternal life.



| Liturgical Ministries | | |
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| 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 | | | |
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| 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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
This Sacrament will be available during all Masses today (10-11 Feb). The elderly, those preparing for or recovering from major surgery, or those under medical care for a serious medical condition, may approach this special Sacrament of healing and peace. It is not for children who have not attained the age of reason (7 or so), or for relief of issues such as depression, headaches, etc.

ASH WEDNESDAY: 14th February
- 8.00am Mass: Ordinariate Mass (all welcome)
- 9.15am Mass: school Mass in church
- 5.45pm Mass: regular parish Mass
There will be NO 7.00pm Mass. Sacred Heart Church in Highgate will have a 7.00pm Mass.

LENTEN REGULATIONS
Ash Wednesday is a day of **fast** (1 normal meal, 1 or 2 snacks to sustain strength) for all who are 18 through 59; and it is a day of **abstinence** from meat for all who are 14 and older. **Fridays of Lent** are also days of abstinence throughout the Universal Church. Make this your **best** Lent - do something extra in terms of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

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, beginning 16th Feb. Stations start c. 6.15pm, after 5.45pm Mass.

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.

BIBLE STUDY: The Gospel of St Mark
Five Tuesdays during Lent, beginning 20th February, 7.30 - 9.00pm in the undercroft. Video, teaching, discussion & fellowship. Please spread the word and invite your friends.

CAN YOU HELP TEACH CATECHISM?
We need catechists for our PREP program in Year 4 (First Holy Communion) and Year 6 (Confirmation). Classes are held at St Paul's School on Wednesdays, 4 to 5pm, during school term. Please consider helping!

BUILDING FUND TO DATE
TOTAL in Building Fund: \$249,205.29

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

ONGOING EXPENSES
bulletin covers - \$101.00 * stationery - \$61.84 * power - \$187.55 * phone - \$92.19 * Catholic Weekly - \$189.30 * internet - \$100.87 * candles - \$130.05 * **TOTAL: \$862.80**

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: Geoffrey Liggins, Ernie Mason, Giuseppe Casella, Antonia Bobanac, Clive Tilbrook, Fr William Cleary PP 1961-1969, Domenica Italiano, Richard Furlong, Max White, Winifred Curtain, Charlotte MacDonald, Patricia Chidlow

The Wisdom of the Saints: Sacrifice

When we do something we dislike, let us say to God: "My God, I offer this to You in honour of the moment when You died for me." - St John Vianney
The Lord's command seems difficult and painful when He says that anyone who wants to follow Him must deny himself. But it's not really so, because He helps us to do what He commands. He fulfils His own words: "My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." Love is the answer: love makes it easy to carry out whatever is difficult about the Lord's command. - St Augustine of Hippo
We shouldn't attach so much value to what we give to God, or give up for Him, because for the little we give Him or do for Him, we shall receive so much more, both in this life and in the next. - St Teresa of Avila
I thank God that I have contracted leprosy from the lepers whom I was serving. Now, when I preach, instead of saying, "Dear brethren", I shall be able to say, "My fellow lepers." - St Damien of Molokai



Jesus said to the leper,
"Of course I want to cure you -
be healed!"
And the leprosy left him at once.

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

Chap 25 (cont.): If you think someone's language or behaviour is disgusting, then be careful that you do not say or do the same thing! And if you do, then correct yourself quickly. Remember: just as you're watching others, in the same way they're watching you!

It is joyful and sweet to see fervent and devout friends who get along agreeably and are self-controlled in their behaviour. But how sad it is - and what a burden! - to see people stumbling along in confusion, not living up to their Christian calling.

And how harmful it is for those same people to neglect the purpose of their baptismal calling, and instead focus their attention on affairs that should be none of their concern.

Remember what you set out to do, and place before you the image of the Crucified.



Pastoral Ponderings

First, let me address a crisis which is facing some of our more romantic parishioners: **St Valentine's Day** falls on Ash Wednesday this year - what to do? Well, the obligation of fast and abstinence on Ash Wednesday is a serious one for Catholics (see the Lenten Regulations in the first column). So please do not dismiss this Lenten obligation lightly.

My advice is this: if you are planning a romantic dinner on St Valentine's Day, then let that be your main meal of the day, AND make sure it is meatless. You can have one or two small snacks earlier in the day to sustain your strength as necessary. Alternatively, go out for your romantic dinner on the previous Tuesday - Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras - Fat Tuesday), which has always been a day for feasting before the Lenten fast begins. You can eat meat to your heart's delight on Shrove Tuesday. And remember this: the restaurants hike up their prices on St Valentine's Day! So save some money - go out on Shrove Tuesday or on Thursday evening.

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This coincidence of St Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday is an opportunity for some of you to make a small sacrifice. Check out the box above, with the reflections of some of the Saints on the concept of sacrifice.

'Sacrifice' in Latin actually means 'make sacred'; it doesn't mean giving things up. Yet we don't become holy people by indulging ourselves, always putting ourselves first.

No, we become holy by following Jesus' advice: love God, love our neighbour, love ourselves - in that order. And this kind of love often requires some sacrifice, doesn't it?

As you read this in church, you have made a small sacrifice of time to be at Mass. We call Mass 'the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass' precisely because it sets before us, over and over again, the once-for-all yet ongoing Sacrifice of Our Lord on the Cross.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday: what sacrifices will we make to follow Jesus' three-part program of spiritual renewal - prayer, fasting and almsgiving?

Check out the various activities the parish offers this Lent, and choose one or more of them to assist you in growing spiritually this Lent. Unite yourself to Christ in His Sacrificial death for the world.

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Today, at the end of our reflection from his Imitation of Christ, Thomas à Kempis reminds us to place before ourselves the image of the Crucified.

Do you have a crucifix in your home? If so, is it in a place where it is noticeable? Or is it in a place that is obscure and neglected?

If, by chance, you do not have a crucifix in your home, then make it your Lenten resolution to get one. Have it blessed by a priest. Put it somewhere in your home where it gives witness to all who see it.