



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

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Rev Fr **Timothy E Deeter**, Parish Priest  
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Gillian Theobald, Parish Secretary

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 FOURTH WEEK of LENT MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	5.45 pm - Mass	Lenten weekday	† Fr Wayne Davis - recently deceased
Tuesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Lenten weekday	Nancy Teh - speedy recovery
Wednesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Lenten weekday	Fr Christopher Ross OSM - ill
Thursday	5.45 pm - Mass	Lenten weekday	† Francesca Mazzella - anniversary
Friday	9.00 am - Mass (RSL) 5.45 pm - Mass	Lenten weekday	† faithful departed † Fr Michael Byrne PP - anniversary
Saturday	10.00 am - NO MASS	Lenten weekday	-----

The FIFTH SUNDAY of LENT

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

PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER

9 - 10 March 2024	Saturday 4.30pm		Saturday 6.00pm		Sunday 9.00am	
Readers	L Plowman	F Jones	C Ryan	M Davila	M Sherborne	S Horgan
Acolytes	L Torre		A Troy		D Cleary	
Altar Servers	G & I Torre	E Gregory	J Ryan	R Arulraja	D & F Jordan	P Tindale
Musicians	A Loiacono	Choral Quintet	A Loiacono	T Murphy-Jelley	A Brown	Choral Quintet
IT Operators	T Dang		Please volunteer		Please volunteer	
Counters	P Quinn	B Moncrieff	<i>Thank You</i>		Last Weekend's Contributions 03/03	

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.

Planned Giving			
Online donations		\$ 2,028.30	
Loose		772.00	
Tap and Go		352.18	
Catholic Weekly		18.20	
Candles		80.15	
Sacramental fees		300.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 969.30</b>		<b>\$ 3,550.83</b>

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her! Be joyful, all who were in mourning!  
 Exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Communion Antiphon: Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together.  
 It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,  
 to praise the Name of the Lord.



Liturgical Ministries			Parish Ministries & Activities		
Acolytes	John Pereira	0401 623 521	Finance Committee	TBA	
Altar Linen	Lori Valerio * Maria	Odorisio	Planned Giving	Andrew Vajda	9275 9328
Altar Servers	Lilian Bellandi	0412 980 261	St Paul's Primary School	Nicola Lee, Principal	9462 6000
Collectors & Counters	Dianne Smith	0408 569 969	RCIA	Fr Tim Deeter	9271 5253
Extraordinary Ministers	Simon Hehir	043 778 6023	St Paul's Youth Ministry	TBA	
Flowers	Jasmin Biagioni	0411 123 575	Parish Social Committee	Ingrid Vajda	9275 9328
Liturgy Committee	TBA		Sunday Morning Tea	School P&F mothers	9462 6000
Music - Sun 9am Mass	Fr Tim Deeter	9271 5253	Bible Study	Fr Tim / Fr Mariusz	9271 5253
Music - Sat 4.30pm & 6.00pm	Alessio Loiacono	0466 461 892	PREP Co-ordinator	Susan Brown	0403 441 525
Readers	Genevieve Saldanha	0405 806 848	Safeguarding Officer	Stephen Cain	0418 515 889
Acacia Residence Chapel	Judith Paxman	9262 8533	Safeguarding Officer	Linley Plowman	0407 383 914
Sacristan	David Cleary	9272 5114	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. Let's make the most of these last three weeks of Lent.

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

**ST JOSEPH NOVENA: 11<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> March**  
 In preparation for the Solemnity of Saint Joseph on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March, we will pray our Novena prayers after the homily at each Mass. Let us all confide in St Joseph.

**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; simple Benediction.

**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.

**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](http://www.trybooking.com/CPHVQ)
- ♦ Good Friday Solemn Liturgy - 3.00pm  
[www.trybooking.com/CPHVT](http://www.trybooking.com/CPHVT)
- ♦ Holy Saturday Easter Vigil - 7.30pm  
[www.trybooking.com/CPHVM](http://www.trybooking.com/CPHVM)
- ♦ Easter Sunday Mass - 8.00am AND
- ♦ Easter Sunday Choral Mass - 9.30am  
[www.trybooking.com/CPHVL](http://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: \$252,351.79**

**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 \*  
 Cath Wkly - \$189.20 \* **TOTAL: \$2,606.52**

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

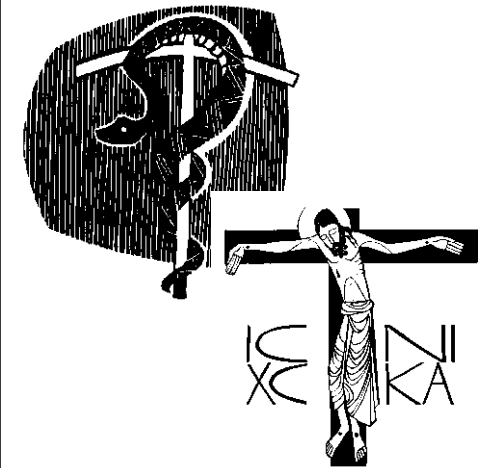
**parishioners whose anniversary of death occurs at this time:** Mavis McGillivray, Ferdinand Eenhorn, Paul Gouvernet, Gert Casey, John Metcalfe, Don Sinclair, Edgar Anthony, Bridget Herlihy, Winifred Stone, Johanna Johnson

The Wisdom of the Saints: Joy

Happiness is the natural state of human beings. - St Thomas Aquinas  
 Leave sadness to the unbelievers. We who work for God should be light-hearted. - St Leonard  
 Happiness is nothing less than the enjoyment of the highest Good. The highest Good is above. So no one can be truly happy unless he rises above himself to the highest Good - not rising by a bodily ascent, but by lifting up the heart. - St Bonaventure

It is always springtime in the heart that loves God. - St John Vianney  
 Laugh, and grow strong! - St Ignatius of Loyola  
 I want no long-faced saints. - St John Bosco

"Rejoice in the Lord always", and not in the world. That is, rejoice in the truth, not in wickedness; rejoice in the hope of eternal life, not in the fading flower of physical vanity. That is the way to rejoice. Wherever you are on earth, however long you remain on earth, "the Lord is near, so do not be anxious about anything." - St Anthony of Egypt  
 Melancholy is like poison to spiritual devotion. When you have troubles, you need to be even happier and more joyful, because then you are closer to God. - St Clare of Assisi



Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that you may believe and have eternal life.

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

**Chap 25 (end):** If you devote yourself with enthusiasm to your spiritual life, you will find great peace, and you will find it easier through God's grace and a love of virtue.

The one who loves God with their entire heart and soul - and who faithfully acts on that love - is ready for anything. Resisting our own weaknesses is harder work than any sweaty manual labour. But the one who doesn't avoid small faults, little by little slips into bigger ones.

If you've spent your day well, you'll be glad when evening falls. Watch over yourself and discipline yourself. No matter what others do, don't neglect yourself. The more discipline, the greater the progress.

Pastoral Ponderings

Last week I gave you a report on how our parish collections have grown over the past years. Well, just today I received a report from the Archdiocese regarding another good financial accomplishment: your 2023 donations to **LifeLink**: \$7,120.00.

As you know, LifeLink funds 14 different agencies of the Church, reaching out to people with various disabilities, as well as migrants and Aboriginals. I am pleased that you generously support the work of the Archdiocese in these areas.

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This is a busy time of year for **musicians**, with a wide variety of programs going on around the Perth area. Some of those who ordinarily sing or play for our special choral Masses are unavailable this weekend, but we're grateful to the small group that have come to enhance our Sat 4.30pm and Sun 9.00am Masses for this Laetare (Rejoicing) Sunday.

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The Archdiocese will be moving some priests around over the next fortnight. I'm holding my breath - not about myself, but about whether **Fr Mariusz** will be staying or leaving. Once I learn what will happen here, I'm preparing to approach the Archdiocese about revisiting our Building Programme.

This is something we all should keep in our prayer as we pray the **Novena** to St Joseph, which begins this Monday evening. He is patron of the Universal Church, and patron of builders. We installed his beautiful statue in our church as we began planning for our new parish centre, presbytery & church. So let's gather around St Joseph and ask his help. (The Novena prayers are available on the parish website as well as in leaflets at the church doors.)

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**Laetare Sunday** marks the mid-point of Lent. In days past, when Catholics fasted & abstained hard (not only no meat, but also no meat products: no eggs, milk, butter, cheese or gravy!), this truly was a day of rejoicing (Laetare) because everyone took a day off from their Lenten penances and had a rest (and a nice roast dinner!).

How has your Lent been going thus far? Have you attempted to grow in prayer, fasting and alms-giving? If so, then today is a day to rejoice!

If you've slacked off, then you can also rejoice on this Laetare Sunday - because tomorrow you're going to get down to business and make some good, solid moves toward spiritual growth. There are still three weeks remaining in Lent - there is still time to change.

Read what **Thomas à Kempis** wrote about spiritual growth (middle column). "No matter what others do, don't neglect yourself." Amen to that.

