



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

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Est. 1956

**Parish Office Hours** MONDAYS 10am-12pm and THURSDAYS 10am – 2pm.  
**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 Fr Mariusz 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 NINETEENTH WEEK in ORDINARY TIME

Monday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	† Lisa Costa - rec. dec.
Tuesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	thanksgiving for benefactors
Wednesday	5.45 pm - Mass	VIGIL - ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM	John Cartwright – 90th b'day
Thursday	5.45 pm - Mass	ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	for our grandchildren
Friday	9.00 am - Mass - Acacia 5.45pm - Mass	Weekday / St Stephen of Hungary	† faithful departed Linda & Colin – wedding anniv.
Saturday	10.00 am - NO Mass		

The TWENTIETH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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

PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER

MINISTRY	Saturday 4.30pm	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 9.00am
Readers	F Jones M Tinning	L Bellandi V Kurak	S Horgan J Sluchniak
Acolytes	N Yap	D Cleary	A Troy
Altar Servers	L Ireland N & A Bowden-Jones	V Horgan R & J Arulraja	P Tindale S Macnish
Musicians	A Loiacono T Murphy-Jelley	A Loiacono T Murphy-Jelley	N McBain T Murphy-Jelley
IT Operators	B Mai	Please volunteer	Please volunteer
Counters	V Kurak J Dignam		

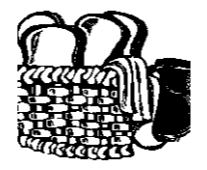
*Thank You*

Thank you for your contributions! 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 \* 70782 9728  
**Building Fund Acc't:** St Paul's Building Fund \* 086 006 \* 151619353  
**Direct Debit:** Make arrangements with your bank to make regular deposits

Last Sunday's Contributions 04/08	
Online donations	\$ 1,167.50
Loose	580.50
Tap & Go	107.91
Catholic Weekly	25.00
Votive candles	142.35
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,023.26</b>

**Entrance Antiphon:** Look to Your covenant, O Lord,  
and forget not the life of Your poor ones for ever.  
Arise, O God, and defend Your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek You.

**Communion Antiphon:** The bread that I will give, says the Lord  
is My Flesh for the life of the world.



**Liturgical Ministries**

Acolytes	John Pereira	0401 625 521
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	Alessio Loiacono	0466 461 892
Readers	Genevieve Saldanha	0405 806 848
Acacia Residence Chapel	Judith Paxman	9262 8533

**Parish Ministries & Activities**

<b>Finance Committee</b>	Michael Agostini	0416 376 793
<b>Community Care</b>	Francine Jones	0423 214 882
<b>St Paul's Primary School</b>	Nicola Lee, Principal	9462 6000
<b>RCIA</b>	Fr Mariusz Grzech	9271 5253
<b>St Vincent de Paul Society</b>	Peter Quinn	9375 1024
<b>Parish Social Committee</b>	Ingrid Vajda	9275 9328
<b>Sunday Morning Tea</b>	TBA	
<b>Bible Study</b>	Fr Mariusz Grzech	9271 5253
<b>PREP Co-ordinator</b>	Susan Brown	0403 441 525
<b>Safeguarding Officer</b>	Stephen Cain	0418 515 889
<b>Safeguarding Officer</b>	Linley Plowman	0407 383 914

Community News

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED MARY VIRGIN INTO HEAVEN**  
This a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION, and fulfill this obligation (to go to Mass on this day), you can attend the parish Vigil Mass on Wednesday 14th at 5.45pm or the Mass of the day on Thursday 15th - school Mass at 9.15am, parish Mass at 5.45pm. Come honour Our Lady, whom God honoured with a special place in Heaven!

**HOLY HOUR & ST JOSEPH DEVOTION**  
Every Wednesday: Adoration 6.15 - 7.15pm; Confession; Litany of St Joseph & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

**BUILDING FUND TO DATE**  
**TOTAL in Building Fund: \$260,075.06**  
**BUILDING FUND PLEDGES**  
Please note: Building Fund contributions are currently ON HOLD.

**ONGOING EXPENSES**  
Church directory - \$99.50 \* church cleaning (June) \$374.00 \* Alinta Gas - \$165.35 \* June Qtr PAYG - \$3,524.00 \* Catholic Weekly - \$189.20 \* City of Stirling - \$1,328.69 \* underground power - \$300 \* incense & charcoal - \$65.51 **TOTAL - \$6,046.25**

**CONFERENCE ON THE FAMILY**  
The WBC24 Family Conference, themed "Beloved: We love, because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19), will be held from 12-14 September 2024 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Scarborough. It features speakers: Dr. John Bergsma, Simon and Madeline Carrington, and Fr. Christian Irdi. The program includes daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, and a Family Consecration. Early bird registration closes in two weeks. Flyers and posters are in the church.

**COMMON GROUND**  
**FAITH EDUCATION FOR YOUNG ADULTS** Wednesdays 6pm to 8.30pm, Catholic Pastoral Centre, 40A Mary St, Highgate (enter through Harold St). Common Ground is a space where Young Adults who share similar values and beliefs come together and belong. Through faith formation, prayer, mission, ministry and social activities, Common Ground provides opportunities to grow in faith, deepen your relationship with God and explore what it means to live a life of purpose and meaning. Ask questions, share your struggles, and receive encouragement and guidance. Come along! Visit [www.cym.com.au](http://www.cym.com.au) for more information.

**Please pray for**  
**parishioners who are unwell:** Tony Bonavita, Anna Gamble Billy Francis, Terry Merchant, Blanche Pereira, Lori Valerio, Rebecca Webster, Rhiana Powell, Sharon Mortimore.  
**parishioners whose anniversary of death occurs at this time:** Doreen Bryant, Jim Murdoch, Romeo Tatasciore, Elizabeth King, Sarina Arrigo, Mary Boxsell, Elsie Clear, Molly Chapman May Barraclough, Peggy Webb, Carmel Shieles, Mary Astley, Oliver Power, Alice Hird, George Miller.

The Wisdom of the Saints: Desolation

O God, You seek those who hide from You, and You hide from those who seek You. - St Augustine  
I get tired of the darkness all around me, so I try to refresh my jaded spirits with the thoughts of that bright Country where my hopes lie. And then what happens? It is worse torment than ever! Darkness itself seems to borrow, from the sinners who live in it, the gift of speech. I hear its mocking accents: "It's all a dream, this talk of Heaven . . . Death will make nonsense of your hopes. It will only mean a night darker than ever, the night of non-existence." - St Therese of Lisieux  
You can advance farther in grace in one hour of affliction than in many days during a time of great consolation. - St John Eudes  
If we are ever to rise above our depression, dejection and despondency of soul, and turn it to good use in God's service, then we must face it, accept it, and realise the worth of self-abasement for God's sake. In this way you will transform the lead of your heaviness into a gold far purer than your happiest, most light-hearted days. So be patient with yourself. See to it that your higher self puts up with your lower self. - St Francis de Sales



*Elijah had had enough,  
and was ready to die.  
He laid down to sleep,  
but an angel touched him  
and said, 'Get up and eat!'*

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

**Bk 2, Ch 7/8** Do not trust or lean upon a wind-blown reed, for all flesh is grass, and its glory, like the wild flower's will fade away. If you trust in appearances, you will quickly be deceived; if you look for comfort or gain in others, you quickly be disappointed. If you seek Jesus in everything, you will surely find Him, but if you seek yourself, self you will surely find, to you own ruin. By not seeking Jesus we hurt ourselves more than the whole world or our enemies could hurt us.  
When Jesus is with us, all is right with the world and nothing seems difficult; when He is missing, everything seems hard.

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Pastoral Ponderings

This coming Wednesday we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Holy days of obligation are Sundays, and other holy days in the Church's calendar, when Catholics are required to go to Mass. In Australia, the holy days of obligation are All Sundays of the year, Christmas Day, and The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Early in the twentieth century Catholics used to observe 36 non-Sunday Holy Days, in addition to all Sundays of the year. This was reduced by Pope Pius X to the much lesser number of eight. These were:

- ★ The Nativity (Christmas)
- ★ The Epiphany
- ★ The Ascension
- ★ Holy Mary the Mother of God
- ★ Her Immaculate Conception
- ★ Her Assumption
- ★ Saint Peter and Saint Paul the Apostles
- ★ All Saints

In May 2001 the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference issued a decree announcing the only feast days to be observed as holy days of obligation are Christmas Day, the Feast of the Assumption and all Sundays of the year.

We will have three Masses at St Paul's to celebrate the Assumption so you can fulfil your obligation to attend Mass to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary and worship God: The Vigil on Wednesday at 5.45pm, and the Mass of the Day on Thursday at 9.15am (school Mass) and 5.45pm. If you cannot attend either of these Masses then please attend Mass at a parish closest to you at a convenient time. But don't complain to me if the liturgies at other parishes are not to St Paul's standards. Avoid disappointment and arrange your schedule to attend one of our parish Masses!

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