



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 TWENTY SECOND WEEK in ORDINARY TIME

<b>Monday</b>	<b>5.45 pm</b> - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5.45 pm</b> - Mass	St Gregory the Great <i>pope, doctor</i>	Anne-Margaret - 22nd birthday
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5.45 pm</b> - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5.45 pm</b> - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> - Mass - Acacia <b>5.45pm</b> - Mass	SPRING EMBER DAY / FIRST FRIDAY	† faithful departed † Lisa Costa – month's mind
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10.00 am</b> - Mass	Votive Mass of Our Lady - FIRST SATURDAY	Our Lady's intentions

The TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4.30 pm</b> - Mass <b>6.00 pm</b> - Mass		for the parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> - Mass		

PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER

MINISTRY	Saturday 4.30pm		Saturday 6.00pm		Sunday 9.00am	
Readers	M Tinning	F Jones	C Moore	V Kurak	L Sluchniak	L Bellandi
Acolytes	L Torre		R Novacek		D Cleary	
Altar Servers	J Cherry	A Fanowrios	L Ireland	M Zimarino	C Zimarino	E & F Archer
Musicians	A Loiacono		T Murphy-Jelley		N McBain	
IT Operators	G Torre		Please volunteer		Please volunteer	
Counters	L Bellandi		G Di Latte			

*Thank You*

Last Sunday's Contributions	25/08
Online donations	\$ 607.50
Loose	582.20
Catholic Weekly	44.00
Votive candles	131.95
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,645.04</b>

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

**Entrance Antiphon:** Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long.  
O Lord, You are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to You.  
**Communion Antiphon:** How great is the goodness, Lord,  
that You keep for those who fear You.



**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, <i>Principal</i>	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>	TBA	
<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

**PRAYING FOR OUR CHILDREN**

Tue 9.30am: Join us in praying for our children and grandchildren. Rosary & Litany in church, then a cuppa & fellowship in the parish undercroft. All are welcome!

**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.

**HOLY HOUR & ST JOSEPH DEVOTION**

Join us for silence and contemplation. Every Wednesday: Adoration 6.15 - 7.15pm; Confession; Litany of St Joseph & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

**FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST**

**THIS SUNDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPT after 9am Mass**  
Come join to us to pray for and celebrate our fathers with a 'BBQ cook up' after the 9am Mass!

**BUILDING FUND TO DATE**

**TOTAL in Building Fund: \$260,242.16**

**BUILDING FUND PLEDGES**

Please note: Building Fund contributions are currently ON HOLD.

**ONGOING EXPENSES**

electricity - \$396.51 \* incense/charcoal/altar wine - \$195.50 \* bulletin covers - \$101.00 \* internet - \$90.39 \* lawn mowing - \$40.00 **TOTAL - \$926.53**

**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 this weekend. Flyers and posters are in the church.

**AVE MARIA RECITAL - ORGAN AND VOCAL RECITAL**

Sunday 8 September 2.30pm to 3.45pm, St Mary's Cathedral, Perth. A bouquet of music for our Heavenly Mother in celebration of her birthday. Enjoy exciting organ works and vocal solos/duet Admission free.

Further info; Jacinta on [music.cathedral@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:music.cathedral@perthcatholic.org.au)

**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:** Anthony Houston, Giuseppe Rossi, Emilio Franz, Nora Donnell, Angela Putrino, Mary Hall, Paul Heaton, Mary Shandley Snr, Gerard Dolan, Jim Tozer, Julie Burns, Gary Veen.

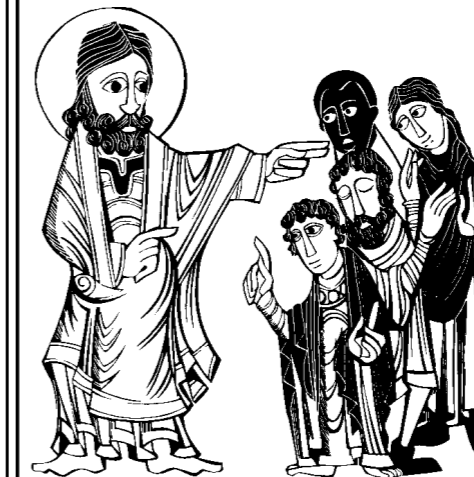
The Wisdom of the Saints: Lust and Fornication

*Lust had sprung out of an audacious will; and pampered lust had become a custom of my life; and that custom was indulged until it became an addiction. These were the links of the chain of bondage in which I had been bound.* - St Augustine of Hippo

*Inordinate love of the flesh is really cruelty, because under the guise of pleasing the body, we kill the soul.* - St Bernard of Clairvaux

*Our relentless Enemy, that Teacher of Fornication, teaches that God is lenient, and particularly shows mercy to our sexual passion because it is so very 'natural'. Yet if we watch the wiles of the demons, we will observe that after we have sinned sexually, they will affirm that God will judge us for our deeds, justly but also inexorably. The demons will say one thing to lead us into sin, and then they will say another thing to overwhelm us in despair for what we have done.* - St John Climacus

*The state of virginity and sexual continence is perfect; but this does not prevent marriage from being holy, upright and perfect also; nor does it prevent those who live in marriage with respect and love for God from being perfect, upright and holy.* - St Anthony Mary Claret



Jesus said to the people:  
*'Listen to Me and understand:  
it is from people's hearts  
that evil things emerge  
and make a person unclean.'*

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

**Bk 2, Ch 8** It is better to have the whole world against us, than to hurt Jesus. So, from among those dear to you, let Jesus alone be especially loved. Love all things for Jesus' sake, but love Jesus for His own sake. Of all the friends you will find, you should love Jesus Christ in a unique way, for He is the only One Who will be good and faithful to the end. Through Him and in Him love friends and foes alike, and pray that each one may come to know and love Him.

Never wish to be more highly praised or more loved than others, for this belongs to God alone Who has no equal.

Pastoral Ponderings

You will note in the calendar for the week on the opposite page, that this Friday is a Spring Ember Day. Ember weeks have been part of the Church's calendar in Rome since about the fifth century. They were originally associated with the change of seasons and on these four weeks of the year the Wednesday, Friday and Saturday were all days of fasting. When the Church's calendar was revised in 1969, the Ember Days were retained in principle, but it was left to each Bishops' Conference to determine their date and form. In 2009 the Australian bishops determined that two Ember Days were to be celebrated in Australia: the first Friday of March (our Autumn) and the first Friday of September (our Spring). On these days we are encouraged to observe some penitential practice such as prayer or self-denial. The Ember Day in September coincides with the First Friday devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. On this day we can console Our Lord's Most Sacred Heart, which has been wounded by the sin of humanity, through prayer and fasting. Firstly, we express sorrow for our personal sins. This is a good time to examine our conscience and go to Confession. Secondly, when we look at the state of our world, we can only image the sorrow Christ feels at the hurt humanity inflicts on itself. I encourage you to come to Mass on the Spring Ember Day at either the Acacia RSL (9am) or the parish, (5.45pm) to pray for peace and the conversion of the world.

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Recently I have had conversations with families who have been concerned with the education system, and wish to protect their children from being exposed to the vices of our lustful and hyper-sexualized society. I had a meeting with a family which wish to return to St Paul's and enroll their youngest child at our parish school, after having moved away for some time. Their eldest was at St Paul's a few years ago under the faithful guidance of the school staff and **Father Tim**. Having sent their youngest to another school, they soon realized that St Paul's offers a well rounded education; sound academic and spiritual formation.

Other conversations this week have revealed that parents can take nothing for granted and have to be vigilant to protect their children from dis-ordered ideologies, even in elite schools. Gone are the days when one could rest assured that a private school would be a safe harbour from worldly vices!

This week let us pray for parents, and in particular fathers in our parish, that they may guide their children to the safe harbour of Heaven, by their faithfulness to God's Commandments.

