



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 foyer, 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 4.15pm, or please ring for an appointment.

The TWENTYTHIRD WEEK in ORDINARY TIME

Monday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday / St Peter Claver, priest
Tuesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Thursday	5.45 pm - Mass	Most Holy Name of Mary
Friday	9.00 am - Mass - Acacia 5.45pm - Mass	St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor † faithful departed
Saturday	10.00 am - NO Mass	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

The TWENTYFOURTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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

PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER

MINISTRY	Saturday 4.30pm	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 9.00am
Readers	A Iacopeta E Gregory	C Ryan M Sherborne	S Horgan Z Kirkup
Acolytes	T Gregory	G Hobbs	J Pereira
Altar Servers	N Bowden-Jones A Bowden-Jones	R Arulraja J Arulraja	P Tindale S Macnish
Musicians	M Peters T Murphy-Jelley	M Peters T Murphy-Jelley	A Loiacono T Murphy-Jelley
IT Operators	D Samanta	Please volunteer	Please volunteer
Counters	P & M Jordan		

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 01/09	
Online donations	\$ 702.50
Loose	517.90
Tap & Go	215.82
Catholic Weekly	30.00
Votive candles	98.25
TOTAL	\$ 1,564.47

Entrance Antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and Your judgement is right;
Treat Your servant in accord with your merciful love.
Communion Antiphon: I am the Light of the world, says the Lord,
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.



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

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

Community News

**** PLEASE NOTE ****

SATURDAY VIGIL: ONE MASS ONLY - TIME CHANGE -

From Saturday, 28th September we will return to ONE VIGIL MASS on a Saturday evening, at 5.30pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION RETREAT

Tue 10 Sept: 9.00am - 3.00pm, commencing with Confessions at the School Hall at 9am, and followed by activities in the parish undercroft. Bring your morning tea & lunch!

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.

BUILDING FUND TO DATE

TOTAL in Building Fund: \$260,358.66

BUILDING FUND PLEDGES

Please note: Building Fund contributions are currently ON HOLD.

ONGOING EXPENSES

Insurance instalment - \$1,631.25 * Archdiocesan assessment - \$1,000 * council rates - \$308.69 * underground power - \$ 300.00 * bookkeeping - \$274.00 * candles - \$144.64
TOTAL - \$3,658.58

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

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: Timothy Foley, Margaret Rowe, Andy Fanowrios, Augustine McDonnell, Stanely Surin, Mary Dayle, Frank Bailey, Laurence Maher, Stan Willcock, John Sheiles.

The Wisdom of the Saints: Works and Work

We have a long way to go before we get to Heaven! Every good deed we do, every prayer we offer, every good thought we think in truth and hope and charity - they're all steps forward on our journey to Heaven. - Bl Richard Rolle

God values our good will in all that we do more than the works themselves. Whether we give ourselves to God in the work of contemplation or in serving our neighbour with charitable works, we can only do these things because the love of Christ urges us on. - St Lawrence Giustiniani

The most important thing to do is to take the burden upon your shoulders. As you press forward, it soon shakes down and the load is evenly distributed. - St John Bosco

Hell is full of the talented, but Heaven is full of the energetic. - St Jane Frances de Chantal

Good works are the most perfect when they are done out of the purest and most sincere love of God, and with the least regard for our own present and future interests. - St John of the Cross

Don't suppose that God has any need of our works - what He needs is the resoluteness and generosity of our will. - St Teresa of Avila



Jesus said to the man:
'Ephphatha!'
That is, 'Be opened!'
And the man spoke clearly.
The people said of Jesus,
'He has done all things well:
He makes the deaf hear
and the mute speak!'

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

Bk 2, Ch 8 Do not wish that anyone should love you, and only you., and do not make the same mistake yourself; rather, let Jesus be at the centre of all your friendships. Be pure and free of heart, and do not be wrapped up in any other person to the exclusion of Jesus. You should bring a pure, unfettered heart to God if you wish to be free and to see how the delightful the Lord is. And truly you will never arrive at this, unless His grace guides you and draws you, so that seeing all things in relation to God, you may be united to Him in everything you do.

Pastoral Ponderings

The words of Psalm 133: - how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity - certainly rang true last Sunday. The Father's Day BBQ breakfast was an enjoyable event. Thanks to the great work of volunteers and the newly formed Parish Social Committee (I'll write more on these fine people later) we enjoyed a delicious brunch and uplifting fellowship!

This weekend we have some important news to share with the parish, so strap yourselves in, I will summarise what you will hear at the Masses:

New Vigil Mass schedule: given that the COVID-related restrictions have been lifted for some time, we need to return to pre-pandemic practices. In this regard, the Vicar General has advised me that only one Vigil Mass on a weekend is permitted. Furthermore, the policy in our archdiocese is that a Vigil Mass (anticipating the Sunday) cannot be scheduled earlier than 5.30pm on a Saturday evening. This means that we will combine the two Vigil Masses (4.30pm and 6pm) and have only one Vigil Mass on Saturday evening at 5.30pm. This new schedule will commence on Saturday, 28th September. The Sunday Mass at 9am will not change. I realise that this will interrupt people's weekend Mass routine and I ask for your patience and cooperation. I also recognize that this will affect our rosters and I sincerely thank **Simon Hehir, Lilian Bellandi, John Pereira and Genevieve Saldanha** for their great work in preparing our rosters. If you are on a roster as a reader, altar server or acolyte, please be patient as they prepare new rosters to reflect the change.

Parish finances: we are blessed to have an active Parish Finance Committee comprising Michael Agostini (Chair), Zak Kirkup (Secretary), Helen Sims and Adrian Irdi, who are dedicated to our parish and its future. Michael Agostini will address the parish at all weekend Masses to advise the following:

- the parish is currently not able to meet our immediate financial obligations;
- the Committee will continue to explore cost saving measures for the parish;
- we have been provided with assistance from the Archdiocese in the form of a \$15K overdraft facility, the waiving of our 2023 annual assessment, a discount on our 2024 annual assessment, and a 50% reduction of the annual insurance premium;
- the Archdiocese does not consider the parish building project as viable, and hence does not support the proposal.

We're experiencing a rough patch - we'll get through it! "We fly to Thy protection..."

