



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 WEDNESDAY 6.15 - 7pm and SATURDAY, 8 - 9am, 4.30 - 5.15pm, or please ring for an appointment.

THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Monday	5.45 pm - Mass	Advent weekday	† Wojciech Golda - <i>anniv.</i>
Tuesday	5.45 pm - Mass	St Francis Xavier, <i>priest & missionary</i>	† Perry Pereira
Wednesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Advent weekday / St John Damascene, <i>priest, doctor</i>	† Jadwiga Trofiniuk
Thursday	5.45 pm - Mass	Advent weekday	Vocations
Friday	9.00 am - Mass - Acacia 5.45 pm - Mass	Advent / St Nicholas, <i>bishop</i> - FIRST FRIDAY	† faithful departed † Sikto family members
Saturday	9.00 am - Mass	St Ambrose, <i>bishop, doctor</i> - FIRST SATURDAY	Our Lady's intentions

The SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday	5.30 pm - Mass		† Laurie Smith – 11 th <i>anniv.</i>
Sunday	9.00 am - Mass		for the parish

PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER

MINISTRY	Saturday 5.30pm	Sunday 9.00am	Last Sunday's Giving 24/11
Readers	E Gregory C Ryan	M Sherborne Z Kirkup	Online donations \$ 907.50 Loose 572.55 Tap & Go 294.30 Catholic Weekly 26.00 Votive candles 86.75 Columban calendars 40.00 TOTAL \$ 1,927.10
Acolytes	G Hobbs	R Novacsek	
Altar Servers	R&J Arulraja J Cherry J Ryan	S MacNish P Tindale A Doherty	
Musicians	A Loiacono	A Loiacono S Hamer	
IT Operators	<i>Please volunteer</i>	<i>Please volunteer</i>	
Counters	E Manion E White		

Thank you for your contributions! Here are our parish account details:
Parish Account: St Paul's Parish * 086 006 * 66717 2345
Priest's Account: First Collection * 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

Thank You

To our volunteers,
 and for your generous support of our parish!

Entrance Antiphon: To You, I lift up my soul, O my God.
 In You, I have trusted; let not be put to shame.
 Nor let my enemies exult over me;
 and let none who hope in You be put to shame

Communion Antiphon: The Lord will bestow His bounty; and our earth shall yield its increase.



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
	Maree Clune	0429 722 846
St Paul's Primary School	Nicola Lee, <i>Principal</i>	9462 6000
RCIA	Fr Mariusz Grzech	9271 5253
St Vincent de Paul Society	Peter Quinn	9375 1024
Parish Social Committee	TBA	
Bible Study	Fr Mariusz Grzech	9271 5253
PREP Co-ordinator	Susan Brown	0403 441 525
Safeguarding Officer	Stephen Cain	0412 277 994
Safeguarding Officer	Linley Plowman	0407 383 914

Community News

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.

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 8.00am * Rosary at 8.35am * Mass at 9.00am. We respond to the request that Our Lady made at Fatima in 1917.

BUILDING FUND TO DATE
TOTAL in Building Fund: \$260,728.86
BUILDING FUND PLEDGES
 Building Fund contributions are ON HOLD.

ONGOING EXPENSES
DUE THIS WEEK: Lawnmowing- \$140.00 * church cleaning - \$374.00 * charcoal - \$26.95 * bulletin covers - \$101.00
TOTAL \$641.95.

DUE NEXT WEEK: copier lease - \$63.65 * bookkeeping - \$200.00. **TOTAL - \$263.65.**

PARISH MASS DIARY – 2025
 The Parish Mass Diary for 2025 is now open! Submit your Mass intentions for the coming year: wedding anniversaries, anniversaries of deceased loved ones, birthdays, etc.

2025 COLUMBAN CALENDARS
 Available in the porch - \$10 per copy. Put your money in the blue box near the calendars.

RCIA CONTINUES
 Wed 5 Dec: Want to know more about the Catholic faith? Join us on Wednesdays in the undercroft, 7.30 - 9pm. This week: Why Do We Call God Our 'Father'?

CARITAS LEBANON CRISIS APPEAL
 The Australia Catholic Bishops urge us to support Caritas provide essential humanitarian aid to those suffering in Lebanon, especially those who are displaced and without homes or shelter.
 Donate: www.caritas.org.au/lebanondonate

ADVENT / CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE
 Dec 15: Christmas church decorating 2 to 4pm
 Lessons & Carols service - 7.00pm
 Dec 24: Christmas Eve Mass 5.30pm
 Carols - 11.30pm
 Dec 25: Midnight Mass - 12 midnight!
 Christmas Day Mass - 9.00am
 Dec 28/29: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.

Please pray for
parishioners who are unwell: Tony Bonavita, Anna Gamble, Billy Francis, Terry Merchant, Blanche Pereira, Lori Valerio, Rebecca Webster, Rhianna Powell, Sharon Mortimore, Bill Moncrieff, Frank Genovese.
parishioners whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Perry Pereira, Sarah Hart, Jim Abbott, Tom McIntyre, Jim Hall, Edda Montini, John Brophy, Matthew Skeats, Mary Giles, Domenico Liva, Irene doorman, Cecily Laurence, Mick Kogan, Alice Keane, Susan McKenna.

The Wisdom of the Saints: Witnessing to Christ

When I see the great need there is for spiritual teaching, and how hungry people really are to hear it, I just want to be off and running throughout the world, telling everyone about Christ! I have no rest, my soul finds no other relief than to rush about and preach. - St Anthony Mary Claret

If you really want to give witness to Christ, then study the Faith diligently and apply yourself to whatever is necessary so that you can do the job well. Be sure that you preach by the way you live! If you do not, people will notice that you say one thing, but live otherwise, and your words will bring only cynical laughter and a derisive shake of the head. - St Charles Borromeo

A trumpet can produce no sound unless someone blows into it. So, before you give witness about Jesus to someone, pray to God like this: "You are the Spirit, and I am only the trumpet, and without Your breath I can make no sound." - St Joseph of Cupertino

Blessed is the person whose words issue from the Holy Spirit and not from himself. - St Anthony of Padua

I must give witness so that the most illiterate labourer can understand me. - St Alphonsus Ligouri



See: the days are coming when the Lord is going to fulfil the promise He made to the House of Israel. In those days and at that time, a virtuous Branch will grow for David's line.

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

Bk 2, Ch 10 Those who attribute to God all the good they have received do not seek praise from others, but seek that glory that comes from God alone. Above all, they wish that God may be praised in Himself and in all His saints, and this is their constant aim.
 So be grateful for every little gift and you will be worthy to receive greater ones. Consider the least gift as great and the most common as something special. If you consider the dignity of the giver, no gift will seem small or unimportant. Nothing given by God the Most High is insignificant.

Pastoral Ponderings

Thank you to the many generous and enthusiastic volunteers who came along to the Parish Busy Bee on Saturday morning to 'spruce up' the parish for Advent and the Christmas season. Some had a head start and did work during the week. The church and grounds look great - may God reward you all!

As I mentioned last weekend, we will return to taking up the collection in the pews – during the Offertory (after the Prayer of the Faithful), and after Holy Communion (when the Blessed Sacrament is returned to the Tabernacle). We need volunteers to coordinate the collections, and to take up the collections at the weekend Masses.

During the Advent Season we don't pre-celebrate Christmas, but we should be preparing to receive Jesus Christ in our hearts anew. It's easy to be swept up in the festive activities of our secular society, but as Catholics we should be deliberate about our preparation for Christmas.

Advent is a season of prayer hence why The Light Advent reflection booklets will be handed out this weekend. Be sure to take your copy and read the reflections daily.

Advent is a season of penance, and a time to make a good Confession. We will not have a parish Reconciliation evening, instead I am committed to offering an opportunity for Confession 3 hours each week: Wednesdays 6.15-7.15pm. Saturdays 8-9am and 4.30-5.15pm. There are new 'how to' booklets available near the confessional – please take one.

Advent is a season of giving, see the Caritas Lebanon Crisis Appeal in the Community News Column opposite.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on a Monday this year - 9th December, because the feast (usually on 8th December) is superseded by the Second Sunday of Advent. We will again pray the Solemn Novena in honour of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception:

- during the Sat/Sun Masses on 30 Nov/1 Dec
 - during weekday Masses beginning Mon 2 Dec
 - during the Sat/Sun Masses on 7/8 Dec

The Novena ends on Sunday 8th December. On Monday 9th December, Miraculous Medals will be blessed and distributed during the 5.45pm parish Mass.

Leaflets are available in the church, and also on our parish website, for those who wish to pray part or all of the Novena at home.

Our Lady has blessed this parish in many ways over the years, and we continue to confide in her prayers and protection.

