



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 7.30pm and SATURDAYS, 4.30 to 5.15pm, or please ring for an appointment.

The THIRTY-FIRST WEEK in ORDINARY TIME

Monday	5.45 pm - Mass	St Charles Borromeo, bishop	† Bianca Mettimano - month's mind
Tuesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	† Msgr Thomas Lenihan - 2nd PP
Wednesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	† faithful departed
Thursday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	† Eugene P. O'Callaghan - 9th anniv.
Friday	9.00 am - Mass - Acacia 5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	† faithful departed vocations
Saturday	9.00 am - NO Mass		

The THIRTY-SECONDSUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	5.30 pm - Mass	† faithful departed
Sunday	9.00 am - Mass	for the parish

PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER

MINISTRY	Saturday 5.30pm	Sunday 9.00am	Last Sunday's Giving 27/10
Readers	F Jones C Ryan	M Sherborne L Bellandi	Online donations \$ 697.50
Acolytes	L Torre	D Cleary	Loose 630.00
Altar Servers	A Fanowrios, J Ryan, R&J Arulraja	P Tindale Please volunteer	Tap & Go 353.25
Musicians	A Loiacono M Peters	A Loiacono S Hamer	Catholic Weekly 40.00
IT Operators	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Votive candles 67.25
Counters	L Bellandi G Di Latte		Columban calendars 62.00
			<b>TOTAL \$ 1,850.00</b>

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:** Forsake me now, O Lord, my God;  
 Be not far from me!  
 Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

**Communion Antiphon:** You will show me the path of life,  
 The fullness of joy in Your presence, O Lord.



**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
	Maree Clune	0429 722 846
<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>	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	0412 277 994
<b>Safeguarding Officer</b>	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 RECONCILIATION DATES**  
 Tue 12 Nov: 9am - 2.45pm in undercroft  
 - **Reconciliation Retreat** for ALL candidates  
 Thu 14 Nov: 6.30pm in church  
 - **First Reconciliation Liturgy**  
 Parents, please note these dates in your diaries.

**BUILDING FUND TO DATE**  
**TOTAL in Building Fund: \$260,589.56**  
**BUILDING FUND PLEDGES**  
 Please note: Building Fund contributions are currently **ON HOLD**.

**ONGOING EXPENSES**  
 Insurance (3<sup>rd</sup>) instalment - \$1,631.25 \*  
 council rates - \$308.69 \* underground power - \$300.00 \* air con special clean - \$1,279.30 \* bookkeeping - \$200.00.  
**TOTAL - \$3,719.24**

**READERS BOOKS—BREAK OPEN THE WORD, YEAR C (2025)**  
 The readers resource books for 2025, (the Church's liturgical Year C which begins at Advent this year), are available at the entry the church. Readers, please pick up your individually labelled copy.

**NOVEMBER: Month of the Holy Souls**  
 Envelopes are available in the entry for you to submit names of the deceased to be remembered at Masses in November and throughout 2025.

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

**RCIA HAS BEGUN AGAIN!**  
 Wed 5 Nov: Twelve people came together last week, and more have promised to attend, so join us on Wednesdays in the undercroft, 7.30 - 8.30pm (following Holy Hour). This week's topic: Faith is a dialogue of love. If you are not a Catholic but would like to learn about the Church, whether in view of joining or just to gain some more information, or if you are a Catholic but would like to grow in your knowledge of the Faith, please join us for any or all sessions!

**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER DAY**  
**SAT 6 Nov 9.45-3pm.** Hosted by the Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer. Just what you might need before the 'silly season' begins. Details: Jean 0409 377 338

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.  
**parishioners whose anniversary of death occurs at this time:** Ellen Chidlow, Mgr. Thomas Lenihan - 2<sup>nd</sup> PP, Eileen Hurley, Phylis Brophy, Josephine Fisher, Thomas Limbourn, Tom & Maura Power, Phil O'Reilly, Maureen Fitzpatrick, Mary Foley.

The Wisdom of the Saints: Purgatory

We must say many prayers for the souls of the faithful departed, for one must be very pure to enter Heaven.  
 If we only realised the great influence the souls in Purgatory have with the Heart of God, and if we knew all the graces we can obtain through their intercession for us, we would not forget to pray for them. We must, therefore, pray much for them, that they may pray much for us. - St John Vianney  
 We are foolish if we only seek happiness in this world, because we're only here for a short time, and we risk being unhappy in the next world where we must live for eternity. So don't focus all of your time and attention on 'borrowed goods' - that is, this earthly life - because we know that these borrowed goods must soon be returned to the Owner. All our earthly goods are merely loaned to us. - St Alphonsus  
 In our prayers, let us not forget sinners and the poor souls in Purgatory, especially our poor relatives. - St Bernadette Soubirous  
 As we enter Heaven, we will see them, so many of them, coming towards us and thanking us. We will ask who they are, and they'll say, 'I'm a poor soul you prayed for in Purgatory.' - Ven Fulton J Sheen



Listen, O Israel:  
 the Lord our God is one.  
 Love Him with all your heart,  
 your soul and your strength.

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

**Bk 2, Ch 9/10** The devil never sleeps, nor is temptation very far off; therefore do not cease to prepare yourself for the fight, for there are enemies on both flanks who never rest.  
 Why do you look for rest when you were born for work? Prepare yourself for enduring hardships, rather than for comforts, for bearing the cross rather for joy. Why, who in this world would not gladly receive spiritual joy and comfort if he could get it? Spiritual comfort surpasses any delight that you can find in this world, for all worldly delights lack true substance and depth. Only spiritual delights are joyous and honourable, born of virtue and poured into pure souls by God. But no one can enjoy God's comforts when he wishes, for temptation is never far off.

Pastoral Ponderings

One of the most beautiful aspects of our Catholic faith is our faithfulness to remembering those who have left this world and entered into eternity.  
 The month of November is designated the Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory, but we remember the dead throughout the year. Here at St Paul's, we have a Mass for the faithful departed each week on Wednesdays during the 9.00am Mass at the RSL Chapel. This Mass includes all those listed in our parish Book of Remembrance.  
 The Parish **Book of Remembrance** is again placed next to the baptismal font, containing the names of our loved ones whom we will especially remember and for whom we will pray throughout this month of the Holy Souls, and at Masses for the faithful departed throughout the coming year.  
 A good crowd attended our Friday evening Mass for **All Saints Day** - it was wonderful to see. Then we had a beautiful Mass on Saturday morning to observe the **Commemoration of the Souls of the Faithful Departed** and to remember the **four souls** who passed from this life to the next since last **All Souls Day**. Family members and friends came forward to light votive candles in their memory.  
 During the month of November we don't simply remember the dead; we pray for them. We often say, "No one is perfect," and that includes those who have died. While we recall their goodness, we also are aware of their human imperfections.  
 So we pray that in that moment when they stand before God for an assessment of their earthly lives, they have the courage and the grace to acknowledge their sins and call upon God's mercy. This moment is outside our human time, because in eternity there is no time. Our departed loved ones may be in that moment of purification right now, or they may have already passed beyond it to eternal peace in Heaven.  
 Nevertheless, we pray for them. This moment of purification is what we call **Purgatory** - not a place of physical torment, but a state of self-awareness that is humbling, and perhaps even tormenting in the sense that the soul suddenly realises that Heaven is near - but still beyond reach. To be on the very threshold of Heaven but not able to enter would be very upsetting!  
 But our God is merciful. He knows that we are weak mortals, yet He has given us in this life every means of salvation: the sacraments, the scriptures, the community life of the Church. Whether or not we avail ourselves of them, and how often we do so, is completely up to us. \*\*\*\*\*  
 Finally, we continue to keep in our prayers all of our students - in high school and university - as they sit their exams in the coming weeks.

