



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 THIRTY-FOURTH & LAST WEEK of ORDINARY TIME

Monday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday / <i>St Catherine of Alexandria, virgin & martyr</i>	† Kathleen (Giroux) Zahn - 1 st anniv.
Tuesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	† Clare Gartner - 3 rd anniv.
Wednesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	† Jozef & Jozefa Lechowicz
Thursday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Kellie McCourt - health
Friday	9.00 am - Mass - Acacia 5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	† faithful departed † Marise Wilkin - 5 th anniv.
Saturday	9.00 am - NO Mass	ST ANDREW, APOSTLE	

The FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday	5.30 pm - Mass		for the parish - thanksgiving
Sunday	9.00 am - Mass		for the parish - thanksgiving

PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER

MINISTRY	Saturday 5.30pm	Sunday 9.00am	Last Sunday's Giving 17/11
Readers	E Gregory V Kurak	J Sluchniak S Horgan	Online donations \$ 567.50
Acolytes	X Torre (Snr Svr)	A Troy	Loose 531.70
Altar Servers	M Miles, V Horgan, G&I Torre	M Zimarino C Zimarino	Tap & Go 255.00
Musicians	A Loiacono	A Loiacono S Hamer	Catholic Weekly 23.30
IT Operators	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Votive candles 120.40
Counters	I & A Zimarino		Columban calendars 36.50
			TOTAL \$ 1,594.40

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: The Lord speaks of peace to His people and His holy ones, and to those who turn to Him.
Communion Antiphon: Behold I am with you always,, even to the end of the age, says the 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

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, Principal	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

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!

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.

PARISH BUSY BEE - Sat 30 Nov from 8am

It's that time of year again when we need to 'spruce up' our church and grounds. If you can spare some time on Saturday 30th November, your help will be very much appreciated!

BUILDING FUND TO DATE

TOTAL in Building Fund: \$260,728.86

BUILDING FUND PLEDGES
Please note: Building Fund contributions are currently **ON HOLD**.

ONGOING EXPENSES

DUE THIS WEEK:

Insurance (3rd) instalment - \$1,631.25 *
council rates - \$308.69 * underground power - \$300.00 * air con special clean - \$1,279.30 * church cleaning - \$374.00 * votive candles - \$279.60 * first confession booklet - \$79.60 **TOTAL \$4,441.64.**

DUE NEXT WEEK: lawnmowing- \$140.00 *
bulletin covers - \$101.00 * charcoal- \$26.95.
TOTAL - \$267.95.

READERS BOOKS - BREAK OPEN THE WORD, YEAR C (2025)

Readers, please pick up your individually labelled copy.

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 27 Nov: Want to know more about the Catholic faith? Join us on Wednesdays in the undercroft, 7.30 - 9pm.

This week: The Trinity. If you are not a Catholic but would like to learn about the Church, whether in view of joining the Church or just to gain information, or if you are a Catholic but would like to grow in your knowledge of the Faith, please join us!

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: Wally Price, Keith Flood, Marian Mann, Georgia Lawrence, Ray Budge, Sheila Gorey, George Miller, Monica Caplice, Ida Gianatti, Zofia Czajka, Terry Lonergan.

The Wisdom of the Saints: Suffering

Reason should dominate pain, for our Redeemer has sanctified pain, and by doing so He has given us Christians the right way to face pain. For us who believe, pain does not come to hurt and destroy, but to lift us to greater heights with our Saviour, Who Himself suffered for us. - Bl Placid Riccardi

The Lord asks: "Why do you constantly ask to taste of My delights, but you refuse to join Me in My suffering and tribulation?" - St Margaret of Cortona

God's dwelling-place within your soul is built through work and suffering. I would add that suffering is more important than work. - St Anthony Mary Claret

Jesus, my Good Shepherd, You have shown us unworthy sinners Your gentle mercy in your various physical pains and sufferings. Give me, Your humble lamb, grace and strength, so that in no anguish or pain or tribulation I will turn away from You. - St Francis of Assisi

Many people are ready to accept suffering - as long as they are not inconvenienced by it. - St Francis de Sales

Always say this: "My beloved Redeemer, how sweet it is to suffer for You!" - St Alphonsus Ligouri



Jesus said to Pontius Pilate:

"Mine is not a kingdom of this world.

Yes, I am a King.

I was born for this,

I came into the world for this:

to bear witness to the truth,

and all who are on truth's side

listen to My voice."

A Short Meditation

from The Imitation of Christ

by Thomas à Kempis (1379-1471)

Bk 2, Ch 10 Always take the lowest place for yourself and highest place will be given to you, for the highest does not exist without the lowest. The saints who are the greatest in God's eyes are the least in their own and the grater their glory, the deeper their humility. Full of truth and heavenly glory, they have no wish for empty praise. Firmly grounded and confident in God, they can in no way be puffed up with themselves.

Pastoral Ponderings

The Parish Finance Committee met on Thursday evening. I am grateful to have such a dedicated and competent team overseeing the parish finances. Aside from the Committee members the parish is very fortunate to be supported by the accounting expertise of Amanda Garman, who assists me with accounts payable and many other general accounting matters. You may be surprised, but running a parish is like running a business, and like in any business, good people are valuable.

At the Finance Committee meeting we reviewed the financial report that will be circulated to parishioners next weekend, and we also discussed drafting letters to Building Fund donors. The letters will be finalised in the coming weeks and sent in the New Year.

We resolved to return to collections during Mass - passing the basket around - and retiring the perspex collection boxes. This will begin next weekend, the First Sunday of Advent. I am looking for volunteers to take the up the collection during the Offertory (after the Prayer of the Faithful) and after Holy Communion, or perhaps someone who can coordinate these collections at the weekend Masses.

Speaking of coordinators and volunteers, I am very grateful to everyone who contributes to our parish so generously with their time and talents. Next weekend I will offer Masses in thanksgiving for the many volunteers who serve our parish so faithfully. Deo gratias! (Thanks be to God).

The school year is coming to an close very quickly, and another class of Year 6 students will be farewelled from our Parish School. This coming Friday at 4pm, we will have the Graduation Mass for the Year 6 class of 2024, in thanksgiving for their time at our great parish school - St Paul's Catholic Primary School. We also give thanks for the dedicated teachers who shaped their primary education. Please keep these students in your prayers.

Please note these **important dates:**

- Nov 30: Parish Busy Bee
 - Dec 1: First Sunday of Advent
 - 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
- Another Advent is upon us: Come, Lord Jesus!**

