



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 SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>5.45 pm</b> - Mass	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BVM	† Molly & George Perdue
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5.45 pm</b> - Mass	Advent weekday	thanksgiving for benefactors
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5.45 pm</b> - Mass	Advent weekday / St Damasus I, pope	† deceased Saviel family members
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5.45 pm</b> - Mass	Advent weekday / Our Lady of Guadalupe	for our grandchildren
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> - Mass - Acacia <b>5.45 pm</b> - Mass	St Lucy, virgin & martyr	† faithful departed † Emma Osnain - rec. dec.
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> - NO MASS	St John of the Cross, priest & doctor of the Church	

**The THIRD (GAUDETE) SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5.30 pm</b> - Mass		special intention
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> - Mass		for the parish

**PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER**

MINISTRY	Saturday 5.30pm	Sunday 9.00am	Last Sunday's Giving 01/12
Readers	L D'Orsogna C Moore	J Sluchniak S Horgan	Online donations \$ 631.70
Acolytes	N Yap (Snr Svr)	D Cleary	Loose 1,057.30
Altar Servers	G & M D'Orsogna, E & D Samanta	T Clare, E Skrapac, M Mai	Tap & Go 382.50
Musicians	A Loiacono M Peters	A Loiacono S Hamer	Catholic Weekly 22.00
IT Operators	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Votive candles 116.90
Counters	V Kurak M Bennett-Howe		Columban calendars 30.00
			<b>TOTAL \$ 2,240.40</b>
			<b>** WEEKLY TARGET \$2,526 **</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:** O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.  
**Communion Antiphon:** Jerusalem, arise and stand up on the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.



Liturgical Ministries		Parish Ministries & Activities	
Acolytes	John Pereira 0401 625 521	Finance Committee	Michael Agostini 0416 376 793
Altar Linen	Lori Valerio * Maria Odorisio	Community Care	Francine Jones 0423 214 882
Altar Servers	Lilian Bellandi 0412 980 261		Maree Clune 0429 722 846
Collectors & Counters	Dianne Smith 0408 569 969	St Paul's Primary School	Nicola Lee, Principal 9462 6000
Extraordinary Ministers	Simon Hehir 043 778 6023	RCIA	Fr Mariusz Grzech 9271 5253
Flowers	Jasmin Biagioni 0411 123 575	St Vincent de Paul Society	Peter Quinn 9375 1024
Liturgy Committee	TBA	Parish Social Committee	TBA
Music	Alessio Loiacono 0466 461 892	Bible Study	Fr Mariusz Grzech 9271 5253
Readers	Genevieve Saldanha 0405 806 848	PREP Co-ordinator	Susan Brown 0403 441 525
Acacia Residence Chapel	Judith Paxman 9262 8533	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 morning tea 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.

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

**DUE NEXT WEEK:**  
 church cleaning - \$374.00.

**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 entry - \$10 per copy. Put your money in the blue box near the calendars.

**RCIA CONTINUES**  
 Wed 11 Dec: Want to know more about the Catholic faith? Join us on Wednesdays in the undercroft, 7.30 - 9pm. This week: The Creation – Like Looking at God.

**GIVE: PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE**  
 Looking for a way to give during Advent? Give to mothers seeking assistance. See the signs and baskets in the church entry.

**GIVE: CARITAS LEBANON 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](http://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:** Len Harty Jnr, Alice Bernard, Eric Hawtin, Edmund Pemberton, Mark Foly, Patricia Burns, Kevin Kelly, John Taylor, Mary Mollie Quinn.

**The Wisdom of the Saints: Prayer**

For me, prayer means launching out my heart towards God. It means, quite simply, lifting up my eyes to Heaven with a cry from my heart - either a cry of grateful love resulting from joy, or a cry of desperation from the trough of despair. Prayer is a vast, supernatural force which opens my heart wide and binds me closely to Jesus. - St Thérèse of Lisieux

When I pray, I don't say anything at all. I just sit in church and look at the good God in the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle, and He looks back at me. - an old peasant of Ars, France

After I enter the chapel, I put myself in the presence of God and I say, "Lord, here I am. Give me whatever you want to give me." If He gives me something, I'm happy, and I thank Him. If He does not give me anything, I still thank Him, because I really don't deserve much. Then I start telling Him about my worries, my joys, my thoughts, my sorrows. And finally, I listen to Him. - St Catherine Labouré

Souls without prayer are like people whose arms and legs are paralysed. They have hands and feet, but they can't control them. In the same way, souls that are so weak because they are too busy with affairs of the world find it difficult to enter a quiet state of prayer. - St Teresa of Avila



The word of the Lord came to John in the wilderness.

He proclaimed a baptism of repentance for sins.

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

**Bk 2, Ch 10/11** And if He should send you pain and sorrow, you ought to be thankful, too, for whatever He permits He does for our own good. The person who wishes to keep God's grace, should be thankful when it is given and should be patient when it is taken away. Pray for its return, the be cautious and humble lest it be lost.

Jesus has many lovers of His Heavenly Kingdom these days, but few of them carry His cross. He has many friends to share His meals, but few to share His fasts. Everyone is eager to rejoice with Him, but few are willing to endure anything for Him. Many follow Jesus up to the breaking of the bread, but few as far as drinking from the chalice of His Passion.

**Pastoral Ponderings**

Two big events are coming up on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> of December: **Christmas Decorating** from 2 to 4pm, and our **Festival of Lessons & Carols** at 7pm. If you can help with decorating, please come on the day, we need 'new hands' to learn how to decorate the church and set up the Christmas crib.

Please spread the word about Lessons & Carols; it is a wonderful tradition at St Paul's. We will have readers from our school and parish community, and Father Conor Steadman will encourage us to prepare well for Christmas.

We have returned 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 still need to build up our base of volunteers to coordinate, and to take up, the collections at the weekend Masses!

Peter Quinn keeps the St Vincent De Paul Society at the forefront of our minds in our parish. Peter faithfully collects the non-perishable food items that you kindly drop off each week in the basket behind the last pew on the right-hand side of the church. As part of your Advent giving please consider to giving to the 'Vinnies'. Some of you may recall that the Vinnies has a Christmas hamper appeal, in which many schools participate.

Last year (2023/24) 61,000 West Australians were helped by the 3,500 Vinnies volunteers through emergency assistance, financial support and counselling, mental health services, homelessness services, and their distribution centres and shops. Aside from dropping off food in the basket in the church, and clothing in the bin near the Undercroft, you can donate to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal online at: [donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-wa/christmas-appeal-wa](http://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-wa/christmas-appeal-wa).

Did you pick up your copy of The Light? There are still a few copies available in the church entry. With this little booklet in your handbag or pocket, or on your kitchen table or bedside table or desk, you can follow the liturgical seasons of Advent and Christmastide and take a five-minute break for reflection & prayer.

None of us here (including me!) are called by God to be monks. But we are all called to be people of prayer. And it's often good to have a help to our prayer, a way to focus, a means of guiding our thoughts so that we don't simply drift off into mindless distraction, but actually think about a few things and then speak to God about those things, in our own words.

