



We warmly welcome you to
St Paul's Catholic Church / Mt Lawley Parish

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Est. 1956

Parish Office Hours
New Parishioners
Baptism
Reconciliation

MONDAYS 10am-12pm and THURSDAYS 10am – 2pm.
Please complete a census form, found in the church foyer, and return it to the office or sacristy.
Sunday afternoons. Please contact Fr Mariusz to make an appointment for instruction.
WEDNESDAY 6.15 - 7pm and SATURDAY, 8 - 9am, 4.30 - 5.15pm, or please ring for an appointment.

THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Monday	5.45 pm - Mass	Advent weekday	† Golda and Litera family members
Tuesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Late Advent weekday	† Anna Kolodziej – rec. dec.
Wednesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Late Advent weekday	† faithful departed
Thursday	5.45 pm - Mass	Late Advent weekday	† Luke Yap – 11 th anniv.
Friday	9.00 am - Mass - Acacia 5.45 pm - Mass	Late Advent weekday	† faithful departed Lynette Maten & Baby Amanda Maten
Saturday	9.00 am - NO MASS	Late Advent weekday	

The FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER

MINISTRY	Saturday 5.30pm	Sunday 9.00am	Last Sunday's Giving 08/12
Readers	C Archer M Davila	M Sherborne <i>Please volunteer</i>	Online donations \$ 1,207.50 Loose 803.35 Tap & Go 440.91 Catholic Weekly 25.50 Votive candles 134.40 Columban calendars 24.00
Acolytes	T Gregory (Snr Svr)	A Troy	TOTAL \$ 2,635.66
Altar Servers	D & F Jordan E & F Archer	T Clare A Doherty	** WEEKLY TARGET \$2,526 **
Musicians	A Loiacono	A Loiacono	
IT Operators	<i>Please volunteer</i>	<i>Please volunteer</i>	
Counters	L Bellandi G Di Latte		

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: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed the Lord is near.

Communion Antiphon: Say to the faint of heart: be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and He will save us.



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

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS
Sun 15 Dec: Let's fill the church as we listen to the story of our salvation in Christ and sing glory to God in the highest! Our guest preacher, **Fr Conor Steadman** will inspire us with her Christmas reflection. Invite your friends and neighbours to join us. There will be a supper in the undercroft.

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. Please note: there will be no Holy Hour on Wednesday, 25th December.

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:
church cleaning - \$374.00
DUE NEXT WEEK: insurance (4th inst.) - \$1,631.25 * council rates - \$308.68 * underground power - \$300.00 * internet - \$115.00 * candles - \$558.67. **TOTAL \$2,913.61.**

RCIA CONTINUES
Wed 18 Dec: Want to know more about the Catholic faith? Join us on Wednesdays in the undercroft, 7.30 - 9pm. This week: The Christmas Story. Please note RCIA will be on break from Christmas until February 5.

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

IMMACULATE HEART PARISH, SCARBOROUGH: EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - PARISH SECRETARY

The Immaculate Heart of Mary, Scarborough Parish has a vacancy for a part time parish secretary, 3 days per week (12 hours). Applicants must be experienced with proven administration, and accounts experience, have good communication skills and a demonstrated ability to use Microsoft Office, Excel, Publisher and Outlook as well as the ability to upload Parish Website content. An understanding of the ethos of the Catholic Church would be an advantage. To receive the Job Description and submit your application, please email parishsupport@perthcatholic.org.au

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: James Sutherland, Joan Foley, Doreen Stewart, Mary Hope, Vivian Hawthorn, John Ferrari, Carmela Vizzari, Mario Papalia, Francis Knuckey, Rose Goss, Bertha McDermott.

The Wisdom of the Saints: Perfection

God has not called His servants to a mediocre, ordinary life, but rather to the perfection of a sublime holiness since He said to His disciples, "Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect." - Bl Henry Suso
Christian perfection requires three things of us: praying heroically, working heroically, and suffering heroically. - St Anthony Mary Claret

Our salvation and perfection consist in doing God's will. We must have this in mind, in everything we do and at every moment of our life. The more we accomplish God's will, the more perfect we will be. - St Peter Claver

There are certain souls who want to arrive at perfection immediately. This keeps them in constant disquiet. You should first cling to the feet of Jesus, then kiss His sacred hands, and then at last you may find your way into his Divine Heart. - St Alphonsus Ligouri

A happy spirit reaches perfection more quickly than any other soul. - St Philip Neri
Whether you are walking or keeping silence or speaking, alone or with others, let Jesus be your Model. He is perfect, and by following His example you will achieve perfection. - St Bonaventure



*Rejoice and exult
with all your heart,
Daughter of Jerusalem!*

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

Bk 2, Ch 10/11 Many admire His miracles, but few pursue the shame of the Cross. Many love Jesus as long as no difficulties touch them. Many praise and bless Him as long as they receive comfort from Him. But if Jesus hides Himself and leaves them a while, they either complain or fall into a deep depression.

Those who loves Jesus for Himself and not for the comfort He can bring, bless Him in every trial and heartfelt anguish, just as they do in moments of great comfort. And even if He should never give them comfort, they would always praise Him, and always want to thank Him. Oh, how powerful is a pure love of Jesus untainted by self-interest and by self love!

Pastoral Ponderings

I hope you're planning on attending our **Annual Festival of Lessons & Carols** this Sunday, 15th December at 7.00pm. Please invite your friends and neighbours of all faiths, or none - it's a beautiful service that is always inspiring.

The church will be decorated, since Santa's helpers are coming Sunday afternoon to deck the halls with boughs of holly. So this Third Sunday of Advent (**Gaudete Sunday - Rejoice! Sunday**) is the kick-off to the Christmas season here at St Paul's.

Join us for supper afterwards in the undercroft.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal, Caritas Lebanon Appeal, and Pregnancy Assistance. The baskets of goods for Pregnancy Assistance will be collected after Lessons and Carols on Sunday, so this is your last chance to help them! You can still donate to the Vinnies at: donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-wa/christmas-appeal-wa, and the Caritas Lebanon Appeal - see the Community News column.

Please don't forget to note these **important dates:**

- Sun Dec 15: Christmas church decorating from 2 to 4pm.
Lessons & Carols - 7.00pm
- Tue Dec 24: Christmas Eve Mass 5.30pm
Carols - 11.30pm
- Wed Dec 25: Midnight Mass - 12 midnight!
Christmas Day Mass - 9.00am
- Sat Dec 28: Holy Innocents - 9am
****Special Mass** Praying for children on earth and in Heaven.**
- Dec 28/29: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.

We will sing a few carols before the 5.30pm and 9am Christmas Masses, but there will be a longer carols service before Midnight Mass.

Did you know that according to tradition Jesus was born at Midnight? The darkness of midnight also parallels humanity's condition of spiritual darkness as the world awaited the radiant birth of the promised Messiah. So, to 'feast' in honour of this significant moment in human history we will enjoy panettone and prosecco after Midnight Mass!

We still need more volunteers to coordinate, and to take up, the collections - during the Offertory and after Holy Communion. I know that this a favourite job amongst the children!

If you know of a parishioner who needs transport to Christmas Mass, contact **Maree** or **Francine** at **Community Care**.

