



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 LAST WEEK OF ADVENT / and CHRISTMAS

Monday	5.45 pm - Mass	Late Advent weekday	Farrell Ryde - <i>b'day</i>
Tuesday	9.00 am - Mass 5.30 pm - Mass	Late Advent weekday THE VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS (counts for Christmas Day obligation)	Galavan family intentions for our school families
Wednesday	12.00 midnight - Mass 9.00 am - Mass	THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST "	for the parish
Thursday	5.45 pm - Mass	ST STEPHEN, <i>the first martyr</i>	Suellen Horgan - <i>60th b'day</i>
Friday	9.00 am - Mass - Acacia 5.45 pm - Mass	ST JOHN, <i>apostle, evangelist</i>	† faithful departed † Leticia Malabanam - <i>anniv.</i>
Saturday	9.00 am - Mass	THE HOLY INNOCENTS, <i>martyrs</i>	† faithful departed

The HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Saturday	5.30 pm - Mass	for the parish
Sunday	9.00 am - Mass	† Frank Danze - <i>anniv.</i>

PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER

MINISTRY	Saturday 5.30pm	Sunday 9.00am	<u>Last Sunday's Giving 15/12</u>	
Readers	L Plowman F Jones	Z Kirkup J Sluchniak	Online donations	\$ 802.50
Acolytes	X Torre (Snr Svr)	J Pereira	Loose	880.55
Altar Servers	G&I Torre, A Fanowrios, V Horgan	T Clare E Skrapac	Tap & Go	525.23
Musicians	A Loiacono M Peters	A Loiacono S Hamer	Catholic Weekly	28.00
IT Operators	<i>Please volunteer</i>	<i>Please volunteer</i>	Votive candles	194.65
Counters	P Quinn B Moncrieff		Columban calendars	35.00
			TOTAL	\$ 2,465.93
			** WEEKLY TARGET \$2,526 **	
			Lessons & Carols	\$744.88
			Special donation	\$3,000.00

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: Drop down dew from above, you heavens and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.
Communion Antiphon: Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son; And his name will be called Emmanuel.

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, <i>Principal</i>	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

HOLY HOUR & ST JOSEPH DEVOTION
 Join us for silence and contemplation.
SPECIAL DAY: MONDAY
 Adoration 6.15 - 7.15pm; Confession (two priests available); Litany of St Joseph & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.
Please note: there will be no Holy Hour on Wednesday, 25th December.

END OF ADVENT SEASON MASS
 There WILL BE a Mass in the church this **Tuesday, 24th Dec at 9am** to end the Advent season, as is traditional here at St Paul's. Mass will be followed by...

PRAYING FOR OUR CHILDREN
 Tuesday 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!

CHRISTMAS SERVICES
 Mon Dec 23: Confessions 6.15pm onwards
 Tue Dec 24: Christmas Eve Mass 5.30pm
 Carols - 11.30pm
 Wed Dec 25: Midnight Mass - 12 midnight!
 Christmas Day Mass - 9.00am

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.

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:
 insurance (final inst.) - \$1,631.25 * council rates - \$308.68 * underground power - \$300.00 * internet - \$115.00 * candles - \$702.09 **TOTAL \$3,056.43**

DUE NEXT WEEK: candles - \$293.92

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: Con Migro Snr, James Byrne, Robert Hearne, James Patterson, Lillian Moncrieff, William Casten, Camillus Urquhart, Patricia Tranter, John Lyons, Doris Annie Cavanagh, Jack Kennedy.

The Wisdom of the Saints: The Incarnation

Invisible in His own divine nature, God became visible in our human nature. Beyond our physical grasp, He chose to be held in His Mother's arms. Existing as God before time began, He began to exist as a Man at a moment in time. Incapable of suffering as God, He did not refuse to become capable of human suffering. Immortal, He chose to be subject to mortality and death. - Pope St Leo the Great
If you could see Mary and Elizabeth - the sweet embrace of the Virgin with the woman who had once been sterile - and hear the greeting with which the unseen tiny John the Baptist in the womb recognised His Lord, the Herald sensing the presence of his Judge, then I'm sure you would join the Blessed Virgin in singing that sacred hymn: "My soul magnifies the Lord!" - St Bonaventure
Christ is born in order to restore our fallen human nature by His birth. He became a Child, He was fed, and He grew that He might inaugurate the perfect age of history that will come to fulfilment on the Last Day. He lifts us up so that we might no longer fall. And the human creature He once formed from the earth, He now makes heavenly. - St Peter Chrysologus
In Christ we see, as in a mirror, the spotless and excellent Face of God. - St Clement of Rome



Blessed are you among women and blessed is the Fruit of your womb!

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

Bk 2, Ch 11 Can we not call mercenaries those people who are constantly seeking spiritual comfort? Do they, who are forever thinking of their own comfort and gain, not prove that they love themselves more than they love Christ? Where shall we find a person who is willing to serve God without receiving something in return?

Seldom do we find a person so spiritual that they live stripped of everything. Who can find someone poor in spirit and truly detached from all things in this world? Their price will be beyond that of anything on earth! If a person were to give up all their possessions that would still be nothing. And if they were to do great penance it would still be a little thing. And of they were to learn all knowledge they would still be far off.

Pastoral Ponderings

Thank you to those dedicated parishioners who came to church last Sunday afternoon to drag out the Christmas decorations from the shed, set up and arrange the Nativity scene so lovingly, put up the trees and garland, lights and candles and bows, so that we have a beautiful setting in which to pray during the Christmas season.
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That same evening at 7.00pm we celebrated our 16th Lessons & Carols, and it just seems to get better each year. The readers represented a cross-section of our local community - St Paul's, the Ordinariate, and our school. The choral quartet conducted by Michael Peters was magnificent, with the ever-faithful Alessio at the organ. Those of you who attended L&C may have been wondering why the church organ was sounding a bit 'tinny' on the night. Well, we weren't using our parish organ, because it died during the Ordinariate 11am Mass! At L&C Alessio was playing the organ in the choir loft which belongs to the Ordinariate. Regardless, we kept calm, carried on and 'rejoiced' nonetheless!

To cut a long story short, Alessio arranged for a technician to diagnose the problem, he did some 'tweeking' and got it working again. Now we're waiting for a part from the US. Fingers crossed - or better still, pray hard folks! - that the organ holds up through the Christmas Season!

Beautiful liturgy is what evangelises. What people see, hear (and smell!) when they walk into a church draws them into the sacred and supernatural. On the one hand, when we worship God we want to give Him our best. On the other hand, when a visitor comes into our church and sees the beauty and dedication of our worship, we want them to think: "These people are convinced about something (Someone!) greater than themselves!" We certainly hope that will be the case this Christmas at St Paul's.

We kicked off our Christmas our evangelisation effort this year with a letter-box drop of flyers with details of our Christmas Services. A sincere thank you to the parishioners who generously gave their time during the week to 'pound the pavement' of Mount Lawley, and surrounds!
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Speaking of things breaking down, this last week another air conditioning unit in the church has broken down, but it cannot be repaired - it has reached the end of it's life. The quote for a replacement unit is \$3,550. Lord, help us!
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Finally, if you know of a parishioner who needs transport to Christmas Mass, please contact Maree or Francine at Community Care.

