



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 OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

Monday	5.45 pm - Mass	CHRISTMAS OCTAVE: SIXTH DAY	† Monica Clune - <i>anniv.</i>
Tuesday	5.45 pm - Mass	CHRISTMAS OCTAVE: SEVENTH DAY (<i>New Year's Eve / St Sylvester</i>)	Fr John Piumatti - <i>health</i>
Wednesday	5.45 pm - Mass	MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD (<i>New Year's Day</i>)	Felicity Marvin - 21 st b'day
Thursday	5.45 pm - Mass	Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, <i>bishops, martyrs</i>	vocations
Friday	9.00 am - Mass - Acacia 5.45 pm - Mass	Most Holy Name of Jesus – FIRST FRIDAY	† faithful departed † Olive McKay- <i>anniv.</i>
Saturday	9.00 am - Mass	Saturday before Epiphany – FIRST SATURDAY	Our Lady's intentions

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday	5.30 pm - Mass	for the parish
Sunday	9.00 am - Mass	for our grandchildren

PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER

MINISTRY	Saturday 5.30pm	Sunday 9.00am	Last Sunday's Giving 22/12
Readers	L Bellandi M Tinning	S Horgan <i>Please volunteer</i>	Online donations \$ 1,248.50 Loose 986.35
Acolytes	N Yap (Snr Svr)	A Troy	Tap & Go 323.25 Catholic Weekly 20.60
Altar Servers	E & D Samanta, L Ireland, C Colletti	S Macnish P Tindale	Votive candles 109.40 Columban calendars 10.00
Musicians	A Loiacono S Simmonds	A Loiacono S Simmonds	TOTAL \$ 2,698.10
IT Operators	<i>Please volunteer</i>	<i>Please volunteer</i>	** WEEKLY TARGET \$2,526 **
Counters	J Dignam E White		Special donation \$500.00

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: The shepherds went in haste,
 and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.
Communion Antiphon: Our God has appeared on the earth,
 and lived among 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

HOLY HOUR & ST JOSEPH DEVOTION
 Adoration 6.15 - 7.15pm, includes:
 Confession, Litany of St Joseph &
 Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR @ ST PAUL'S Thursday 2nd Jan
 Join us for Mass at 5.45pm on Thursday, 2nd January - as we pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life - and our liturgy will be adorned by the talent of the St Mary's Cathedral Choir, conducted by Jacinta Jakovcevic.

FIRST FRIDAY * FIRST SATURDAY
 Fri: Masses at 9.00am RSL & 5.45pm in our church. *Let's entrust ourselves to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.*

Sat: Confessions at 8.00am * Rosary at 8.35am * Mass at 9.00am. *We respond to the request that Our Lady made at Fatima in 1917.*

MEN'S ROSARY CRUSADE - FIRST SATURDAY Saturday, 4th Jan at 7am
 Sacred Heart Parish, 64 Mary St, Highgate. Join men from around Perth who pray the Rosary every First Saturday of the month in reparation for offenses and blasphemies against the Blessed Virgin Mary, and interceding for their families. Followed by Confession and Mass.

DONATIONS AT THE CRIB
 All offerings are sent to the Holy Land, to help Christian & Muslim children and their mothers with nutrition, medical & educational needs. *Thank you for your kind generosity to Christ's little ones.*

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: candles - \$622.74
DUE NEXT WEEK: electricity - \$135.93

IMMACULATE HEART PARISH, SCARBOROUGH: EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - PARISH SECRETARY
 The Immaculate Heart of Mary, Scarborough is seeking a part time parish secretary, 3 days per week (12 hours). Applicants must be experienced with 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: Horace Moir, Peggie Massam, Ted Curtain, Agnes Lavelle, Anne Cusick, Frank Danze, Jane Moir, Bernard Savage, Richard Savage, Peter Harries, Ellen Marks.

The Wisdom of the Saints: The Example of Nazareth

The home of Nazareth is the school where we begin to understand the life of Jesus; it is the school of the Gospel.
The first lesson we learn here is to look, to listen, to meditate and to penetrate the mysterious meaning of this very simple, humble and beautiful manifestation of the Son of God. Here we learn to understand who Christ really is. Here, in this school, we learn why it is necessary to have a spiritual rule of life if we truly want to become disciples of Christ.
There is the lesson of silence. We are besieged by so many voices, by noise and uproar, in our modern life. May the silence of Nazareth teach us recollection, inwardness and good listening.
There is also the lesson of family life: its communion of love. Let us learn from Nazareth that the formation we receive at home is irreplaceable. Let us learn the important role of the family in society.
Finally, there is the lesson of work. Nazareth, the home of the 'carpenter's Son', proclaims the nobility of work - not work as an end in itself, but work as a value for those for whose sake we are working. Jesus came as the son of a workman. Jesus our Brother also worked for His family. - Pope St Paul VI



My Child, why have You done this to us?

See how worried Your father and I have been, looking for you!

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

Bk 2, Ch 11 And if he had great virtue and burned with a passionate devotion, still much would be lacking him; that is, the one thing that is supremely necessary. And what is it? That leaving all things behind, he must also leave himself - totally abandon himself - keeping nothing of his selfish, self-centred ways. And when he has done all that he knows must be done, then let him believe that he has done nothing. Let him not be deluded when others praise him, but let him admit in all honesty that he is only a humble servant of God. As Truth Himself has said: "When you have done all that is asked of you, say to yourselves, we are unworthy servants." Then he will be truly poor and naked in spirit, and he may say with the Prophet, "I am alone and poor."

Pastoral Ponderings

Catholics celebrate the Christmas season from Jesus' birth, December 25, until the day before the Epiphany (January 6). Epiphany is the celebration of when the three wise men visited Joseph, Mary, and Jesus in Bethlehem.
 You're all familiar with the Christmas song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas." To most it's just a rhyme set to music. But it had a quite serious purpose when it was written. Catholics in England during the period 1558 to 1829, were prohibited from ANY practice of their faith by law - private OR public. It was a crime to BE a Catholic. "The Twelve Days of Christmas" was written in England as one of the "catechism songs" to help young Catholics learn the tenets of their faith - when to be caught with anything in *writing* indicating adherence to the Catholic faith could not only get you imprisoned, it could get you hanged, beheaded, or hanged, drawn and quartered.
 The song's gifts are hidden meanings to the teachings of the faith. The "true love" mentioned in the song doesn't refer to an earthly suitor, it refers to God Himself. The "me" who receives the presents refers to every baptized person. The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In the song, Christ is symbolically presented as a mother partridge which feigns injury to distract predators from her helpless nestlings, in memory of Christ's sadness over the fate of Jerusalem: "Jerusalem! Jerusalem! How often would I have sheltered thee under my wings, as a hen does her chicks, but thou wouldst not have it so..." (Mt 23:27)
 The other symbols mean the following:
 2 Turtle Doves: The Old and New Testaments
 3 French Hens: Faith, Hope and Charity, the Theological Virtues
 4 Calling Birds: the Four Gospels and/or the Four Evangelists
 5 Golden Rings: The first Five Books of the Old Testament, the "Pentateuch", which gives the history of man's fall from grace.
 6 Geese A-laying: the six days of creation
 7 Swans A-swimming: the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, the seven sacraments
 8 Maids A-milking: the eight beatitudes
 9 Ladies Dancing: the nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit
 10 Lords A-leaping: the ten commandments
 11 Pipers Piping: the eleven faithful apostles
 12 Drummers Drumming: the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed.

Thank you to all our parish volunteers who made our Christmas liturgies so ornate, prayerful, uplifting, and welcoming. And, thank you, for your beautiful cards and generous gifts to me. May the Christ Child reward your goodness!

