



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 THIRD WEEK in ORDINARY TIME

<b>Monday</b>	<b>5.45 pm</b> - Mass	Weekday / St Blaise bishop, martyr	birthday blessings
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5.45 pm</b> - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	† Paolo Vinciguerra - 21 <sup>st</sup> anniv.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5.45 pm</b> - Mass	St Agatha, virgin, martyr	† Stephen James Hennessy- rec. dec.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5.45 pm</b> - Mass	St Paul Miki & Companions, martyrs	vocations
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> - Mass - Acacia <b>5.45 pm</b> - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time - FIRST FRIDAY	† faithful departed † Fr Thomas Smith- rec. dec.
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> - NO MASS	Blessed Virgin Mary	

The FIFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5.30 pm</b> - Mass		for the parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> - Mass		thanksgiving for benefactors

PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER

MINISTRY	Saturday 5.30pm	Sunday 9.00am	Last Sunday's Giving 26/01
Readers	X Torre                      C Archer	M Sherborne                      Z Kirkup	Online donations                      \$ 567/50
Acolytes	R Novacsek	J Pereira	Containers for change                      31.80
Altar Servers	G & I Torre, E & F Archer	S Macnish                      A Doherty	Loose                      1,279.65
Musicians	A Loiacono	A Loiacono	Tap & Go                      294.30
IT Operators	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Catholic Weekly                      19.00
Counters	J Dignam                      D Smith		Votive candles                      76.15
			<b>TOTAL                      \$ 2,268.40</b>
			<b>** WEEKLY TARGET \$2,526 **</b>

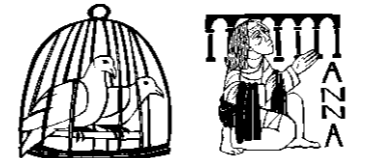
Thank you for your contributions! Here are our parish account details:  
**Parish Account:** St Paul's Parish \* 086 006 \* 66717 2345  
**Priest's Account:** First Collection \* 086 006 \* 70782 9728  
**Building Fund Acc't:** St Paul's Building Fund \* 086 006 \* 151619353  
**Direct Debit:** Make arrangements with your bank to make regular deposits

*Thank You*

To our volunteers,  
and for your generous support of our parish!

**Entrance Antiphon:** Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of Your Temple.  
Your praise, O God, like Your Name, reaches the ends of the earth;  
Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

**Communion Antiphon:** My eyes have seen Your salvation,  
which You prepared in the sight of all peoples.



**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**

<b>Finance Committee</b>	Michael Agostini	0416 376 793
<b>Community Care</b>	Francine Jones	0423 214 882
	Maree Clune	0429 722 846
<b>St Paul's Primary School</b>	Nicola Lee, Principal	9462 6000
<b>RCIA</b>	Fr Mariusz Grzech	9271 5253
<b>St Vincent de Paul Society</b>	Peter Quinn	0403 803 919
<b>Parish Social Committee</b>	TBA	
<b>Bible Study</b>	Fr Mariusz Grzech	9271 5253
<b>PREP Co-ordinator</b>	Susan Brown	0403 441 525
<b>Safeguarding Officer</b>	Stephen Cain	0412 277 994
<b>Safeguarding Officer</b>	Linley Plowman	0407 383 914

Community News

**BLESSING OF THROATS**  
Mon 03 Feb: The traditional Blessing of Throats in honour of St Blaise will take place at the end of the 5.45pm Mass.

**PRAYING FOR OUR CHILDREN**  
Tue 4 Feb 9.30am: **\*\*Note: Mass for school staff at 9am\*\*** 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**  
Wed after Mass: Adoration 6.15 – 7.15pm, includes: Confession, Litany of St Joseph & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

**RCIA RESUMES**  
Wed 05 Feb: We'll gather in the undercroft at 7.30pm to discuss Man & Woman: Made Little Less than the Angels! Spread the word - bring your friends!

**FIRST FRIDAY**  
Fri 07 Feb: Masses at 9.00am (Acacia) and 5.45pm (church) to ask for Our Lord's grace and mercy honouring the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. All are invited to join us.

**MONDAY MEN'S SHED @ MOLLY'S**  
**\*\*NEW\*\*** Mon 11 Feb: A monthly (every second Monday) gathering for men of the parish and school to pray together (parish Mass at 5.45pm) and then enjoy fellowship over a drink and dinner (6.30pm) at Molly's Irish Pub, Beaufort St, Highgate. For more info contact Gino Cirillo 0409 034 897 or Junior Soliano 0412 223 285.

**BUILDING FUND TO DATE**  
**TOTAL in Building Fund: \$261,381.15**

**BUILDING FUND PLEDGES**  
Building Fund contributions are ON HOLD.

**ONGOING EXPENSES**  
**DUE THIS WEEK:** holy water bottles - \$22.77 \* MYOB - \$43.40 **TOTAL \$66.17**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - SHOPFRONT**  
The Shopfront, Bentley and open weekdays 11am-1pm, provides hospitality and emergency food support to the homeless and needy. Volunteers are needed to: (i) drive the van, which provides a shuttle service to the Centre, and (ii) serve meals. Visit [www.shopfront.perthcatholic.org.au](http://www.shopfront.perthcatholic.org.au) or contact Damian Walsh (Shopfront Director) on 08 9371 9109.

**ARE YOU REGISTERED HERE?**  
Catholics who are regularly attending Mass at St Paul's are asked to complete a Parish Census form (found in the entry) & return it to the office or to Father.  
*Registration ensures that we have your details for contact purposes - especially important if Father Mariusz is called to your home for an emergency.*

**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:** Gwendoline Dallimore, Thomas Stack, William Marshall, Rosa & Francesco Scorda, Jack MacEnroe, Joyce Wade, Vera McGinnity, John de Bilj, Annie Russell, Kathleen Rawlinson.

The Wisdom of the Saints: Charity

One must see God in everyone. - St Catherine Labouré  
If God's word is preached only casually, or automatically, it accomplishes very little. But if the word is preached by a priest who is filled with the fire of charity - the fire of love of God and neighbour - it will wound vices, kill sins, convert sinners and work wonders. - St Anthony Mary Claret

If you truly want to help your neighbour's soul, you should first approach God in prayer with all your heart. Ask Him simply to fill you with charity, the greatest of all virtues. With it, you can accomplish whatever you desire. - St Vincent Ferrer

Our Saviour says that a good tree - that is, a good heart that is on fire with charity - will produce good fruit - that is, good and holy works. This is why St Augustine said, "Love, and then do what you will." He meant that if we truly possess love and charity, we can do whatever we want - and whatever we want will not be bad. Charity is not able to sin. - St Angela Merici

If something uncharitable is said in your presence, either speak in favour of the absent person, or just withdraw from the group; or, if possible, stop the conversation altogether. - St John Vianney



Simeon praised God saying:  
"This Child is a Light  
to enlighten the pagans  
and the Glory  
of Your people Israel!"

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

**Bk 2, Ch 12** God wants you to learn to endure troubles without comfort, to submit yourself totally to Him, and to become more humble through adversity. No one feels in his heart what Christ felt in His Passion, except the person who suffers as He did. So, the cross is always ready and waits for you everywhere. You cannot escape it no matter where you run, for wherever you go you are burdened with yourself, and wherever you go, there you are. Look up, look down, look out, look in. everywhere you will find the cross, and you must endure it patiently if you wish to have inner peace and gain Eternal Life. If you bear your cross willingly it will carry you and lead you to your desired goal where suffering will end, but that cannot happen here.

Pastoral Ponderings

In the previous week's Pastoral Ponderings I wrote about the Jubilee Year of 2025, so by now you should be full bottle on what the Jubilee means for us. Stay tuned for talks, pilgrimages and events in collaboration with neighbouring parishes. In the meantime, I encourage you to focus on the central tenet of the Jubilee: reconciliation – with God and neighbour. **The Sacrament of Confession (Sat: 8-9am, 4.30-5.15pm, and Wed: 6.15-7.10pm) is key to this spiritual and personal healing.**

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The week before last I took a short break, and went down south from Sunday evening to Friday. If you've ever wondered what priests do on vacation I can share with you that I said daily Mass in my accommodation, I went for morning walks and evening runs on the beach, I took many naps, read one book, which was a Christmas gift (The Sound of Silence, the life Fr Paul Mankowski SJ), and started another (Brideshead Revisited). I wish to thank **David Cleary and Noah Yap** for assisting **Father Conor Steadman** who said Mass when I was away. When I returned from my break I got sick; this past week I've had laryngitis. I guess the Lord wanted me to be silent for a while longer!

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Another school year commences on Wednesday 5th February, (although, some private schools resumed classes earlier). Throughout the school holidays I've praying for guidance how to support our teachers and families in the Faith. Please keep our school children in your prayers. One way you can do this is by joining us at the **Fortnightly Rosary for Children and Grandchildren**.

While we're on the subject, there will be a meeting on Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> February for parents of children who will receive the Sacraments this year, but here is an advance notice of dates:

- **First Reconciliation**  
retreat: Tue 1 April, 9am to 3pm  
Liturgy: Thu 3 April, 6.30pm
- **Confirmation**  
retreat: Tue 24 June, 9am to 3pm  
Mass: Fri 27 June, 6.30pm
- **First Holy Communion**  
retreat: Fri 12 September, 9am to 3pm  
Mass: Sun 14 September, 9am

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Finally, we are closer to replacing the broken air conditioning unit in the church - thank you for your patience and the generous donations received. We have obtained a number of quotes, and I have made a recommendation to the Parish Finance Committee.

