



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 FIRST WEEK in ORDINARY TIME

Monday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time / <i>St Hilary, bp & doctor</i>	family blessings
Tuesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Jonathan & Jasmine Chia - 10 th wed. anniv.
Wednesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	†Noel Augustine Cooke - rec. dec.
Thursday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	† Judy Farrell - 3rd anniv.
Friday	9.00 am - Mass - Acacia 5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	† faithful departed special intention - <i>healing & conversion</i>
Saturday	9.00 am - NO MASS	Weekday in Ordinary Time	

The SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	5.30 pm - Mass		for the parish
Sunday	9.00 am - Mass		† Jan Kurak - 11 th anniv.

PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER

MINISTRY	Saturday 5.30pm	Sunday 9.00am	Last Sunday's Giving 05/01
Readers	C Moore E Gregory	Z Kirkup <i>Please volunteer</i>	Online donations \$ 1,401.11
Acolytes	T Gregory (Snr Svr)	D Cleary	Loose 777.90
Altar Servers	R & J Arulraja, A Fanowrios, V Horgan	M Zimarino C Zimarino	Tap & Go 500.70
Musicians	A Loiacono <i>The congregation!</i>	A Loiacono <i>The congregation!</i>	Catholic Weekly 3.00
IT Operators	<i>Please volunteer</i>	<i>Please volunteer</i>	Votive candles 116.40
Counters	D Smith E Menion		Columban calendars 10.00
			TOTAL \$ 2,809.11
			** WEEKLY TARGET \$2,526 **

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: After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened and the Spirit descended upon Him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered:
 "This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased."
Communion Antiphon Behold the One of Whom John said:
 "I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."



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	0403 803 919
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.

OFFERINGS AT THE MANGER
 All monetary donations at the Manger are given to the Holy Childhood Association, a branch of Caritas Australia that helps poor children of all faiths in the Holy Land. The Church operates schools, day care centres, medical clinics and other entities that serve mothers and children in the lands of Jesus.
 LAST CHANCE TO DONATE this weekend

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: bookkeeping - \$200.00
 * printer lease - \$65.00 * MYOB - \$43.40
TOTAL \$308.40
DUE NEXT WEEK: Internet - \$115.00 *
 candles - \$350.25 * bulletin covers - \$101.00
TOTAL \$566.25

GALA FOR LIFE - FUNDRAISING FOR PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE BUNBURY
 A fun and glamorous evening and fundraising for Pregnancy Assistance, sponsored by Mt Lawley Golf club.
Wednesday 29 January at 6pm, Mt Lawley Gold club, 1 Walter Road, Inglewood.
 Tickets on sale Further info and tickets: Bridget 0408 496 610.

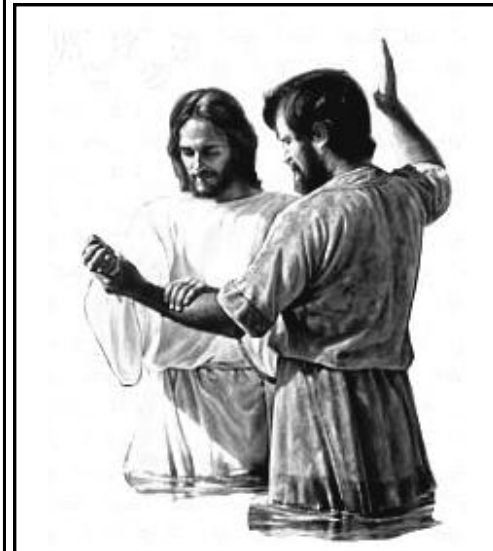
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS - COMMON GROUND - FOR YOUNG ADULTS
 Wednesdays 6pm to 8.30pm, Catholic Pastoral Centre, 40A Mary St, Highgate (enter through Harold St). Common Ground is a space where Catholic Young Adults come together to grow in faith through formation, prayer, mission, ministry and social activities. Common Ground provides opportunities to grow in faith, deepen your relationship with God and explore what it means to live a meaningful life. For more information visit www.cym.com.au.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - SHOPFRONT
 The Shopfront, located in 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 or contact Damian Walsh (Shopfront Director) on 08 9371 9109.

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: Doug Bogue, Harry Mills, Lois Agnes Seman, Harry Mills, Edward Moffat, Pearl Weir, Frank Cunningham, Mary Waring, Rita Willcock, Felix Hunt, Margaret Broadley.

The Wisdom of the Saints: The Baptism of Christ

Christ is bathed in light - so let us also be bathed in light! Christ is baptised - so let us also go down into the water with Him, and then rise with Him!
Jesus rises from the waters - and the world rises with Him! Paradise had been closed by Adam's sin - but now the heavens themselves are torn open for us! The Spirit comes to Christ, bearing witness to His divinity. The Father's voice comes from Heaven, bearing witness to His Son's place of origin.
The Spirit descends in the form of a dove - like the dove that so long ago announced the end of the Flood. In this way, the Spirit honours the Body of Christ, both human and divine.
So today let us honour Christ's Baptism, and celebrate this feast in holiness of life. Let us continue to live in the cleansing life of our own baptism, because nothing gives God more pleasure than when we, His children, walk in the way of conversion and salvation.
God wants us to be a living force for all people, like lights shining in the world. So stand with Christ the Light, and be bathed in His heavenly glory. Enjoy the dazzling light of the Trinity in Whose Name we ourselves were baptised. To God be glory and power for ever. Amen! - St Gregory Nazianzen († 390)



John said, "He Who is to come is mightier than I. I baptise you with water, but He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit, and with fire!"

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

Bk 2, Ch 12 This sign of the cross will be in the heavens when the Lord comes to judge. Then all servants of the cross who, in life, conformed themselves to the Crucified Lord, will approach Christ the Judge with great confidence.
 Why then are you afraid to take up the cross, the way that leads to the Kingdom of God? In the cross is salvation; in the cross is life; in the cross is protection; in the cross is heavenly sweetness; in the cross is strength of mind; in the cross is spiritual joy; in the cross is supreme virtue; in the cross is complete holiness.

Pastoral Ponderings

January is a quiet month at the parish, so all is calm, all is bright (I still have my Christmas lights up!) in these quiet days after **Christmastide**. The Nativity scene will be taken down and put away Sunday afternoon (with thanks to our generous parishioners!), so when you next come to Mass, it will be obvious that we are in 'Ordinary Time'.

But what is **Ordinary Time**? In the years before Vatican Council II, we had Sundays after Epiphany. Then came Lent, Eastertide and Pentecost. Then came a long stretch of Sundays after Pentecost. That actually made more sense than 'Ordinary Time'. In Latin, this period is called 'Per Annum', which means 'Through the Year'.

But it's anything but ordinary. These are the Sundays when we do not observe an 'event' - like the Coming of Christ (Advent), His Birth and Showing to the Nations (Christmastide), His Suffering and Death (Lent), or His Resurrection and Ascension into Heaven (Eastertide).

No - in Ordinary Time we journey with Our Lord through the villages and towns as He teaches the people, works His many miracles, and proclaims the Kingdom of God. None of this is 'ordinary' - it's actually extraordinary!

By travelling with Our Lord and watching Him do His work, by sitting at His feet and listening to His teachings, we grow in knowledge of Who He is and what He has come to bring to the world.

This is a period of growing; hence the liturgical colour of Ordinary Time is **green** - the colour of new shoots of wheat, the colour of leaves on the trees, the colour of the chlorophyll that courses through plants and bushes and makes everything green.

Speaking of growing with Our Lord, I again offer three suggestions for growing in faith in 2025. They are all podcasts. Everyone is listening to podcasts these days so why not make your time commuting to work, or exercising, or walking, or doing the chores, worthwhile? Three that I highly recommend are **Bible in A Year**, **Catechism In A Year**, and new for 2025: **Rosary In A Year**. All you need to do is commit, subscribe and press play every day.

This weekend's Feast of The Baptism of the Lord should make us reflect on our own baptism: At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted children of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism Heaven was opened to us. Every time we enter a church and bless ourselves with Holy Water, this is what we should contemplate. We will have the sprinkling rite at Masses this weekend as a reminder of this great gift.

