



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 SECOND WEEK OF CHRISTMASTIDE**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>5.45 pm</b> - Mass	Weekday of Christmastide	† Jessie Tilbrook - <i>anniv.</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5.45 pm</b> - Mass	Weekday of Christmastide	Baby Alex - <i>health</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5.45 pm</b> - Mass	Weekday of Christmastide	Marina Saviel- <i>thanksgiving</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5.45 pm</b> - Mass	Weekday of Christmastide	Wladyslaw Golda - <i>healing</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> - Mass - Acacia <b>5.45 pm</b> - Mass	Weekday of Christmastide	† faithful departed special intention - <i>healing</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> - NO MASS	Weekday of Christmastide	

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5.30 pm</b> - Mass	for the parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> - Mass	† Bertha Nation - <i>b'day anniv.</i>

**PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER**

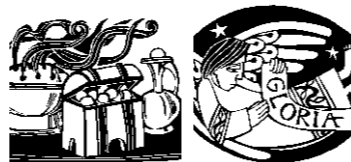
MINISTRY	Saturday 5.30pm	Sunday 9.00am	Last Sunday's Giving 29/12
Readers	C Ryan V Kurak	J Sluchniak M Sherborne	Online donations \$ 727.50 Loose 833.15 Tap & Go 363.20 Catholic Weekly 14.00 Votive candles 95.85 Columban calendars 30.00
Acolytes	G Hobbs	D Cleary	<b>TOTAL \$ 2,063.70</b>
Altar Servers	N & A Bowden-Jones, J Ryan, R Aruljara	E Skrapac <i>Please volunteer</i>	<b>** WEEKLY TARGET \$2,526 **</b>
Musicians	A Loiacono <i>The congregation!</i>	A Loiacono <i>The congregation!</i>	Christmas 2024 \$2,533.00
IT Operators	<i>Please volunteer</i>	<i>Please volunteer</i>	
Counters	I & A Zimarino		

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:** Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;  
and kingship is in His grasp, and power and dominion.  
**Communion Antiphon:** We have seen His star in the east,  
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.



**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, <i>Principal</i>	9462 6000
<b>RCIA</b>	Fr Mariusz Grzech	9271 5253
<b>St Vincent de Paul Society</b>	Peter Quinn	9375 1024
<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**

**EPIPHANY CUSTOMS**

Today we practise two venerable customs connected with the Epiphany:

- ♦ the Announcement of the Liturgical Dates for the New Year
- ♦ the Blessing of Chalk for use in the homes of the faithful.

**PRAYING FOR OUR CHILDREN**

Tue 7 Jan 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!

**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. Next weekend is the end of Christmastide. Please make a visit to the Crib today and leave a charitable gift.

**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:** electricity - \$135.93  
**DUE NEXT WEEK:** bookkeeping - \$200.00  
\* printer lease - \$65.00

**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.

**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](http://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:** Jenó Pal, Eileen Watts, Witt McNamara, Stanley Casten, Mary Cable, Noel Budge, Anne-Marie Levitt.

**The Wisdom of the Saints: The Epiphany of the Lord**

What are you doing, O Magi? Do you adore a little Babe, in a wretched hovel, wrapped in miserable rags? Can this Child be truly God? Have you become foolish, O Wise Men? Yes, these Wise Men have become fools - that they may be wise. - Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

Give me, Lord, the gold of Your holy love; give me the spirit of holy prayer, give me the desire and strength to mortify myself in everything that displeases You. I am resolved to obey You and to love You; but You know my weakness. Oh, give me the grace to be faithful to You! - St Alphonsus Liguori

Gold signified the power of a king, frankincense the honour of God, and myrrh the burial of the body. So the Magi offered Christ gold as King, frankincense as God, myrrh as Man. - St John Chrysostom

Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: Heaven on earth, earth in Heaven, man in God, God in man, One Whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body. - St Peter Chrysologus

Truth, by which the world is held together, has sprung from the earth, in order to be carried in the arms of a woman. - St Augustine of Hippo



The wise men said to Herod:  
"Where is the Infant King  
of the Jews?"

We saw His Star as it rose,  
and have come  
to do Him homage."  
Herod was deeply troubled.

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

**Bk 2, Ch 11 /12** Yet no is richer, no one more powerful, no one more free than the person who can give his whole life to God and freely serve others with deep humility and love. To many people this saying seems harsh, "Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Jesus." But it will be harsher to hear that final word, "Depart from me, you accursed, into everlasting fire!" Those who now gladly follow the word of the cross will have nothing to fear later on when they hear of eternal damnation.

**Pastoral Ponderings**

As I explained in last week's Pastoral Ponderings, the **Twelve Days of Christmas** do not precede Christmas - they begin on Christmas and continue until this Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> Jan.

So, here at St Paul's, Christmas continues on in great splendour! Our decorations will remain in place through next weekend, when the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord will conclude Christmastide.

We continue to sing Christmas music. During the Octave (eight days) we have had sung Masses, complete with incense. We celebrated **New Year's Eve** on Tuesday evening with the solemn singing of the Te, Deum, Laudamus ("Holy God, We Praise Thy Name") in thanksgiving for all the blessings - and the challenges - of the old year 2024.

On Wednesday evening we celebrated **New Year's Day**, the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, with the singing of the Veni, Creator Spiritus ("Come, Holy Ghost") to implore divine grace in all our undertakings of the new year 2025.

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A new year has begun and the customs at St Paul's continue as before, namely our weekly Holy Hour on Wednesday evenings, and our fortnightly Rosary for our children and grandchildren on Tuesday mornings. Please see the new cards and posters we have printed with dates for the fortnightly Rosary for 2025. Take two cards, one for yourself, and another to give to someone. It works, last year we had visitors from other parishes join us!

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Speaking of the new year, whatever resolutions you have made (or not made!), can I suggest three? 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 (both of which I have listened through twice - that's four years of daily podcasts!), and the third is new for 2025: Rosary In A Year. All you need to do is commit, subscribe and press play every day. Many parishioners have listened to the Bible in A Year and Catechism In A Year and can testify that these have really nourished their faith. Why not try it? If you have any questions talk to me after Mass, or email me.

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Finally, a sincere and heartfelt **thank you** to the parishioners who recently made special donations to help with parish expenses, and in particular the replacement of one of the air conditioning units in the church. Your generosity, and dedication to our parish, is inspiring! May God bless and reward you!

