



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 LENT

Monday	5.45 pm - Mass	SAINT PATRICK, bishop	† Antonino Tascone
Tuesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Lenten weekday	for sick parishioners
Wednesday	5.45 pm - Mass	SAINT JOSEPH, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	for our families
Thursday	5.45 pm - Mass	Lenten weekday	
Friday	9.00 am - Mass - Acacia 5.45 pm - Mass	Lenten weekday	† faithful departed † Geraldine Merchant - <i>anniv.</i>
Saturday	9.00 am - NO MASS	Lenten weekday	

The THIRD SUNDAY of LENT

Saturday	5.30 pm - Mass		† Desmond & Brigid Murphy - <i>anniv.</i>
Sunday	9.00 am - Mass		for the parish

PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER

MINISTRY	Saturday 5.30pm	Sunday 9.00am	Last Sunday's Giving 09/03
Readers	L D'Orsogna L Bellandi	J Sluckniak M Sherborne	Online donations \$ 1,054.37
Acolytes	N Yap (Snr Svr)	D Cleary	Containers for change 21.40
Altar Servers	A Doherty, G&M D'Orsogna, J Ryan	M Zimarino C Zimarino	Loose 1,189.85
Musicians	A Loiacono M Peters	A Loiacono S Simmonds	Tap & Go 854.67
IT Operators	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Catholic Weekly 21.00
Counters	P Quinn B Moncrieff		Votive candles 129.05
			TOTAL \$3,270.34
			** 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: Remember Your compassion, O Lord, and Your merciful love, for they are from of old.

Let not our enemies exult over us.

Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

Communion Antiphon This is My Beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased:
listen to Him.



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

PARISH SCHOOL MASS - Sun 30th Mar
Come along to the 9am Mass on the 4th (Laetare—rejoicing!) Sunday of Lent to pray for the Year 5 & 6 students and their families who will join us. After Mass we will enjoy a morning tea and fellowship in the undercroft!

PRAYING FOR OUR CHILDREN

Tue 18 Mar 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

Wednesday (the Solemnity of Saint Joseph) after Mass. Adoration 6.15—7.15pm, includes: Confession, Litany of St Joseph & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

RCIA / ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Wed at 7.30pm. The topic this week is: *Holy Mary Mother of God*. Come join us!

PREP CLASSES ARE UNDERWAY!

Children who attend state schools in Years 3, 4 & 6 are welcome to come to our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) classes every Monday during school term, 4-5pm at the undercroft (rear of the church). For admission to the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation, contact **Sue Brown - 0403 441 525** - for information and enrolment.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat throughout the Universal Church. Make this your best Lent ever - generously pray, fast and give alms.

STATIONS & BENEDICTION

Every Friday of Lent: Stations start at about 6.10pm, after 5.45pm Mass. Please pick up a Stations of the Cross Booklet when you enter the church.

ONGOING EXPENSES

DUE THIS WEEK: electricity - \$1,079.18 * bookkeeping - \$200.00 * Lenten books - \$399.75 * lawnmowing - \$40.00 **TOTAL: \$1,718.93**

DUE NEXT WEEK: council rates - \$308.69 * underground power - \$300.00 * internet - \$115.00 * catholic weekly - \$189.20 **TOTAL \$912.89**

FIRST RECONCILIATION

- Tue 1 Apr: Retreat for all candidates
9.00am at St Paul's School
- Thu 3 Apr: FIRST RECONCILIATION
6.30pm in the church

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, Geraldine Taylor.
parishioners whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Don Sinclair, Edgar Anthony, Bridget Herlihy, Winifred Stone, Johanna Johansen, Joe Shandley, Joan St Louis, Dorothy Hart, Pina Fallara, Violet Cunningham, Len Watts, Mollie McNamara, Geraldine Merchant.

The Wisdom of the Saints: Satan and His Legions

Modern times are dominated by Satan, and will be more so in the future. The conflict with Hell cannot be won by men alone, not even the most clever. - St Maximilian Kolbe (died in Auschwitz)

Be eager to assemble for worship when you give thanks and praise to God, for when you meet in this way, the forces of Satan are nullified, and his destructive power is cancelled by the harmony of your faith. - St Ignatius of Antioch (killed by the beasts in the stadium)

The Lord calls us, His disciples, 'the salt of the earth', because we season with faith and wisdom the hearts of men made insipid by the Devil. - St Chromatius of Aquileia (a great early scholar)

First tell the Devil to rest, and then I'll rest, too! - St John Bosco (a wonderful teacher of the young, and founder of the Salesian Fathers and Sisters)

The Devil, that fiend, selects for his most furious attacks the very time when we feel unable to pray. - St Nilus Sorsky (a Russian peasant who became a holy monk on Mount Athos in Greece)

The way to overcome the Devil when he stirs up feelings of hatred for those who hurt us is to pray immediately for their conversion. - St John Vianney (who was often attacked by the Devil)



Moses and Elijah,
represented the Law and Prophets,
and attested that Jesus fulfils
all the Old Testament prophecies.

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

Bk 2, Ch 12 For even if you were to endure the world's suffering all by yourself, it would still be nothing compared to the future glory that only a little suffering would earn for you.

When you have come to this, that enduring pain and sorrow for Christ's sake is sweet and pleasing to you, then think that all is well with you for you have found paradise on earth. As long as suffering is hard for you and you seek to avoid it, all will go wrong with you, and the very trouble that you run from will hound you wherever you go. If you resign yourself to what must be—that is, we must all suffer and die – you will feel much better and you will find peace.

Pastoral Ponderings

It's so good to see all the people who devotedly come to Stations of the Cross on Lenten Fridays.

The Stations, like the Christmas Nativity Scene, were inventions of St Francis of Assisi. Francis went to Jerusalem and walked the Way of the Cross there, and venerated the sites of Our Lord's Death and Resurrection. He also visited the ancient Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem.

Returning to Italy, he wanted everyone to be able to share in the devotion he felt in the holy places. So at Christmas he organised a live Nativity scene with animals in a stable, for the people to see. And he set up crosses along paths that people could walk as they meditated upon the various events of Our Lord's Passion and Death.

The Church eventually made it mandatory for any Catholic church or chapel to erect the Stations of the Cross before the place can be dedicated. The actual essential part of each Station is not the picture, but the cross (which must be wooden) - so you see atop each of our Stations is a small wooden cross.

I wish to thank the **Parish Finance Committee** for the good work they are doing to 'steady the (financial) ship' for the parish. Recently we have had a changing of the guard. After a number of years of dedicated service, Adrian Irdi and Zac Kirkup resigned at the end of 2024. In their place we welcome **Jan Skrapac** and **Domenic D'Alesio**, to join **Helen Sims** and **Michael Agostini** (Chair).

One of the matters the Finance Committee has been attending to is the close out of the Building Fund. As you will recall, it was announced to the parish last year that the proposed building project will not go ahead. Last Wednesday letters were sent to all donors to the Building Fund, outlining the options with to regard to their contributions: a refund, or re-purposing for parish needs. We will provide a further update once we have received all responses.

This past week I received a letter from the Archdiocese thanking the parish for our donation to the Archbishop's 2024 Lifelink Appeal. We raised an impressive \$8,230! Thank you for supporting the needy in our Perth community!

Still looking material to help you pray and reflect during Lent? If so, check out this great resource: hallow.com/pray40 - the Hallow app is the most popular Catholic app, and has something for everyone. Download the app, and signup to Lent Pray 40 for their daily Lenten reflections. You won't be disappointed!

