



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 FOURTH WEEK of LENT**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>5.45 pm</b> - Mass	Lenten weekday	† David McKay - <i>anniv.</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5.45 pm</b> - Mass	Lenten weekday	† Peter O'Meara- <i>anniv.</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5.45 pm</b> - Mass	Lenten weekday	Christine Aung- 24 <sup>th</sup> b'day
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5.45 pm</b> - Mass	Lenten weekday	Vocations
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> - Mass - Acacia <b>5.45 pm</b> - Mass	Lenten weekday / FIRST FRIDAY	† faithful departed † Mary Scolaro - 1 <sup>st</sup> <i>anniv.</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> - Mass	Lenten weekday / FIRST SATURDAY	Our Lady's intentions

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5.30 pm</b> - Mass		† Guy Brandon - <i>rec. dec.</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> - Mass		for the parish

**PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER**

MINISTRY	Saturday 5.30pm	Sunday 9.00am	Last Sunday's Giving 23/03
Readers	C Moore E Gregory	School Children	Online donations \$ 1,188.60
Acolytes	N Bowden-Jones (Snr Svr)	J Pereira	Containers for change -
Altar Servers	D & F Jordan R & J Arulraja	M Budiono, E Skrapac & School Children	Loose 758.20
Musicians	A Loiacono S Bussanich	A Loiacono C Potmus	Tap & Go 460.95
IT Operators	N/A	N/A	Catholic Weekly 25.00
Counters	I & A Zimarino		Votive candles 121.60
			<b>TOTAL \$2,554.35</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:** Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
 Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
 exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.  
**Communion Antiphon** You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life;  
 he was lost, and is found.



**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	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**

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

**PRAYING FOR OUR CHILDREN**  
 Tue 1 April 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 after Mass. Adoration 6.15-7.15pm, includes: Confession, Litany of St Joseph & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

**RCIA / ADULT FAITH FORMATION**  
 Want to know more about the Catholic faith? Join us on Wednesdays in the undercroft, 7.30 - 9pm.. The topic this week is: Hold high the Cross! Come join us!

**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.

**FIRST FRIDAY \* FIRST SATURDAY**  
 Fri: Masses at 9.00am RSL & 5.45pm at the parish. Come honour Our Lord's Sacred Heart!  
 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 5<sup>th</sup> April 7am**  
 Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto - Sacred Heart Parish, 64 Mary St, Highgate. Join men from around Perth who pray the Rosary every First Saturday of the month for their families. Followed by Confession and Mass.

**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.

**ALTAR SERVERS: Please volunteer!**  
 Two servers are needed for Mass and the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings. Make this part of your Lenten observance!

**ONGOING EXPENSES**  
**DUE THIS WEEK:** catholic weekly - \$189.20 \* MYOB \$43.40 **TOTAL \$232.50**  
**DUE NEXT WEEK:** altar wine / charcoal - \$180.50 \* bookkeeping - \$200.00 \* way of the cross booklets - \$128.20 **TOTAL \$508.70**

**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:** Ercil William, Irene Cogan, Alphonsus Barker, Charlie Eatt, Terese Wallace, Enrico Gianatti, John O'Hallaran, Mary Scolaro.

**The Wisdom of the Saints: Joy**

*No one can live without delight. If a person does not seek spiritual joy, he will then seek pleasures of the flesh to fill the void. - St Thomas Aquinas*  
*So, brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord, and not in the world. That is, rejoice in the truth, not in wickedness. Rejoice in the hope of eternal life, not in the fading flower of vanity. That is the way to rejoice! Wherever you are on earth, and for however long you remain on earth, know this: the Lord is near. So do not be anxious about anything. - St Anthony of Egypt*  
*Melancholy is poison to spiritual devotion. If you are having difficulties in life, be happier and more joyful, because in carrying the Cross you are closer to God! - St Clare of Assisi*  
*The soul of the person who loves God always swims in quiet joy, always keeps holiday, and is always in a mood for singing. - St John of the Cross*  
*The person who has faith lives constantly with God. He is both serious and joyful: serious, because he is conscious of God's presence; and joyful, because he always thanks God. - St Clement of Alexandria*  
*Laugh, and grow strong! - St Ignatius of Loyola*



*I will arise and go to my father and say, "Father, I have sinned against Heaven and against you."*

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

**Bk 2, Ch 12** The less self-centred you become, the ore you become centred on God. You are not fit to understand Heavenly things unless you resign yourself to bearing adversities for Christ. Nothing is more pleasing to God, and nothing is better for you in this world than to be willing to suffer for Christ. If you had the choice, you would choose to suffer adversities for Christ rather than to be comforted and ut at ease, for you would be more like Christ, more like all the saints. Our worth and our spiritual progress do not rest on warm feeling, or God-given comforts, but rather on patiently enduring great calamities and trials. If there had been anything better, anything more suited or more useful to your salvation than suffering, Christ would have surely pointed it out to us by word and example.

**Pastoral Ponderings**

**Laetare Sunday** marks the mid-point of Lent. In days past, when Catholics fasted & abstained hard (not only no meat, but also no meat products: no eggs, milk, butter, cheese or gravy!), this truly was a day of rejoicing (Laetare) because everyone took a day off from their Lenten penances and had a rest (and a nice roast dinner!).

How has your Lent been going thus far? Have you attempted to grow in prayer, fasting and almsgiving? If so, then today is a day to rejoice! If you've slacked off, then you can also rejoice on this Laetare Sunday - because tomorrow you're going to get down to business and make some good, solid moves toward spiritual growth. There are still three weeks remaining in Lent - there is still time to change.

A big part of change is acknowledging areas where we need God's grace and healing. The Sacrament of Reconciliation, or Confession, is pivotal to this process. The year 3 children in our parish and school will have their First Reconciliation Retreat this coming Tuesday, and go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this Thursday evening. Please keep the children, and their families, in your prayers.

Usually at this time, parishes have special Reconciliation services. Father Tim and I decided against this, but instead offered consistent Confession times throughout the week. As I mentioned last week, **Confession times** at the parish are: **Saturdays 8-9am and 4.30-5.15pm, and Wednesdays 6.15-7.10pm.** During the Sundays in Lent I will provide an ADDITIONAL Confession time: **Sundays 8.15-8.50am.** If you haven't been to Confession in a while, don't worry, we have excellent 'how to' booklets called Pardon and Peace available at the back of the church.

As I write this on Thursday evening, Catenian Group 943 are holding their monthly meeting in the Undercroft. The Catenians are a global Catholic fraternity for men, fostering friendship, charity, and faith. They organize social events, support charitable initiatives, and encourage spiritual growth and fellowship among members. The meetings have a formal aspect, but also include faith formation, (I gave a talk when they first started meeting here!), a meal and fellowship. There are many Catenian groups in Perth, and Group 943 are among the younger ones! I invite men in our parish to explore what the Catenians have to offer. In the past month two parishioners have joined! This could be a great opportunity to strengthen your spiritual journey, build lasting bonds, and support others!

