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St Paul's Catholic Church / Mt Lawley Parish

We warmly welcome you to
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Parish Office Hours TUESDAYS 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 HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Monday	5.45 pm - Mass	CHRISTMAS OCTAVE: St Thomas A Becket, bishop & martyr	† Fr Andre Nahas - 3 rd anniv
Tuesday	5.45 pm - Mass	CHRISTMAS OCTAVE: SIXTH DAY	conversion of Australia
Wednesday	9.00 am - Mass 5.45 pm - Mass	CHRISTMAS OCTAVE: (New Year's Eve / St Sylvester)	† faithful departed thanksgiving for benefactors
Thursday	5.45pm - Mass	MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD (New Year's Day)	vocations
Friday	5.45 pm - Mass	Most Holy Name of Jesus – FIRST FRIDAY	thanksgiving for graces
Saturday	9.00 am - Mass	Saturday before Epiphany – FIRST SATURDAY	conversion of family members

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday	5.30 pm - Mass	Del Casale Family intentions
Sunday	9.00 am - Mass	for the parish

PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER

MINISTRY	Saturday 5.30pm	Sunday 9.00am	Last Sunday's Giving 21/12
Readers	E Gregory M Tinning	M Sherborne G Saldanha	Online donations \$1,073.00 Loose 859.50 Tap & Go 859.60 Votive candles 124.70
Acolytes / Snr Svr	N Bowden-Jones	A Troy	TOTAL \$ 2,541.75
Altar Servers	T Clare J Ryan A Doherty L Ireland	C Zimarino J & M Neylon	** WEEKLY TARGET \$2,500.00 **
Musicians	A Loiacono S Simmonds	A Loiacono C Postmus	
Counters		I & A Zimarino	

Here are our parish account details:

Support our Parish: Second Collection * 086 006 * 66717 2345
Supporting Priests: First Collection * 086 006 * 70782 9728
Direct Debit: Make arrangements with your bank to make regular deposits

Thank You

...to our volunteers,
and for your generous support of our parish!

Please pray for
parishioners who are unwell: Tony Bonavita, Terry Merchant, Blanche Pereira, Lori Valerio, Frank Genovese, Bernadette Taylor, Angelina Mule, Maria Odorisio.
parishioners whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Horace Moir, Peggie Massam, Ted Curtain, Agnes Lavelle, Anne Cusick, Frank Danze, Jane Moir, Chas Cogan Snr, Richard Savage, Bernard Savage, Peter Harries.



Liturgical Ministries	Parish Ministries & Activities
Acolytes John Pereira 0401 623 521	Finance Committee Michael Agostini 0416 376 793
Altar Linen Lori Valerio * Maria Odorisio	Community Care Francine Jones 0423 214 882
Altar Servers Lilian Bellandi 0412 980 261	Maree Clune 0429 722 846
Collectors & Counters Dianne Smith 0408 569 969	St Paul's Primary School Nicola Lee, Principal 9462 6000
Roster Coordinator Simon Hehir 043 778 6023	RCIA Fr Mariusz Grzech 9271 5253
Flowers Jasmin Biagioni 0411 123 575	St Vincent de Paul Society Peter Quinn 0403 803 919
Parish Social Committee TBA	Parish Catechist TBA
Music Alessio Loiacono 0466 461 892	Bible Study Fr Mariusz Grzech 9271 5253
Readers Genevieve Saldanha 0405 806 848	PREP Co-ordinator Susan Brown 0403 441 525
Menora Gardens Chapel Roslyn Robins 0457 969 057	Safeguarding Officer Stephen Cain 0412 277 994
	Safeguarding Officer Linley Plowman 0407 383 914

Community News

**** WEEKDAY MASS TIMES IN JANUARY ****
Commencing Monday 5 January, weekday Mass (M-F) will be at 8am. The Ordinariate offer Mass on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Fr Mariusz will say Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Mass at Acacia will remain unchanged at 9am on Wednesdays. Holy Hour and Confessions will continue on Wednesdays, 6.15-7.15pm.

FIRST FRIDAY / FIRST SATURDAY

Let's begin the New Year by consecrating ourselves and our loved ones to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary. Come to Holy Mass (5.45pm) on Friday, and Confessions (8am) Rosary (8.35am) & Mass (9am) on Saturday.

RCIA / FAITH FORMATION

RCIA sessions have concluded for the year, we will resume on Wed, 28 January. Do you know someone who wants to become Catholic? Do you want to grow in knowledge of your Faith?

YOUNG SALESIANS SUMMER CAMP

Mon 05 Jan – Fri 09 Jan 2026 at Nanga Bush Camp, Murray River, Dwellingup. Registration details: standard price: \$320 or \$350 after 15 Dec. Lots of fun indoor and outdoor games and activities including: Swimming, Amazing Race, Bush Walks, Arts & Crafts, Gold Rush, Mini Olympics, Capture the Flag, Camp Masses and many fun challenges. Bus there & back from St Joachim's Church in Victoria Park. See poster and flyers in church entry. Further info: 0418979600 boscoyouth.com

MEN'S ROSARY CRUSADE

Every first Saturday of the month, join us on Sat, 03 Jan at 7am at the Our Lady of Lourdes grotto (Catholic Pastoral Centre, 40A Mary St, Highgate) to pray the Rosary as a community of Catholic Men praying for families and making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

PARISH MASS DIARY - 2026

The Parish Mass Diary for 2026 is open! Submit your Mass intentions for the coming year: thanksgiving, wedding & death anniversaries, birthdays, etc.

ONGOING EXPENSES

THIS WEEK Insurance (inst 6 of 6): \$2,020.00, rates: \$539.15, church cleaning: \$374.00, Confession cards: \$275.00, printing: \$287.20, gardening: 275.00, internet: \$114.00, catholic weekly: \$94.60, cross/book/voucher: \$94.05, lawnmowing: \$40.00, MYOB: \$43.40. **TOTAL \$4,029.40.**

NEXT WEEK

FORMED annual subscr.: \$1,487.00, electricity: \$516.14, bookkeeping: \$200.00 **TOTAL \$2,03.14**



The Wisdom of the Saints: Love, Marriage & Family

The charity which burned in the household at Nazareth should be an inspiration for every family. All the Christian virtues should flourish in the family, unity should thrive, and the example of its virtuous living should shine brightly. - Pope St John XXIII

It is easy to love the people who are far away. It is not always easy to love those close to us. It is easier to give a cup of rice to relieve hunger than to relieve the loneliness and pain of someone unloved in our own home. Bring love into your home, for this is where our love for each other must start. - St Teresa of Calcutta

It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God. Without God, people only succeed in bringing out the worst in one another. Lovers who have nothing else to do but love each other soon find there is nothing else. Without a central loyalty life is unfinished. - Venerable Bishop Fulton J Sheen

The greater the friendship, the more solid and long-lasting the marriage will be, because we are united not only in flesh but in activity in the home. - St Thomas Aquinas

We become what we love, and who we love shapes what we become. - St Clare of Assisi



*The Angel of the Lord
said to Joseph:
"Take the Child and His Mother
and flee into Egypt."*

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

Chapter 18
**That We Should Bear Our Hardships
Patiently after Christ's Example**

Disciple: By Your example and the footsteps of Your saints, life has become more bearable and understandable. It has also become much more comforting than in times past under the Old Law when the gate of heaven was kept shut and the road to heaven seemed hidden and when so few cared to seek the kingdom of heaven. In any case, those who were destined to be saved in those days could not enter the kingdom of heaven before Your suffering and the obligation of Your holy death.

Oh, how many thanks must I give to You for kindly stooping to show to me and to all the faithful the straight and good road into your eternal kingdom! For your life is our path, and by holy patience we walk to You, our crown. If you had not gone before us and taught us the way, who would have taken the trouble to follow? Alas! how many people would have lingered far behind unless they had seen Your splendid example? Look at us! Many people are still indifferent after hearing of Your wonders and teachings. What would happen if we did not have such a light to follow?

Pastoral Ponderings

As we bring the Advent to a close and enter the joyful Christmas season, I wish to express my sincere and heartfelt thanks to all who helped make our parish celebrations so prayerful, beautiful, well organised, and welcoming. From liturgical preparation and music, to decorations, hospitality, and the many unseen acts of service, our parish celebrations were a true testament to St Paul's living faith. Every liturgy reflected the generosity and dedication of so many parishioners who gave their time, talents, and love for the glory of God.

The Advent Stall run by the **Clare and Yap families**, raising funds for Aid to the Church in Need, which supports persecuted Christians, was a huge success. The stall raised **\$1,654.85!** Thank you for your generous support.

I would also like to thank you most sincerely for the many Christmas wishes, cards, and gifts that were shared with me. They were deeply appreciated and received with gratitude. Your kindness and thoughtfulness are a great encouragement to me in my priestly ministry, and I thank God for the privilege of serving such a warm and faithful parish community.

This weekend we celebrate the **Feast of the Holy Family**, and it naturally turns my thoughts toward our parish and school families. As we look ahead to the new year, I find myself reflecting on what more we can do to support families in their vocation of faith. Faith is first taught and lived in the family, but it must be nurtured and supported by the parish. With that in mind, I would like to share an idea I have been prayerfully considering: I am exploring the possibility of offering a **Sunday catechesis** for primary school-aged children after the 9am Mass, running for about 45 minutes. During this time, parents could gather for coffee, conversation, and fellowship, getting to know one another better, while their children receive faith formation in the Undercroft. The sessions would focus on the Sunday Gospel and include something akin to a "Five Minutes with Father" explanation. It is an ambitious idea, and I will certainly need help – but I believe it could be a wonderful way to support families and help our children grow in their Catholic faith. Please pray about this: is this something we can do and achieve together as a parish?

The Christmas season continues until the **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**, when we will renew our baptismal promises and give thanks for the gift of new life in Christ. Next week, on the **Feast of the Epiphany**, we will bless chalk, continuing the beautiful tradition of marking our homes and placing them under Christ's blessing for the year ahead.

Finally, a reminder that **Weekday Masses, during the month of January**, will be at 8am, commencing on January 5th. The Ordinariate currently have Mass on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, I will say Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Mass at Acacia will remain unchanged at 9am on Wednesdays. Holy Hour and Confessions will also remain unchanged on Wednesdays, 6.15–7.15pm.