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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 THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Monday	5.45 pm - Mass	Advent weekday	For our grandchildren
Tuesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Advent weekday	† Cicily Vargehese - 8 th anniv.
Wednesday	9.00 am - Acacia 5.45 pm - Mass	Late Advent weekday	† faithful departed Lina Giraldo Leon - b'day blessings
Thursday	5.45 pm - Mass	Late Advent Weekday	
Friday	5.45 pm - Mass	Late Advent Weekday	† Frances Daniels - anniv.
Saturday	9.00 am - NO MASS	Late Advent Weekday	

The FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday	5.30 pm - Mass		† Mario Papalia – 10th anniv.
Sunday	9.00 am - Mass		for the parish

PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER

MINISTRY	Saturday 5.30pm		Sunday 9.00am			Last Sunday's Giving 07/12
Readers	C Archer	A Iacopetta	C Moore	M Sherborne		Online donations \$1533.00
Acolytes / Snr Svr						Loose 730.05
Altar Servers	A Bowden-Jones	E & F Archer	J Cherry	P Tindale	E Skrapac	Tap & Go 872.06
Musicians	A Loiacono	S Simmonds	A Loiacono	C Postmus		Votive candles 232.90
Counters			E White	E Menon		TOTAL \$3,368.01
						** WEEKLY TARGET \$2,500.00 **

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: Giuseppe Joe Odorisio, Denis Williams, Douglas Creeper, Jean Sanderson



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, <i>Principal</i>	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

**** DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ****

Next Sat/Sun Baminelli Sunday
- Blessing of the Christ Child
Wed 24 Dec 9am Mass in church
- end of Advent
5.30pm Christmas Eve Mass
- 5.20pm Blessing of the Crib
**NOTE: No 9am Wednesday Mass at Acacia
No Holy Hour on Wednesday evening**
Thu 25 Dec Midnight Mass
- Carols prior at 11.30pm
9am Mass

A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday, 7.00pm. Join our reflection, in scripture and song, on the wondrous story of our salvation. Our parish cantors led by Alessio will provide beautiful music to inspire us. A supper will follow.

HOLY HOUR & ST JOSEPH DEVOTION
Wed 6.15pm: Silent Adoration. Confessions available, followed by St Joseph devotions & simple Benediction. *The Lord is calling us.*

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 5 Jan - Fri 9 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

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 BAS (Sep Qtr) - \$906.00 * school event \$500.00 * Christmas flyers \$287.28 * locksmith - \$162.50 * microphone stand \$104.00 **TOTAL \$1,959.78**

NEXT WEEK Candles - \$273.88 * printing \$73.76 **TOTAL \$347.64**



The Wisdom of the Saints: Joy

Leave sadness to those who live focussed only on the things of this world. We who work for God should be light-hearted. - St Leonard of Port Maurice
Be merry - really merry! The life of a true Christian should be a perpetual jubilee, a prelude to the festivals of eternity. - Bl Theophane Venard
Completely abandon yourself to the love of God, and in this way you will become truly happy. - Bl Henry Suso
Melancholy is the poison of devotion. When you are in tribulation, you need to be more happy and more joyful, because when we are in tribulation we are closer to God. - St Clare of Assisi
The person who loves God is always swimming in joy, always on holiday, and always in a mood for singing. - St John of the Cross
All the saints, and Our Lord Himself, assure us that the devout life is a life that is sweet, happy and lovable. - St Francis de Sales
Happiness is the natural way human beings are supposed to live. - St Thomas Aquinas



Think of how patiently
a farmer waits for the rain.
You, too, must be patient.
Do not lose heart -
the Lord is coming soon!

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

Chapter 17
That We Should Take All Our Cares to
God

Lord, as long as my will remains firm and strong toward you, do with me whatever pleases you, for whatever you do with me cannot be other than good. If you want me to be in darkness, may you be blessed, and if you want me to be in light, may you still be blessed. If you choose to comfort me, may you be blessed, and if you want me to be troubled, may you be blessed just the same.

Jesus: My dear friend, this is how you must be if you wish to walk with me: You must be as ready to suffer as to rejoice; you must be as willing to be poor and needy as to be rich and wealthy.

Disciple: Lord, I shall freely suffer for you whatever you choose to come upon me. With equal readiness I wish to receive from your hand good and evil, sweet and bitter, joy and sorrow, and I wish to thank you for all that happens to me. Guard me from all sin, and I shall fear neither death nor hell.

As long as you do not cast me off forever, nor blot me from the book of life, whatever trials come over me shall not harm me.

Pastoral Ponderings

Advent is a season of preparation and so I encourage you to make time for prayer - I note all 'The Promise' reflection booklets are sold out!; make time for silence and recollection; prepare to make a good confession- there are more confessions booklets in the church foyer.

My heartfelt thanks to everyone who came to the First Saturday Mass and to the feast day Mass of St Nicholas. What a delight - and surprise - it was for the children (and many adults!) when St Nicholas himself appeared in full bishop's vestments, carrying treats and reminding us of the generosity and holiness of the real Saint behind today's beloved traditions. Moments like this warm the heart and strengthen our sense of parish family.

On Monday evening we held our final Men's Shed gathering for the year, and it was a thoroughly enjoyable night. As we look to 2026, I am considering shifting our gatherings from Molly's Irish Pub to the parish itself - either the presbytery verandah or the undercroft - so we can create a more intentional space for fraternity and faith conversation. Given that summer has arrived, our January catch-up will be a relaxed barbecue. Gentlemen, keep an eye out for details!

Meanwhile, our Advent and Christmas preparations are in full swing. Christmas flyers have now been printed and delivered throughout our neighbourhood. A large Nativity banner will soon go up, the church will be beautifully decorated this Sunday afternoon - all thanks to our generous volunteers, and we continue to live our Catholic traditions joyfully and visibly.

One such tradition is **Baminelli Sunday - The Blessing of the Christ Child**. You are warmly invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from your home Nativity scene to Mass next weekend - either Saturday 5.30pm or Sunday 9am - for a special blessing. This custom began under Pope St John Paul II, when children in Rome would bring their baminelli (Baby Jesus figure) to St Peter's Square on Gaudete Sunday to be blessed by the Holy Father. (This year, our first time, we're a bit behind on the timing!) After the blessing, families would take the little figure home, place it in a box, and keep it hidden until Christmas Eve - opening it as the first "gift" of Christmas and placing the blessed Christ Child lovingly in the manger.

May these simple but beautiful practices help us keep Christ at the heart of our preparations, and open our homes and hearts to His coming.

Finally, a reminder that the **Advent Stall** by the Clare and Yap families will run this weekend and next weekend, 20/21 December, raising funds for pontifical charity **Aid to the Church in Need** which supports persecuted Christians.