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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, SATURDAY, 8 - 9am, 4.30 - 5.15pm, or please ring for an appointment.

The THIRD WEEK in ORDINARY TIME		MASS INTENTIONS
Monday	8.00 am - Mass Weekday / Australia Day	
Tuesday	8.00 am - Mass Weekday / Sts Timothy & Titus	† Mary Lanigan - 14 th anniv.
Wednesday	8.00 am - Mass 9.00 am - Mass (Acacia) St Thomas Aquinas, priest & doctor of the Church	† faithful departed
Thursday	8.00 am - Mass Weekday in Ordinary Time	† Anne Gould - 9 th anniv.
Friday	8.00 am - Mass Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Saturday	9.00 am - NO MASS St John Bosco, priest	
The FOURTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME		
Saturday	5.30 pm - Mass	† Maria Grazia Bellandi - 10 th anniv.
Sunday	9.00 am - Mass	for the parish
PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER		

MINISTRY	Saturday 5.30pm	Sunday 9.00am	Last Sunday's Giving 18/ 01
Readers	L D'Orsogna E Gregory	S Horgan M Davila	Online donations \$ 883.00
Acolytes / Snr Svr	L Torre	A Troy	Loose 786.15
Altar Servers	G & M D'Orsogna Z & Z Bernard	C Zimarino M Mai E Skrapac	Tap & Go 427.50
Counters	V Kurak	D Smith	Votive candles 129.90
			Containers for Change. 15.90
			TOTAL \$2,242.45
			** WEEKLY TARGET \$2,500.00 **

Our parish bank 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,
parishioners whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Fred Ardon, Kathleen Skeats, Clarice Day, Gerard O'Loughlin, Molly Miller, Anne Gould, John Lace, Henry Spears



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	St. Paul's Primary School	Maree Clune	0429 722 846
Collectors & Counters	Dianne Smith	0408 569 969	RCIA	Leanne Fanetti	9462 6000
Roster Coordinator	Simon Hehir	0437 786 023	St. Vincent de Paul Society	Fr. Mariusz Grzech	9271 5253
Flowers	Jasmin Biagioni	0411 123 575	Parish Catechist	Peter Quinn	0403 803 919
Parish Social Committee	TBA		Bible Study	TBA	
Music	Alessio Loiacono	0466 461 892	PREP Co-ordinator	Fr. Mariusz Grzech	9271 5253
Readers	Genevieve Saldanha	0405 806 848	Safeguarding Officer	Susan Brown	0403 441 525
Menora Gardens Chapel	Roslyn Robins	0457 969 057	Safeguarding Officer	Stephen Cain	0412 277 994
				Linley Plowman	0407 383 914

Community News

** DATES FOR YOUR DIARY **

Mon 2 Feb Presentation of the Lord
at the 5.45pm Mass:
- blessing of candles
Tue 17 Feb Shrove Tuesday
9.30am Rosary for children
- followed by pancakes
5.45pm Mass
- followed by BBQ
Wed 18 Feb Ash Wednesday
Masses: 9am & 5.45pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES IN JANUARY

Throughout 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.

RCIA / FAITH FORMATION

RCIA sessions we will resume this Wed, 28 January. Do you know someone who wants to become Catholic? Do you want to grow in knowledge of your Faith? This week: Man and Woman - a little less than the Angels. 7.30pm in the Undercroft.

SACRAMENTS DATES

Thur 12 Feb All parents meeting
- 6.30pm in the church
Thur 19 Feb First Reconciliation
parent/child workshop
- 6.30pm at the school
Thur 26 Feb First Reconciliation
parent workshop
- 6.30pm in the church

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 water - \$613.40; copying - \$154.97; internet - \$119.00; rates - \$539.15; MYOB subscr. - \$43.40 **TOTAL \$1,471.82**
NEXT WEEK Lenten reflection books - \$751.43; altar bread/candles - \$342.46; children's activity books - \$268.65 **TOTAL \$1,362.54**

Seminar: Finding Peace in the Storm

Nurturing Mental Health, Self-Love, and Healing from Trauma
Date: Saturday, 14 February 2026
Time: 10:00am - 3:00pm
Location: Good Shepherd Lockridge
Be inspired by Nicole Cummins, a Catholic Counsellor and Dr. Anne Burlinson; along with a testimonial by Una Glennon (Ciara Glennon's mother) Tickets available at :
godlywomenwithfaith.com

The Wisdom of the Saints: Teaching

When I saw these children, I realised what a mistake it is not to train them from the very start, when they are like wax which can be shaped to receive impressions for good or for ill. There are so many souls who would attain holiness if only they were taught well. - St Therèse of Lisieux
If you will send me your little Paula, I promise to be both a teacher and foster-father to her. Old as I am, I will carry her piggy-back on my shoulders and train her stammering speech. Far more glorious than the career of a worldly professor shall my task be, for I shall not be instructing an earthly princess, but a handmaid and bride of Christ preparing for the Kingdom of Heaven! - St Jerome
What is nobler than to mould the character of the young? The one who knows how to form youthful minds is truly greater than all painters and sculptors. - St John Chrysostom
You can do nothing with children unless you win their confidence and love, and put them in touch with their inner selves. - St John Bosco
I think that the Angels themselves, if they were to be teachers, would find it hard to control their temper in a classroom. Only with Our Lady's help do I keep from murdering some of them! - St Benildus



Jesus began preaching:
"Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand!"
He said to some fishermen:
"Come, follow Me!"

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

Chapter 20 Of Admitting Our Own Weaknesses

Disciple:
It is this that often strikes me again and again and embarrasses me in your sight: that I am so unsteady and weak in resisting my passions. And although I may not give in altogether, yet their chasing after me is trying and distressing to me; it is exhausting to live life in a daily quarrel. My weakness is made known to me by this: that abominable fantasies always burst into my mind more easily than they fade from it.
Most mighty God of Israel, zealous lover of faithful souls, look upon the toil and sorrow of your servant, and help him in all he tries to do. Reinforce me with heavenly strength, lest my darker side get the upper hand and take control.
Alas! what kind of life is this where trials and miseries abound, where everything is full of traps and enemies? When one trial or temptation passes, another comes, and even while one conflict rages on, a gaggle of others scurry in from out of nowhere. How can a life be loved that is filled with so much bitterness, that is subject to so many calamities and miseries?

Pastoral Ponderings

Happy Australia Day long weekend to everyone. I'm looking forward to a barbecue - even if I have to cook a steak for myself, by myself! - and, like many Australians, to having a good laugh at the latest Sam Kekovic "Eat More Australian Lamb" commercial. Love it or loathe it, it has become something of a national event around this time of year, reminding us not to take ourselves too seriously.
Australia, like every nation, has its challenges at the moment - that's for sure. Yet Australia Day also invites us to pause with gratitude: gratitude for the freedoms we enjoy, for the peace in which we live, and for the countless men and women who have gone before us and quietly built up our communities through faith, perseverance, and service. We are here because others gave generously of their time, talent, and love. Each year on Australia Day, civic institutions recognise citizens who have made outstanding contributions to community life. This Monday, the City of Stirling will host its Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony and present the Community Citizen of the Year Awards for 2026. I am delighted to share that our very own long-standing and faithful parishioner, **Terry Merchant**, has been selected as the 2026 Community Citizen of the Year (Senior Category) for the City of Stirling. If you don't yet know Terry, you will find him most Saturdays at the 5.30pm Mass, sitting near the front on the left-hand side. In the words of the Mayor's letter, Terry's nomination "acknowledges your exceptional commitment and outstanding contributions to the community through your involvement with education, academia, public service and much more." Now in his 90s, Terry has lived a life of quiet and enduring service. A devout Catholic and former educator, he taught from 1954 to 1980, shaping generations of students across metropolitan and regional schools. In honour of his late wife Geraldine, Terry established two significant scholarships at the University of Notre Dame Australia School of Nursing & Midwifery, supporting students in hardship and those returning to the profession. His generosity, mentorship, and humility beautifully reflect the Church's teaching on service and the preferential option for the poor. Congratulations, Terry - and thank you for witnessing to faith in action among us!
Finally, a reminder to note the key dates in your calendars - see Community News opposite.
May God bless our parish, our city, and our nation this Australia Day weekend.