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# St Paul's Catholic Church / Mt Lawley Parish

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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 FIRST WEEK of LENT

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b>	5.45 pm - Mass	Lenten Monday / St. Polycarp, bishop, martyr	† Weronika Walczyk - 22 <sup>nd</sup> anniv.
<b>Tuesday</b>	5.45 pm - Mass	Lenten Tuesday	† Fidela Marusigan & Baltazar Garcia
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.00 am - Mass (Acacia) 5.45pm - Mass	Lenten Wednesday	† faithful departed † Sam Bonavita - 15 <sup>th</sup> anniv.
<b>Thursday</b>	5.45 pm - Mass	Lenten Thursday	† Filomena Manso
<b>Friday</b>	5.45 pm - Mass	Lenten Friday / St. Gregory of Narek, abbot, doctor	† Dunston Elloy - 4 <sup>th</sup> anniv.
<b>Saturday</b>	9.00 am - NO MASS	Lenten Saturday	

## The SECOND SUNDAY in LENT

<b>Saturday</b>	5.30 pm - Mass		for the parish
<b>Sunday</b>	9.00 am - Mass		† Dulcie Goode - 27 <sup>th</sup> anniv.

## PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER

MINISTRY	Saturday 5.30pm	Sunday 9.00am	Last Sunday's Giving 15/02
Readers	F Jones E Gregory	J Sluchniak M Tinning	Online donations \$ 943.00
Acolytes / Snr Svr	Please volunteer		Loose 580.40
Altar Servers	T Clare J Ryan A Doherty	M Budiono L Ireland P Tindale	Tap & Go 810.90
Counters		E White E Menon	Votive candles 197.10
			Containers for Change. 13.20
			<b>TOTAL \$2,544.60</b>
			<b>** WEEKLY TARGET \$2,500.00 **</b>

## 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:** Ruby Lynch, Irma Hawtin, Charlie Wardrop, Dora Ayre, Bill O'Grady, Salvatore Bonavita, Jessie Martin, Olive Roach, Gwenn Plant, Eric Burress, Brian Felton, Jack Cramer.



## Liturgical Ministries

Acolytes	John Pereira	0401 623 521
Altar Linen	Lori Valerio * Maria Odorisio	
Altar Servers	Lilian Bellandi	0412 980 261
Collectors & Counters	Dianne Smith	0408 569 969
Roster Coordinator	Simon Hehir	0437 786 023
Flowers	Jasmin Biagioni	0411 123 575
Parish Social Committee	TBA	
Music	Alessio Loiacono	0466 461 892
Readers	Genevieve Saldanha	0405 806 848
Menora Gardens Chapel	Roslyn Robins	0457 969 057

## 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	Leanne Fanetti	9462 6000
RCIA	Fr. Mariusz Grzech	9271 5253
St. Vincent de Paul Society	Peter Quinn	0403 803 919
Parish Catechist	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

**RCIA - New day and time**  
Mondays at 6.30pm. Please pray for our catechumens and candidates!

**RCIA Milestone Dates**

This Sunday Presentation to parish  
Wed 25 Feb Rite of Election  
- St Mary's Cathedral

3rd Sun Lent First Scrutiny  
- Presentation of Creed

4th Sun Lent Second Scrutiny  
5th Sun Lent Third Scrutiny  
- Presentation of Our Father

Holy Saturday Day of Prayer  
- Exorcism and Anointing with Oil of Catechumens  
- Ephphatha Rite Rehearsal

**PARISH WEEKLY HOLY HOUR & ST JOSEPH DEVOTIONS**  
Wednesday 6.15pm: Silent Adoration. Confessions available, followed by Litany of St Joseph & simple Benediction. The Lord is calling us!

**FRIDAY STATIONS & BENECTION**  
Fridays in Lent 6.15pm. Following the 5.45pm evening Mass join us to walk the Way of the Cross with the Lord, in the words of St Paul. \*\*Acolytes and altar servers - please volunteer\*\*

**"COMPASSIO" LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKLETS** This Lent, enter into the heart of compassio—to "suffer with"—a grace-filled invitation to stand with Christ and with one another. The daily reflections have been prayerfully written by 20 clergy, religious, and lay contributors from across Australia and beyond. A great resource to guide your prayer and daily reflection. For sale in the church foyer, \$5 each.

**SACRAMENTS DATES**  
Thur 26 Feb First Reconciliation parent workshop - 6.30pm in the church  
Thur 26 Mar First Reconciliation Liturgy - 6.30pm in the church

**PREP 2026 - Starts Mon, 23 Feb 4pm**  
For children preparing for Sacraments of Initiation (First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion & Confirmation) who do not attend a Catholic school. To enroll contact Susan Brown 0403 441 525 or the parish.

**ONGOING EXPENSES**  
**THIS WEEK:** Rates - \$539.15; DocuShred - \$128.70; internet - \$119.00; copier - \$66.30  
**TOTAL \$835.15**  
**NEXT WEEK:** Stations of the Cross booklet - \$542.30; church cleaning- \$374.00; candles - \$334.77 **TOTAL \$1,251.07**

# LENT

## The Wisdom of the Saints: Temptations

Alas, my God, I know that You have made everything well and that by Your grace I need not sin by these temptations - but I don't want to experience them at all! - St Joseph Cupertino  
The more you are attacked by temptations, the more I consider you to be God's servant and friend, and I love you all the more. In fact, no one should consider himself a perfect friend of God until he has successfully resisted many temptations and trials. - St Francis of Assisi  
One day I was just going out the door, and I heard a lady asking about me. She wanted to know who that very pretty girl with the lovely hair was. Compliments are at their best when you're not meant to hear them, aren't they? I got a thrill of pleasure - and then I realised that I was full of self-love. I'm always ready to sympathise with people who lose their souls; after all, it's so easy, once you begin to stray along the primrose path of worldiness. - St Thérèse of Lisieux  
Jesus never said to us, "You shall not be troubled - you shall not be tempted - you shall not be distressed." But He did say this: "You shall not be overcome." - Bl Julian of Norwich  
The person who has control over his passions is the master of the world. We must either command our passions, or be enslaved by them. It is better to be a hammer than an anvil! - St Dominic



Jesus said: "Begone, Satan! Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him alone."

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

**Chapter 21**  
**That We Should Rest in God above All Else**  
**Disciple:** They often get in the way and distract me, allure and entangle me, so that I cannot freely come to you nor enjoy the happy embraces that always await the blessed spirits.

Let my sighs and great loneliness upon this earth move you, O Jesus, splendor of eternal glory, comfort of the wandering soul. My mouth falls silent before you; my silence speaks to you. How long will my Lord delay in coming? Let him come to me, his poor servant, and make me happy. Let him stretch forth his hand and deliver me from all distress, I who am so greatly in need of compassion. Come, come. Without you no day or hour will be happy, for you are my joy, and without you my table is empty. I am miserable. I am as one imprisoned and loaded down with heavy chains until you revive me with the light of your presence and set me free and turn your kind face upon me. Others may go their own way, but nothing else delights me nor shall delight me except you, my God, my hope and my eternal salvation. I shall not be silent nor will I cease to pray until your grace returns to me and you speak to me in the depths of my heart.

## Pastoral Ponderings

Our Shrove Tuesday and Carnivale festivities were a wonderful celebration! I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to every person who helped organise, prepare, cook, serve, set up, pack down, coordinate, entertain, and simply show up with generous hearts. Events like these do not "just happen." They are the fruit of many willing hands and joyful spirits. Your generosity builds up the Body of Christ here in our parish. It was a delight to see so many parishioners, school families, children, grandparents, and friends gathered together. The atmosphere was vibrant and full of life — a true celebration of community before we entered the more reflective season of Lent.

As we now journey through Lent, our RCIA participants will become more visible at our Sunday Masses in the coming weeks. We will formally present them to the parish and celebrate the Scrutinies — those important rites of purification and enlightenment that prepare our catechumens for Baptism and our candidates (already baptised Christians) for their reception into full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil. This is a sacred time for them. It is also a sacred responsibility for us. The RCIA journey is not something they undertake alone; it is the whole parish that accompanies them. I encourage you to greet them warmly, learn their names, and most importantly, keep them in your prayers.

Last week we reflected on three simple Lenten tools: penance (making up for past sins), mortification (controlling present bad habits), and resolution (putting good habits in place for the future). Whatever we call them, the goal is the same: to remove obstacles to God's grace. So where do we begin? Usually, if we are honest, we already know. Our conscience tells us. We may sense impatience, spiritual laziness, overuse of alcohol, too much time on screens, or a lack of prayer. A helpful question is this: If I were to stand before the Lord tomorrow, what would I most regret still clinging to? That is where Lent should begin. Even if we think we are "doing okay," we still need discipline. A simple rule: choose whichever practice is hardest for you — that is likely your Lenten resolution.

Here are some practical examples:

- Fasting (within the limits of health): bringing the body and appetites into proper order. The saints consistently recommend it for good reason.
- Discipline in sleep: set a fixed bedtime and waking time and keep to it. Small structure can strengthen the will.
- Mortification of the eyes: choose deliberately what you look at; avoid what tempts or distracts. The eyes feed the imagination.
- Guarding the mind: stop daydreaming about future catastrophes or dwelling on past hurts. The present moment is where God's grace works.
- Mortifying speech: speak less — perhaps 50% less. Avoid unnecessary opinions. Stop complaining. Speak less about yourself.

Lent is too important to reduce to "giving up dessert." These practices prepare us for Easter — and ultimately for meeting the Lord.