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WE WARMLY WELCOME YOU TO ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH MT LAWLEY PARISH



Our patron St Paul

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FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT		MASS INTENTIONS	
MONDAY	5.45 pm - Mass	St Peter Canisius	+ Ellen Harding
TUESDAY	5.45 pm - Mass	Late Advent weekday	+ faithful departed
WEDNESDAY	9.00 am - Mass at RSL	Late Advent weekday	+ Paul Carter (1st anniv)
THURSDAY	6.30 pm - Mass	Christmas Eve Family Mass	for the Parish
FRIDAY	12.00 mid - Mass 9.30 am - Mass	Nativity of Our Lord Nativity of Our Lord	+ Virginia L Deeter for the Holy Father
SATURDAY	No morning Mass		

HOLY FAMILY : JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH	
SATURDAY	5 - 5.45pm - Reconciliation (or by appointment) 6.00 pm - Vigil Mass Margaret Bowen (b'day)
SUNDAY	8.00 am - Mass 9.30 am - Mass for the parish Charles & Rita Scafidi (sp int)

PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER			
19th/20th December	Saturday Vigil 6 pm Mass	Sunday 8 am Mass	Sunday 9.30 am Mass
Readers	D Tomasi F Tomasi	T Merchant J Palermo	S Cain M Milazzo
Eucharistic Ministers	R Bonavita B Tomasi K D'Onofrio A Tilbrook	R Chapman J Ryan R Quinn B Taylor	J Cleary D Condo D Barns J Daniels
Altar Servers	M Bin Omar L Ferrante J Bonavita	T Yozzi Please Volunteer	J Di Grandi G Munro F Barns
Welcomers	F Bin Omar	A Liva	A Pollio
Counters	A Urquhart M Urquhart	Children's Liturgy Cleaner	n/a R Grech

PARISH FINANCES
 Thank you for your contribution. The first collection supports our parish priest and the priests of the Archdiocese. The second collection helps to maintain the church, support parish outreach projects and our parish school.

LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS	
PLANNED GIVING	\$ 947.00
LOOSE COLLECTION	\$ 367.60
RECORD SALES	\$ 74.10
TOTAL	\$ 1388.70

The Record is on sale each week at \$2 per copy.



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

those who are unwell:

Richard Harloe, Nany P, Paul, Derek Unkovich, Paul Lee, Rebecca Webster, Kevin Kelly, Pat Brophy, Blanche Perera, Billy Francis, Emma, Emily.

those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time:

Gabrielle Bertola, Fr Tim Manley, Bertha McDermott, Con Migro Snr, James Byrne, Robert Hearne, James Patterson, Lillian Moncrieff, William Casten, Camillus Urquhart, Patricia Tranter.

SPIRITUALITY & PRAYER

SOME FOOD FOR THOUGHT....After re-reading the Gospel (Luke 1: 39-45), reflect:

'You are most blessed.' Do you have a sense of how 'blessed' you are? Can you recognise the 'blessedness' of others? Have there been occasions when you had a sense of being filled with the Holy Spirit or a sense of the closeness of God?

A CHALLENGE . . .It is Mary's willingness to accept her role in God's plan for salvation that makes her such a special figure. Throughout the Scriptures, God often chooses those who are small and apparently powerless to assist in his plan for salvation. Mary's simplicity and faith is a model for all believers. This week try to visit someone who is in need of some attention, especially as Christmas is almost upon us. Make the time to reach out to another.

A PRAYER ... Mary's great song of rejoicing which comes after today's Gospel makes a suitable prayer this week: *My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my saviour. For he has looked upon my lowliness; behold, from now on, all ages will call me blessed. The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.*

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Christmas Eve from 11 am to 1 pm – last Christmas call

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve Family Mass in the school grounds

-- 6 pm carols, 6:30 pm Mass
 -- children are invited to dress as angels or shepherds
 -- chairs provided; bring a rug for sitting on the grass
Midnight Mass in the church

-- 11:30 pm carols, 12 midnight Mass
 -- join us for cake & champagne afterwards!

Christmas Day Mass in the church

-- 9 am carols, 9:30 am Mass / NO 8:30 AM MASS

WHERE SIN ABOUNDS, GRACE ABOUNDS ALL THE MORE

Our penance service last Thursday night was very well attended – parishioners said they had never seen so many people. The four visiting priests plus Fr Tim were kept busy for an hour, and were edified by the sincerity & depth of the confessions. God bless you all.



MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

Our deepest condolences to parishioner Pauline Milazzo and her family on the death of her beloved sister **Gabrielle**. May she rest in peace.

ADVENT RETREAT IN BALCATT

Fr Tim is preaching this weekend at St Lawrence Church, and on Mon/Tue/Wed at 7:30 pm – Liturgy of the Word and homily. All are welcome.

THANK YOU!

The vast majority of our readers and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, and all of our acolytes, attended the updating sessions held over the past two months. Thank you for adding your gifts of time and talent to our liturgies – it is much appreciated by everyone. Any readers who do not yet have a copy of 'Breaking Open the Word', please pick one up in the sacristy and add your name to the list.

WE NEED SOME HELP!

We need volunteers to (1) organise the altar servers' roster (Thank you to Rosa Munro and Karine Carroll for organising the roster this year); (2) take care of the votive candles; (3) clean the parish toilets (sign-up list in the church entry). Please consider helping.

LAST CHANCE: BUY A PAINTING!

View local artist Margaret Fane's paintings in the parish centre. Purchase proceeds will benefit the Cathedral Bldg Fund. Contact Margaret 043 283 4743.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

CATHEDRAL HOURS

St Mary's Cathedral is now open to the public: 9am to 4pm daily until Christmas; 9am to 6pm after Christmas.

BAPTISMAL GARMENTS FROM BETHLEHEM

Acquire a heirloom christening gown and help Catholics living in the Holy Land! Purchase a white tunic just like the kind Jesus wore, w/choice of 3 embroidery colours; for boy or girl, six infant sizes. Embroidery design inspired by the mosaic floor in the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, where the finished gown is taken on behalf of your child for a blessing before being shipped. \$69.55 (US) incl. worldwide shipping; allow 4 weeks for delivery: <http://www.baptismgarment.com>

JOB VACANCY: PERSONAL ADVOCACY SERVICE

This archdiocesan agency provides one-to-one support for people with intellectual disabilities. It is seeking a coordinator to support the development of volunteer advocates for our program in parishes. Contact Leonie Reid 92755388/admin@paswa.org.au

NEW YEAR'S EVE CABARET

Trinity College, Thurs 31 Dec, 8 pm – 1:30 am, featuring 'Eurasia' and DJ Rudy D'Cunha. BYO; soft drinks & snacks on sale. Tickets \$25. Info in the church entry.