



St Lawrence and Mary Immaculate Parish, Balcatta

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St Lawrence and Mary Immaculate Church 392 Albert Street Balcatta WA 6021

Masses Mon to Sat 9am; Sat 6pm (Vigil);
Sun 8.30am, 10am (Italian), 12pm (Croatian) and 5pm
1st Fri of Month: 7.30pm

Reconciliation (also by appointment)

Tue to Fri 8.40am-8.55am, Sat 5.15pm-5.50pm
1st Friday 8.30am-8.55am and 7.10pm-7.25pm

Rosary prayed at St Lawrence Mon to Sat 9.30am

Perpetual Adoration Chapel 24hr access contact office

Piety Shop & Parish Library for lovely gifts & resources



St Theresa Church 678 North Beach Road Gwelup WA 6018 (In Mt La Verna Retirement Village)

Masses Wed 10.30am & Sun 11.30am

Reconciliation After Sun 11.30am Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Wed 11am-12pm,
1st Sunday of the month 11am-11.30am

Rosary prayed at St Theresa Mon to Sat 4.15pm

Parish Meetings From Wednesday 25 December

Thur 7.30pm Legion of Mary
Sun 10.00am Rosary League (Malayalam/English)

*A little thought for the week:
Sit in silence for at least 10 minutes
each day.*



Prayer Group

For prayers to receive a gift of liberation
and healing, call 9349 6578 or
0417 911 005.



**JOIN US FOR YOUTH GROUP
ON SUNDAYS FROM 6PM-8PM
IN FEBRUARY 2020!**



Perpetual Adoration Chapel Open 24hrs 'Are You Not Able to Stay With Me One Hour?'

Please join the roster and commit to a Holy Hour with Jesus every week. Vacant time slots are:

Sun: 12am-2am, 5.30-8am, 1-3pm, 4-6pm, 10-11pm **Mon:** 2-3am, 5-7am, 11-12pm, 1-2pm, 4-6pm, 10pm-12am

Tue: 6-7am, 11am-12pm, 8-9pm, 11pm-12am

Wed: 12am-1am, 2am-3am, 12pm-1pm

Thur: 4-5am, 7-8am, 12-1pm, 2-5pm, 6-7pm

Fri: 2am-3am, 12pm-1pm, 7pm-8pm, 10pm-12am

Sat: 12-1am, 9-10am, 11am-3pm, 4-6pm, 7-8pm, 10pm-12am

PARISH NEWS 25th December

Liturgical Calendar

Wed 25 Dec The Nativity of the Lord—Solemnity

Thur 26 Dec St Stephen—Feast

Fri 27 Dec St John—Feast

Sat 28 Dec The Holy Innocents—Feast

Sun 29 Dec The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph—Feast



OBERAMMERGAU 2020
A ONCE-IN-A-DECADE OPPORTUNITY

Oberammergau— Medjugorje Pilgrimage 7th-24th Sept 2020 \$6680 (twin share)

Includes return economy
airfares, superior hotel
accommodation, daily
breakfast and dinner, all entrances and tipping of guides/
bus driver. Come journey with us as we visit sacred places
in Germany, Slovenia, Croatia and Bosnia. Experience the
world-famous Passion Play held every ten years in the
village of Oberammergau, Germany and visit Medjugorje,
a place of peace and prayer. Limited seats available.
For more information please take a flyer from the church
foyer and call Judy David for a detailed itinerary on
0423 167 583 or email j.david494@gmail.com.

New Air-Con for St Lawrence Church

As you know, in the last few weeks we have had some hot days.
It was noticed and experienced by everyone who came to
St Lawrence Church as our old evaporative air-conditioning
system did not cope well enough. The north and south units still
work, but the two units above the entrance need repair. One may
be fixable by replacing a solenoid while the other needs a new
motor costing over \$1000. The advice from the repair company
is not to spend any more money on this old system and replace it
with split units. The whole matter of the air-conditioning system
in the church was discussed at our Finance Committee some
months ago and it has been agreed that this issue needs to be
addressed in the near future. It looks like the time has come to
undertake the replacement project now. We have decided to
install Solar panels on all three buildings (Church, Alverna Hall
and Presbytery) in Jan 2020 and then install the new split system
in the church. *If you would like to contribute towards this
major project for the church please use the special envelopes
marked 'New Air-Con for St Lawrence Church' and place it
into the second collection basket at Mass.* Thank you very much
in anticipation for your generous support. *Fr Emil*

Christmas Message

IN YOUR OWN HEART

Though Christ a thousand times
In Bethlehem be born,
If He's not born in you
Your soul is still forlorn
The cross on Golgotha
Will never save your soul,
The cross in your own heart
Alone can make you whole.
Angelus Silesius



Our wishes for you and your loved ones are that
Christ be born in your hearts and you truly experience
what Jesus has to offer us: peace, joy and happiness
for the Christmas Season and the New Year.

Merry Christmas from all of us!

Fr Emil, Fr Adam and Secretaries: Arlene, Rosalia & Alice



End of Year Thanksgiving Mass

Tues 31st Dec at 5pm St Lawrence Church

Everyone is welcome to join us in expressing our
gratitude to God for all the blessings received this
year which helped us to move forward, grow and enjoy life.

Defibrillator and First Aid Kits for the Parish

A defibrillator that is suitable for adults and
children has been installed outside at the back of
the Alverna Centre in a white and green safety
case. If you need to use the Defibrillator, call 000,
tell them your location and ask for the code to
unlock the safety case. New First Aid kits are now
available in the office, kitchen and church library.
If any items are used, please let the office know
so that we can replace the items in the kit.



Volunteers Needed

More volunteers to assist with serving our end of month cuppas
and ushers are needed. If you can help call Judith on 0408 115 542.

Plenary Council—Second Stage

The Plenary Council invites people to continue to participate in the journey
towards the Council sessions in 2020 and 2021. The 'Listening and
Discernment' phase recently opened and a guide has been developed to
encourage groups to take part in communal discernment on the National
Themes for Discernment. Learn more about the Christian practice of
discernment and download the guide, "Let's Listen and Discern" at
www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au.



Christmas Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office will be
closed from Mon 23 Dec to Mon 6 Jan.
Open for the rest of January on Tue & Thurs only
from 9.30am to 12.30pm beginning Tue 7 Jan.
For urgent matters please leave a message on the
answering machine for the priests or call Fr Emil on 0408 447 062.

CHRISTMAS CALENDAR 2019

St Lawrence, Balcatta

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24 Dec

Children's Nativity Vigil Mass 6.00pm
Carols 11.30pm then Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Wednesday 25 Dec

7.00am & 8.30am Mass English

10.30am Mass Italian

12 noon Mass Croatian

NO Evening Mass on Christmas Day

St Theresa, Gwelup

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24 Dec

Carols 6pm then Mass 6.30pm

Christmas Day Wednesday 25 Dec

11am Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Wed 25 Dec

7am +Angelo Zito
8.30am God's blessing for Sr Immacolata and
Sr Patricia

10.30am (Italian) +Luigi Palazzolo 8th
Anniversary

Thur 26 Dec

9am God's blessing for Sr Immacolata and
Sr Patricia

Fri 27 Dec

9am +Maria Le Donne

Sat 28 Dec

9am Thanksgiving for Louis and Celestine Lobo
6pm +Josip and Josephine Juricev

Sun 29 Dec

8.30am +Michele and Tonino Le Donne and all
deceased members of the Le Donne family

10am (Italian) +Peter Gervasi

11.30am (Gwelup) +Umberto Del Borrello 2nd
anniversary

5pm God's blessing for Kenneth and Maria Pang
on their wedding anniversary

Mon 30 Dec

9am +Giuseppina Parlango

Tues 31 Dec

9am God's blessing for Obi on his birthday

Fri 3 Jan

7.30pm +Sarah and Marcos D'Costa

Sun 5 Jan

8.30am +Celestina Malaspina 1st anniversary

10am (Italian) +Maria Carbone and Maria Stella
Faraone

NOTIZIARIO ITALIANO

Incontri di Questa Settimana

Lun 13.00 Coro Italiano

Calendario Liturgico

Mer 25 Natale del Signore

Gio 26 S. Stefano

Ven 27 S. Giovanni

Sab 28 Santi Innocenti

Dom 29 Sacra Famiglia

Pastoral care of the sick: Contact the Parish office if you know anyone who would like to be included in
the bulletin for our prayers during Mass or if they would like a priest to visit them at home or hospital.

Please pray for our sick parishioners: Mariella Caroe, Lily Comande, Joanne Di Loreto, Ada, Maria Gotti,
Patricia Lewin, Bayley Starr, Ric Jarvis, Roger Pipe, Linda Callisto, Dorothy Lewin, Robyn Dodd, Tennille
Stokes, Anna, Mona Bullock, Belinda Forster, John Glamuzina, Terry Scoby-Smith, Zoe Dawson, Michelle Glover,
Joseph, Frances Morley, Jude, Joclyn D'Silva, Bevan and all the sick in need of our prayers.

