



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: 7pm

Reconciliation (also by appointment)

Tue to Sat 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 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 Monday 3rd May

Mon 9.30am	Catholic Meditation Group
Mon 1.00pm	Italian Choir
Tue 9.30am	Padre Pio Prayer Group (Italian)
Wed 9.30am	Healing Prayers in Chapel
Wed 7.00pm	Personal Advocacy
Thur 10.00am	Incontro con Gesù and Maria
Thur 2.00pm	Legion of Mary
Thur 8.00pm	Italian Committee
Sun 10.00am	Rosary League (Malayalam/English)

ALL PARISH DONATIONS

INCLUDING FOR PLANNED GIVING CAN BE MADE
VIA DIRECT DEBIT TO THE BANK ACCOUNTS BELOW:

1st Collection: Fr Emil Ciecierega
BSB: 086 006, Account No: 687 813 269

2nd Collection: St Lawrence Church
BSB: 086 006, Account No: 665 794 749



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, 5.30-7am, 1-3pm, 4-6pm, 10-11pm **Mon:** 12-2am, 4-7am, 10-12pm, 1-2pm, 4-5pm, 10pm-12am
Tue: 6-7am, 10am-12pm, 11pm-12am **Wed:** 12am-5am, 7-8am, 12pm-1pm
Thur: 12am-4am, 8-9am, 12pm-1pm, 2-5pm, 6-7pm, 8-9pm **Fri:** 2am-5am, 8-9am, 12pm-1pm, 9pm-12am
Sat: 12-2am, 6-7am, 9-10am, 11am-3pm, 4-6pm, 7-8pm, 11pm-12am

PARISH NEWS 2—9 May

Liturgical Calendar

Mon 3 May Sts Philip and James—Feast

Adult Faith Education Program: Balcatta Parish Part 2: Strengthening One's Relationship with God: Prayer and Sacraments

The Catechism of the Catholic Church emphasises the importance of prayer and the Sacraments in the life of a Christian. It refers to prayer as the means through which we celebrate our faith in God and enter into a personal relationship with Him (2558). As we do this, the Sacraments mark all the important stages of our Christian life and sustain us in our sense of mission as Christians (1210). Join us as we explore what prayer is, the difference between saying prayers and praying, and how the seven Sacraments can deepen and give meaning to our unique relationship with God.

Dates: Tuesdays, 1—15 June (3 sessions)

From: 7.30pm-8.30pm

With: Sr Margaret Scharf OP and Fr Vincent Glynn

At: Balcatta Parish, 392 Albert St, Balcatta

Suggested donation: \$5 per session

This course belongs to a 4-part series on Scripture, Prayer and Sacraments, Christian Anthropology and Catholic Values. To register, please call the parish office on 9344 7066 or email balcatta@perthcatholic.org.au

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

The parishes of Balcatta and Nollamara will jointly begin the RCIA course later in the year. If you are interested in coming to see what Catholics believe or if you would like to become Catholic, please contact one of the numbers below for further information.

BALCATT: Contact Jo 0416 509 685,
Bronwyn 0400 248 902 or the Parish Office 9344 7066.

NOLLAMARA: Contact Cathy 0427 778 835,
Terry 0413 389 773 or the Parish Office 9345 5541.

Pope's Prayer Intention for May

*Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work
with governments to regulate the financial sphere
and protect citizens from its dangers.*



May—the Month of Mary

The month of May is dedicated to our Spiritual Mother, Mary. It gives us an opportunity to renew and deepen our relationship with Mary and in doing so come closer to Jesus. During May we encourage you to pray the Rosary, the Angelus, the Litany of Our Lady and any prayers, which you find helpful to stay close to Mary. *Little suggestion: To remember about praying the Angelus every day at midday, (if you can't hear the church bell) you may put a reminder on your mobile phone.*

Mother's Day Next Sunday 9th May

There will be a special blessing for mothers at all
Masses next weekend



CANCELLED—Volunteers Lunch on 2nd May

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL VOLUNTEERS

As you know we were planning to have a thank you lunch for all the volunteers this Sunday. However because of the recent restrictions the Parish Pastoral Council has decided to cancel it. So, on behalf of the whole Parish Community of St Lawrence I wish to express our sincere gratitude to all the volunteers for your hard work, time and effort that you dedicated to support our Parish in so many different ways.

I wish to mention four people who are retiring from their ministry after many years of service. They are:

Janette James as a catechist for 25 years,

Toni Mattiaccio doing children's liturgy for 30 years,

Marlene Joachim doing flowers for 25 years

Maria Arvino doing flowers for 16 years.

May God bless you all abundantly for your great generosity in your personal and family life.

Fr Emil Ciecierega



Children's Liturgy Volunteers Needed

The Children's Liturgy team needs a few extra volunteers to help them run the liturgy program for the kids on Sundays during the 5pm Mass. Helpers are generally rostered on once a month. No experience is needed, just a love to help nurture the children's faith. If you can assist, please email the parish office balcatta@perthcatholic.org.au or call on 9344 7066 for further information. *University students studying education will find this experience useful.*

Volunteer Ushers needed for Weekend Masses

Please call Judith 0408 115 542 if you can assist. Thank you!



Parish Youth Group Sun 6-8pm in the Alverna Hall

Inviting all youth in Years 6-12 to join us for spiritual enrichment, fellowship, food and fun!

Please take a FREE copy of The Record magazine.

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: Sandra Vilardi, 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, Richard M, Bernadine Rodrigues, Colleen Player and all the sick.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 1 May

9am
6pm +Mira Botic Krizanovic 4th anniversary

Sun 2 May

8.30am +Michele Marchesani
10am (Italian) +Giovanni Gulli
11.30am (Gwelup) +Wladyslaw Warlik 1 month
5pm +Seta Sahakian passed away recently in Canada

Mon 3 May

9am +Maria and Umberto Tutolo

Tues 4 May

9am God's blessing for the Padre Pio prayer group

Wed 5 May

9am +Manuel Leite

Thur 6 May

9am +Mario Di Ciano

Fri 7 May

9am +Ivan Opacak
7.30pm +Sarah and Marcos D'Cotta

Sat 8 May

9am
6pm +Veronica Williams 10th anniversary

Sun 9 May

8.30am +Threisamma Pazhooparambil 10th Anniversary and all souls in purgatory
10am (Italian) +Maria Domenica and Giusto Di Lallo and Serafino Pierluigi
11.30am (Gwelup) God's blessing for good health, guidance and protection for Kay and Peter on their birthdays
5pm +Luiza and Paul D'Souza

NOTIZIARIO ITALIANO

Incontri di Questa Settimana

Lun 13.00	Coro Italiano
Mar 9.30	Padre Pio
Gio 10.00	Incontro con Gesù e Maria
Gio 20.00	Comitato Italiano

Calendario Liturgico

Lun 3 Ss. Filippo e Giacomo

COUPLES FOR CHRIST—Balcatta Parish

Couples For Christ Australia (CFCA) invites you to the forthcoming Christian Life Program that will commence on **Sunday 9th May at 2pm in the Alverna Hall**, continuing over consecutive Sundays. This program is **open to the entire family** including couples, youths and kids. The objective is to know God better and enrich your faith through a series of talks and group sessions. For enquiries please call Mike on 0419962755 or Jedh on 0415734103.