



St Lawrence and Mary Immaculate Parish, Balcatta

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St Lawrence and Mary Immaculate Church
392 Albert Street
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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 6.40-6.55pm

Rosary prayed at St Lawrence Mon to Sat 9.30am

Perpetual Adoration Chapel 24hr access, contact office

Piety Shop & Parish Library Lovely gifts & resources

PARISH NEWS 9—16 Jan

Liturgical Calendar

Sun 9 Jan The Baptism of the Lord—Feast

Parish Office Hours for January

The office is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from
9.30am—12.30pm only



For urgent matters please leave a message
for the office on 9344 7066 or
for emergencies call 0408 447 062.

CHRIST DESCENDED INTO HELL – Apostle's Creed

Here is the explanation of that phrase taken from the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

632 The frequent New Testament affirmations that Jesus was "raised from the dead" presuppose that the crucified one stayed in the realm of the dead prior to his resurrection.⁴⁷⁷ This was the first meaning given in the apostolic preaching to Christ's descent into hell: that Jesus, like all men, experienced death and in his soul joined the others in the realm of the dead. But he descended there as Saviour, proclaiming the Good News to the spirits imprisoned there.⁴⁷⁸

633 Scripture calls the abode of the dead, to which the dead Christ went down, "hell" - Sheol in Hebrew or Hades in Greek - because those who are there are deprived of the vision of God.⁴⁷⁹ Such is the case for all the dead, whether evil or righteous, while they await the Redeemer: which does not mean that their lot is identical, as Jesus shows through the parable of the poor man Lazarus who was received into "Abraham's bosom":⁴⁸⁰ "It is precisely these holy souls, who awaited their Saviour in Abraham's bosom, whom Christ the Lord delivered when he descended into hell."⁴⁸¹ Jesus did not descend into hell to deliver the damned, nor to destroy the hell of damnation, but to free the just who had gone before him.

IN BRIEF: 636 *By the expression "He descended into hell", the Apostles' Creed confesses that Jesus did really die and through his death for us conquered death and the devil "who has the power of death" (Heb 2:14).*
637 *In his human soul united to his divine person, the dead Christ went down to the realm of the dead. He opened heaven's gates for the just who had gone before him.*

25th Anniversary of the Salvatorians at St Lawrence Parish



Parishioners are warmly invited to celebrate 25 years of the Salvatorians at St Lawrence Parish starting with a Thanksgiving Mass on **Friday 28th January at 6.30pm**. Archbishop Timothy Costelloe will be the main celebrant and we will be joined by a number of priests and lay people from the Salvatorian community for this very special Mass. Following the Mass there will be a dinner in the Alverna parish hall. Tickets for the dinner are \$40 per person (includes wine and soft drinks).

Tickets available from the Social Committee:

Marie B 9244 9212, Mary L 9446 9816, Maria M 9349 6374, Nancy B 9349 1020, John D 9349 7361 and Anna D 9345 5271. Numbers are limited so please put your name and contact number on the RSVP List at the back of the church and buy your tickets as soon as possible. *Please note:* the last day to buy tickets is **Thursday 20th January**.

There is NO Croatian Mass this Sunday 9th January



St Lawrence Piety Store

Open on Sundays 8am-10am

New stock available including

Columban calendars and small gifts.

(Also available after Mass at St Theresa's)

VICTORY – 32nd Annual Flame Congress

Will be held from **Friday 14th to Sunday 16th January**. Day sessions from 9.30am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday at Trinity College, East Perth. Rallies from 7pm to 9.15pm Friday to Sunday. The speakers will be Emeritus Archbishop Barry J Hickey, Shayne Bennett, Kaye Rollings and Cyrus D'Souza. Sunday Mass at 11.30am. This is a FREE event. Please register at <https://www.trybooking.com/BWAUX> and book your free ticket today! For further details contact Kaye on 0421 605 502 or email fmi@flameministries.org. All welcome!

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: Maria Antoniazzi, Sandra Vilardi, Mariella Caroe, Lily Comande, Roger Pipe, Joanne Di Loreto, Ada, Maria Gotti, Patricia Lewin, Bayley Starr, Ric Jarvis, Dorothy Lewin, Robyn Dodd, Tennille Stokes, Anna, Belinda Forster, John Glamuzina, Scott, Terry Scoby-Smith, Zoe Dawson, Michelle Glover, Joseph, Frances Morley, Jude, Joclyn D'Silva, Bevan, Richard M, Bernadine Rodrigues, Colleen Player.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 8 January

9am
6pm

Sun 9 January

8.30am
10am (Italian) +Nunzia and Maria Mannella
11.30am (Gwelup)
5pm

Mon 10 January

9am +Claudina and Joseph Fernandes

Tues 11 January

9am +Vincenzo Luglio 17th anniversary

Wed 12 January

9am +Dinko and Vinka Pavicic-Donkic
10.30am (Gwelup)

Thurs 13 January

9am +Carmen Menezes

Fri 14 January

9am

Sat 15 January

9am
6pm +Paulo Russo 3rd anniversary

Sun 16 January

8.30am +Zora and Ivan Mikulic
10am (Italian) +Rodolfo Cirillo
11.30am (Gwelup)
5pm

NOTIZIARIO ITALIANO

Calendario Liturgico

Dom 9 Battesimo di Gesù

ST VINCENT DE PAUL DONATIONS

A reminder to all parishioners that St Vincent de Paul has a basket in the church foyer for food donations such as canned goods, pasta, cereal and other non-perishable items.

We appreciate your generosity.



Parish Prayer Group

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

Pope's Prayer Intention for January

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



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