



## 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 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



### 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 24th January

Wed 9.30am	Healing Prayers in Chapel
Wed 7.00pm	Personal Advocacy
Thur 2.00pm	Legion of Mary
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

*Thank you for your generosity and support!*



#### 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:

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

## PARISH NEWS 30 Jan—6 Feb

### Liturgical Calendar

Mon 31 Jan	St John Bosco— <i>Memorial</i>
Wed 2 Feb	The Presentation of the Lord— <i>Feast</i>
Sat 5 Feb	St Agatha— <i>Memorial</i>



### Parish Office Hours

Normal office hours resume this **Tuesday 1st Feb**  
from **9am—2.30pm**.

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

## And then the saints come marching in!

The first saints to be commemorated by the Church were the martyrs. Keeping the ancient family customs connected with death, except any that were incompatible with their faith, the early Christians gathered at the martyrs' tombs on certain days to pray. Originally they, like their ancestors, brought food and drink and shared a funeral meal in memory of the dead; this grew into the tradition of celebrating the Eucharist on or near the tombs. The day of death was chosen as the "birthday" of the martyr into eternal life.

The end of the age of persecution in 313 AD presented a problem: how could Christians reach the heights of holiness, now that they no longer had the opportunity to shed their blood for Christ? The life of ascetics—hermits, monks and virgins—became a new form of martyrdom or "witness" to Christ, and when these stalwarts died, they often received the liturgical honours once reserved to those who died for Christ.

Bishops and those who suffered, but did not die, for Christ were likewise given honours after death, once persecution abated. As time went on, various other categories of "saints"—meaning "holy ones"—were added to local calendars, with the Church eventually assigning dates to these celebrations. Religious founders, missionaries, doctors (teachers and writers of the Faith), priests, deacons and married and single laity all found a place in the Church year.



## World Day for Consecrated Life



Will be celebrated by the Church on Wednesday 2nd February and in our parish over the weekend of **5th and 6th February**. Please pray for all those who have made commitments to the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

## World Day of the Sick

On **Friday 11th February** people around the world take the time to pray for the sick and for those who work very hard to alleviate the sufferings of the sick. Faith organisations mark this day especially to provide the sick with medicines, food, and spiritual guidance. Pope John Paul II initiated the day in 1992 to encourage people to pray for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers. February 11th is also the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, which is a name given to the Virgin Mary in honor of the apparitions that were said to have been seen in and around Lourdes, France, by a young girl called Bernadette Soubirous.



## St Lawrence Piety Store

Open on Sundays 8am-10am

New stock available including Columban  
calendars and small gifts. (Also available at St Theresa's)



## Pilgrimage for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes



On **Friday 11th February** a bus will be leaving from Infant Jesus Church, Morley at 8.45am sharp and arriving at St John the Baptist Church, Moora at 11am. The day will include transport, picnic lunch, Mass, Procession, Benediction, Divine Mercy, afternoon tea. Bus departs for Perth at 4pm. Cost \$60 per person. To book your place please call Francis Williams on 0404 893 877.

## Adoration Chapel



A request has been made to start a list of those who would be willing to fill in for someone on the Adoration Chapel's roster when they are unable to attend their Holy Hour in a given week. When an Adorer needs a substitute, someone on the list may receive a call asking for assistance. The people on this list are never obligated to say "yes" when an Adorer calls them. In this way a Holy Hour can be made without an on-going commitment. A list will be at the back of the church if anyone would like to add their name. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sat 29 January

9am  
6pm

### Sun 30 January

8.30am  
10am (Italian) +Vittorio and Alberina Santella  
11.30am (Gwelup) +Margerita Rose Valerio  
1st anniversary  
5pm +Camillo Persichitti 3rd anniversary

### Mon 31 January

9am

### Tues 1 February

9am For members of Padre Pio prayer group

### Wed 2 February

9am +Bernadina and Antonio Rosario Saldanha  
10.30am (Gwelup)

### Thurs 3 February

9am +Iolanda Luglio 1st anniversary

### Fri 4 February

9am  
7pm +Sarah and Marcos D'Costa

### Sat 5 February

9am  
6pm God's blessings for Michelle and her entire family, parish priests, parishioners and souls in Purgatory

### Sun 6 February

8.30am  
10am (Italian) +Caterina and Cosimo Chiera  
11.30am (Gwelup)  
5pm

## NOTIZIARIO ITALIANO

### Incontri della Settimana

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

### Calendario Liturgico

Lun 31	S. Giovanni Bosco
Mer 2/2	Presentazione del Signore
Sab 5	S. Agata

## 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.

## 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.



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, Gaetona Mordini