



## St Lawrence and Mary Immaculate Parish, Balcatta

Parish Priest: FR EMIL CIECIEREGA SDS Assistant Priest: FR ADAM BABINSKI SDS

Parish Secretaries: ARLENE LIM AND ROSALIA CARBONE

Parish Office: 9344 7066 Open Tues & Wed 9am-2.30pm, Thurs & Fri 9am-1pm

PO Box 159 Northlands WA 6905 Emergency Ph: 0408 447 062

Email: [balcatta@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:balcatta@perthcatholic.org.au) Websites: [www.stlawrence.org.au](http://www.stlawrence.org.au) & [www.sds.org](http://www.sds.org)



**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 2nd May

Mon	3.30pm	Parish Line Dancing
Tues	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 e Maria (Italian)
Thur	2.00pm	Legion of Mary
Thur	8.00pm	Italian Committee
Sat	2.00pm	Secular Franciscan WA Regional Council
Sun	10.00am	Rosary League (Malayalam/English)

### Piety Shop Open on Sundays 8am-10am

New stock available including Columban calendars,  
rosary beads and small gifts.

### Cleaning at St Theresa

If you can spare some time to help clean  
St Theresa's Church, Gwelup please contact Gloria  
on 0433 065 679 to join the roster.



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

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

## PARISH NEWS 1—8 May

### Liturgical Calendar

Mon 2 May	St Athanasius—Memorial
Tues 3 May	Sts Philip and James—Feast



### Let the Eucharist Change Us

Over the next several weeks you will have the opportunity to refresh and deepen your understanding of the Eucharist by reflecting on a short article printed in the bulletin on the meaning of different parts of the Mass.

### What is Jesus doing during the Mass?

While all Catholics believe that Jesus is present under the appearances of bread and wine, not all realise what he is doing. During each Eucharist, Jesus is doing three things. These are essential elements of what we now call 'the Paschal Mystery'.

First, Jesus is offering himself to God the Father in sacrifice, just as he did on Calvary.

Second, Jesus is calling all present to join him in this act of self-offering. He calls them to offer their own lives too to God the Father. The Eucharist is, therefore, not simply something that Jesus does through the Priest. It is something that we do together with Jesus. That is why the Second Vatican Council called people to a full, conscious and active participation in Jesus' offering.

Finally, Jesus is offering the power of his Resurrection to each person who is responding to this call. We draw upon this power to the extent that we have joined him by offering our lives, as he offers his, to God the Father.

This is the power that can change lives gradually, but radically. Since the power of Christ's Resurrection conquered death, the greatest of all human limitations, no personal temptation, human weakness or failing, or any other sign of human sinfulness, is beyond its strength. To St Paul, the greatest thing about being a Christian is that we can 'know Christ and the power of his Resurrection'.

### Pope's Prayer Intention for April

*We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.*



### 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. *A little suggestion: To remember about praying the Angelus every day at midday, (if you can't hear the church bell) put a reminder on your mobile phone.*

### Mother's Day Next Sunday 8th May

*There will be a special blessing for mothers at all Masses.*

### Blessing of Houses

Our priests are available to bless the homes of parishioners. If you would like your house to be blessed, please complete the list in the church foyer with your name, address, phone number and preferred time for the priest to visit.



### Enquiry Day for those interested in the Spirituality of St Francis of Assisi

Come and meet the Secular Franciscans and hear about the Secular Franciscan Order. Why is St Francis of Assisi such a popular saint? What does St Francis have to say to us and how can living the Secular Franciscan Rule help us in living our Catholic faith? Find out about the message of St Francis of Assisi and how to live it today. Join us on **Sunday 12th June from 2pm-3.30pm** in the Alverna Hall. For enquiries call Anne-Marie OFS on 9207 3691.



### Padre Pio Feast Day—Sunday 29th May

*With Triduum Prayer Evenings on*

**Tues 24, Wed 25 and Thurs 26 May at 7pm**



Starting this year, the date of the Padre Pio Feast Day will move permanently from November to the last Sunday in May. In 2022 the feast day celebrations will be held on **Sunday 29th May** with Italian Mass, procession and benediction followed by refreshments. Please take note of the new date!

### 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!*

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, in hospital or on the First Friday.  
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, Colleen Player, Gaetana Mordini.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday 30 April**

9am  
6pm

**Sunday 1 May**

8.30am +Mira Botic Krizanovic  
10am (Italian) +Michele Le Donne, Maria Cicconi,  
Mario Di Cianno and all deceased family members  
11.30am (Gwelup)  
5pm +Giuseppe Mattiaccio and all deceased family members

**Mon 2 May**

9am +Maria and Umberto Tutolo

**Tues 3 May**

9am For members of the Padre Pio Prayer Group

**Wed 4 May**

9am +Anita Saldanha and Melita Mascarenhas  
10.30am (Gwelup)

**Thursday 5 May**

9am

**Friday 6 May**

9am +Eduardo Macri 3rd anniversary  
7pm +Sarah and Marcos D'Costa

**Saturday 7 May**

9am +Ivan Opacak and Joze Mikulic  
6pm +Veronica Williams

**Sunday 8 May**

8.30am  
10am (Italian) +Alberina Santella, Nunzia Mannella and Lillian Donaldson  
11.30am (Gwelup) God's blessing for Kay and Peter on their birthdays

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 2	S. Atanasio
Mar 3	Ss. Filippo e Giacomo



### Project Compassion 2022

Please return your Project Compassion box and/or set of donation envelopes in the next few weeks. Your generosity will assist some of the world's most vulnerable communities to lift themselves out of poverty. Donations can also be made by phone on 1800 024 413 or online at [www.lent.caritas.org.au](http://www.lent.caritas.org.au).

### Parish Youth Group Sundays 6-8pm

Inviting all youth in Years 6-12 to join us for spiritual enrichment, food, fun and fellowship in the Alverna Hall after the 5pm Mass. For queries call Stephen on 0456 821 749.

