



## 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 9th May

Mon 3.30pm	Parish Line Dancing
Wed 9.30am	Healing Prayers in Chapel
Wed 6.30pm	Baptism Preparation Meeting
Wed 7.30pm	Personal Advocacy
Thur 10.00am	Incontro con Gesù e Maria (Italian)
Thur 10.00am	Finance Committee Meeting
Thur 2.00pm	Legion of Mary
Thur 7.30pm	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Sun 10.00am	Rosary League (Malayalam/English)
Sun 2.30pm	Secular Franciscan Balcatta Fraternity

### 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, 5.30-11am, 1-3pm, 4-5pm, 6-7pm

**Tue:** 6am-7am, 11am-12pm, 5-6pm, 7-8pm, 9pm-12am

**Thur:** 12am-4am, 8-9am, 12pm-1pm, 4-6pm

**Sat:** 12am-2am, 6-7am, 9-10am, 11am-3pm, 4pm-12am

## PARISH NEWS 8—15 May

### Liturgical Calendar

Mon 14 May St Matthias—Feast



### Let the Eucharist Change Us

Here is another article to help you refresh, and deepen your understanding and appreciation of the Eucharist by reflecting on different parts and aspects of the Mass.

### How radical are the possibilities of the power of the Resurrection for our lives?

To the extent that someone draws on the power of Christ's Resurrection gradually they find this power changing them. For example, they find themselves *rising daily* above selfishness, to love; resentments, to forgive; hurts, to be self-giving; and jealousies, to accept people.

They find themselves better able to *rise above* temptations against injustice, chastity, compassion and truthfulness. They experience guidance in times of confusion, consolation in sickness, deeper joy in times of difficulty, and inner strength in the face of trials.

Just think what possibilities the power of Christ's Resurrection offers married and family life. Think of the struggles it can help us *rise above* in relation to our children, friends, work colleagues, and fellow parishioners, especially those we find it hard to love.

Finally, think of the inner peace the power of Christ's Resurrection offers those who draw upon it to rise above dominating emotions, bad habits and the attitudes that make it hard to follow formed conscience. These are a few examples of the radical possibilities the Eucharist offers our daily lives.

In the early centuries of the Church, helping believers to develop their personalities by drawing on the fruits of the Eucharist, along with those of Baptism and Confirmation, was a major priority for Bishops, Priests and all involved in catechesis.

Helping believers to develop 'Christ-like' personalities needs to be a major priority also today. The failure over later centuries to relate the basic experiences Jesus offers through the Eucharist to people's lives is a major reason why so many people in more recent times have given up going to Mass.

My first question, therefore, to each of you is: 'Where in your daily life do you most need the power of the Resurrection today?'



### 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.*



### Happy Mother's Day!

Dear Mothers, We pray that our Lord protect you and our Spiritual Mother Mary be always an inspiration for you of how to continue following your noble calling in life to be the best possible mother. Wishing you a Happy Mother's Day!

### A Mother's Day Prayer

*Lord Jesus, you have known a mother's love and tender care; And you will hear, while for my own Mother most dear, I make this Mother's Day prayer.*

*Protect her life, I pray, who gave the gift of life to me; and may she know, from day to day, the deepening glow of joy that comes from you.*

*I cannot pay my debt for all the love that she has given;*

*But you, Lord of Love, will not forget her due reward, -*

*Bless her in earth and heaven.*

*(Henry van Dyke)*



### Special Parish Cuppa next Sunday 15th May after 8.30am Mass for Fr Adam's Birthday!

Everyone is invited to join us in the Alverna hall to celebrate this special occasion.

### 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. Enquiries to Anne-Marie 9207 3691.



### Padre Pio Feast Day—Sunday 29th May at 10am

*Followed by procession, benediction and refreshments in the Alverna hall. With Triduum Prayer Evenings on Tues 24, Wed 25 and Thurs 26 May at 7pm.*



### St Vincent de Paul—Helpers needed urgently!

Unfortunately we are at risk of closing. New members are needed urgently to help us support people in need in the Balcatta community. If you have some spare time, come along and join us. Enquiries welcome to Barbara on 0488 100 799. Thank you to those who regularly donate food/money, it's much appreciated.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday 7 May

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

### Sunday 8 May

8.30am +Thressiamma Joseph Pazhooparambil and all souls in Purgatory  
10am (Italian) +Alberina Santella, Nunzia Mannella and Lillian Donaldson  
11.30am (Gwelup) God's blessing for Kay and Peter on their birthdays

### Mon 9 May

9am +For deceased members of the Calogero family

### Tues 10 May

9am +Luiza, Paul and Marianine D'Souza

### Wed 11 May

9am +Donato and Anna Salomone

### Thursday 12 May

9am +Edmund Perreau

### Friday 13 May

9am +Virginia Truncale, Calogero Cusumano, Manuel and Martino Saleme

### Saturday 14 May

6pm +Adolf, Florence and Lino Figueiredo

### Sunday 15 May

10am (Italian) +Luigi and Maria Rosa Stillitano  
11.30am (Gwelup) +Judy Woodward

## NOTIZIARIO ITALIANO

### Incontri della Settimana

Gio 10.00 Incontro con Gesù e Maria

### Calendario Liturgico

Sab 14 S. Mattia

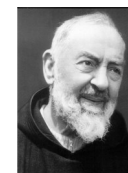
### Festa di San Padre Pio

Triduo: Mar 24, Mer 25 e Gio 26

Maggio ore 7pm con Rosario, Confessione e S. Messa.

### Festa Domenica 29 Maggio

Santa Messa ore 10am segue processione e benedizione. Devoti e fedeli di S. Padre Pio siete tutti invitati a questa Santa Liturgia e rinfresco. Per il rinfresco, si chiede cortesemente alla comunità di donare un piatto di dolci.



### PARISH CAKE STALL Sat 21st and Sun 22nd May

Parishioners are kindly asked to donate cakes, biscuits or other baked goods for this fundraiser. Please drop off items to the Alverna hall on **Sat 21st 2-4pm** or **St Theresa Sun 22nd 10.30-11.30am**. Cakes will be sold after weekend Masses by our Social Committee. Thank you for your support!

### Deepest Condolences

*To the family and friends of Anna Sabatino, Danica Benic, Dujo Delich, Dante Rossatti and Annunziata Sghirripa on their passing. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.*



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 and Maureen.