

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 23rd May

Mon 3.30pm Parish Line Dancing Wed 9.30am Healing Prayers in Chapel Wed 4.00pm St Vincent De Paul Meeting

Wed 7.00pm Personal Advocacy

Thur 10.00am Incontro con Gesù e Maria (Italian)

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

Deepest Condolences to the

Family and friends of Mariella Caroe on her passing. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

PARISH NEWS 22—29 May

Liturgical Calendar

Tues 24th May Our Lady, Help of Christians—Solemnity Thurs 26th May St Philip Neri-Memorial



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.

What do we need to do during each Mass?

For me, preparation for the Eucharist is among the most important parts of my day. What am I going to offer from my life to unite myself with Jesus' offering of himself? What of my work, my daily routines, my ministry, my projects? What of the temptations, challenges, pressures and anxieties that I face? These are the kinds of questions each of us needs to ask before a Mass.

My second question, therefore, to each of you is: 'What are you offering of your life with Jesus to God the Father in this Mass?'

To fail to prepare for celebrations of the Eucharist in this way makes it very difficult for us to recognise the presence of Christ, and what he is doing. It makes it difficult also for us to join him by offering our lives to God the Father.

In some parishes and Mass centres across the Diocese, commentators or musicians invite people, before Mass begins, to calm themselves and focus upon the meaning of what is about to happen. This can only enhance people's capacity to truly enter into the Eucharist by uniting themselves to what Jesus is doing.



Lifelink 2021

A special thank you to everyone who contributed to the Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for LifeLink in 2021. Balcatta parish donated a total of \$7010.

Thank you for your generosity!

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:

\$un: 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 **\$at**: 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



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(we sing the Litany after

each daily Mass at St Lawrence church) 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.

PARISH CAKE STALL—THIS WEEKEND

Baked goods will be sold after weekend Masses at St Lawrence and St Theresa by our Social Committee. Thank you for your support and generosity of this parish fundraiser.



Padre Pio Feast Day— Next Sunday 29th May

Commencing with Italian Mass 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.

Adult Faith Formation Seminars

Rediscovering the Sacraments of Initiation:

Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation ON: Wednesdays 8th—29th June FROM: 7.30pm—8.30pm (4 sessions)

WITH: Dr Carmel Stuart and Fr Vincent Glynn AT: Balcatta Parish

Suggested Donation: \$5 per session

The building blocks of a Christian life within the Catholic Church are built upon a personal and communal relationship with God through the person of Jesus Christ. This relationship is expressed sacramentally and ritually within the Initiation Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation which call Christians to discipleship of Christ and to be visible signs of God's presence in our world. What does our personal and communal relationship with God mean for our lives? How is our church leadership or ministry seen as flowing from the Sacraments of Initiation?

Enquiry Day—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 about living our Catholic faith? Join us on Sunday 12th June from 2pm-3.30pm in the Alverna Hall. Enquiries to Anne-Marie 92073691. All welcome!

Baptism Prayers

We pray for Noah Shiroka who receives the Sacrament of Baptism this Sunday and for his family. We welcome him to our Parish Community.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 21 May 9am +Shirley Langdon 16th anniversary 6pm +Anna Sabatino 1 month

Sunday 22 May 8.30am God's blessing, protection and guidance for Benedicta Yalley on her birthday

10am (Italian) +Giuseppina Civello

11.30am (Gwelup) 5pm +Lita Favazzi

Mon 23 May

9am +Antonia and Gaetano Marchesani

Tues 24 May

9am For Zeljko Bajuk on his name day

Wed 25 May 9am Thanksgiving for Padre Pio

Thursday 26 May

9am

Friday 27 May
9am God's blessing for Alice and Vincent Saldanha on their 45th wedding anniversary

Saturday 28 May

6pm Thanksgiving Mass for Vincent and Alice on their 45th wedding anniversary

Sunday 29 May

8.30am +Francesco and Nicholas Femia 10am (Italian) +Mary Del Casale 5th anniversary and Pasquale Del Casale 1st anniversary

11.30am (Gwelup)

5pm +Peppino Acquarola

NOTIZIARIO ITALIANO

Incontri della Settimana

Incontro con Gesù e Maria Gio 10.00

Calendario Liturgico

Mar 24 S. Maria Ausiliatrice Gio 26

S. Filippo Neri 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 cortesamente alla comunità di donare un piatto di dolci.

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 very much appreciated.

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, 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.