



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 25th July

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 TRANSFER 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, 5.30-6am, 7-11am, 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, 9-10am, 11am-3pm, 4pm-12am

PARISH NEWS 24—31 July

Liturgical Calendar

Mon 25 July	St James—Feast
Tue 26 July	Sts Joachim and Anne—Memorial
Fri 29 July	Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus—Memorial

World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

This special day established by Pope Francis is being celebrated this Sunday 24th July, the Sunday closest to the Feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus. The theme is: "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15) to emphasise how grandparents and the elderly are a value and a gift for both society and for ecclesial communities.

Pope's Prayer Intention for July

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

Adult Faith Formation Seminars Understanding the Old Testament: An Ancient Text for Modern Times

ON: Tuesdays from 13th Sept—4th Oct

FROM: 7.30pm—8.30pm (4 sessions)

WITH: Dr Peter Christofides

AT: Nollamara Parish

Suggested donation: \$5 per session

The Old Testament makes up a very significant part of the Bible. These books contain some of the most renowned stories of Sacred Scripture. Though relatively well-known among Christians and often depicted in popular culture, the deeper implications and understandings of these stories are often missed. This course will unpack some Old Testament stories and reveal how they lay down the foundation for the Christian faith. Together we will discover that they are as important today as they have ever been.



Hawes Heritage Trail Tour

Pilgrimage from 8th-12th September 2022 visiting the architectural marvels designed by Monsignor John Hawes in the early 1900's in Geraldton, Mullewa and surrounds such as St Francis Xavier Cathedral and Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church. Includes transport, accommodation, tour, meals etc. Cost \$1340pp. Call Francis 0404893877 to book.

Youth Group Sundays 6-8pm

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



St Lawrence Feast Dinner Dance

On **Friday 5th August** the St Lawrence Dinner Dance will be held in the Alverna Hall at 6.30pm to celebrate the feast of our patron St Lawrence. Tickets are \$50 per adult for a 4 course meal with wine and soft drinks included. Buy your tickets from the Social Committee: Marie B 9244 9212, Mary L 9446 9816, Anna D 9345 5271, Nancy B 9349 1020, Maria M 9349 6374 and John D 9349 7361. Join us for this special parish event!

St Lawrence Feast Day Multicultural Mass

On **Sunday 7th August at 9.30am** join us for a Multicultural Mass to celebrate the Feast of St Lawrence. Following Mass there will be a Eucharistic Procession on the streets near the church. This is a great way to demonstrate our faith publicly by walking with the Blessed Sacrament, praying and singing together. After the procession we will gather for a light shared lunch at about 11am in the Alverna hall. Please bring a plate of food of your country's cuisine to share.



St Lawrence Feast Day Choir

Join us for choir practice in church on **Monday 25th July and Monday 1st August at 7pm**. We hope to see many of you there!



Understanding the Eucharist today

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.

Part II— The Listening....continued

Several minor rituals remaining in the current Preparation Rite call for a bit of explanation. When the chalice (cup) is prepared, a bit of water is mixed with the wine. It was the custom in ancient times, in religious rites and ordinary usage, to dilute the wine with water to make it less strong. Early Christians continued this custom in the Eucharist. This very practical action, however, soon was given symbolic meaning. In the West, it came to represent the union of Christ with the faithful; just as the wine receives the water, so Christ takes us into himself and we are one with him. In the East, the interpretation saw the wine and water as representing the divine and human nature of Christ. Just as one cannot separate the water and the wine, so Jesus is fully human and fully divine at one and the same time. In our current rite, the silent prayer that accompanies this ritual gesture combines both interpretations: "By the mystery of this water and wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity."

After the bread and cup are prepared, the priest washes his hands. Like the mixing of the water and wine, this may have originally been a practical action, following the presentation of the gifts when those gifts included various foods for the poor, etc. But washing hands as a sign of inner purity was customary both in Judaism and in early Christianity. It remains in the liturgy today as a reminder of our need to be cleansed from sin if we are to worship well. The silent prayer that accompanies this rite says: "Lord, wash away my iniquities and cleanse me from my sins," a quote from Psalm 51:2.

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, Terry Scoby-Smith, Zoe Dawson, Michelle Glover, Joseph, Frances Morley, Jude, Joclyn D'Silva, Bevan, Richard M, Colleen Player, Gaetana Mordini and Maureen, Edgardo Rivera, Jenny Simons.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 23 July

9am Thanksgiving to St Joseph and St Anthony for graces received
6pm +Michele and Caterina Furfaro and all deceased family members

Sunday 24 July

8.30am God's blessing, good health and long life for Peter James on his birthday
10am (Italian) +Franco Ferfolia
11.30am (Gwelup) +Boniface Uzaraga
5pm +Giuseppe Cosentino 16th anniversary

Mon 25 July

9am

Tues 26 July

9am God's blessing and thanksgiving for John Menezes on his 94th birthday

Wed 27 July

9am +Geoff D'Cruze
10.30am (Gwelup)

Thursday 28 July

9am +Mariella Caroe

Friday 29 July

9am +Giovanni and Anna Verzino

Saturday 30 July

9am +Nicola Gesualdo 2nd anniversary
6pm +Claudino Armenti 27th anniversary

Sunday 31 July

8.30am +Luigi Parise 2nd anniversary and all deceased members of the Parise family
10am (Italian) +For all deceased members of the Giorgio family
11.30am (Gwelup)
5pm +Joe Cianfagna

NOTIZIARIO ITALIANO

Incontri della Settimana

Gio 10.00 Incontro con Gesù e Maria

Calendario Liturgico

Lun 25	S. Giacomo
Mar 26	Ss. Gioacchino e Anna
Ven 29	Ss. Marta, Maria e Lazzaro

St Vincent de Paul—Winter Appeal

Unwanted and new blankets are very much in need over these cold months. Blankets can be left at the back of St Theresa or St Lawrence Church for collection. Envelopes for donations are also at the rear of the church and any non-perishable food donations are always greatly appreciated.

Helpers are still urgently needed to join the Balcatta St Vincent de Paul Team!

If you have some spare time, please join us at our meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 4pm in the Alverna Centre meeting room. Please call Barbara on 0488 100 799.

