



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

Reconciliation (also by appointment)

Friday 8.40am-8.55am

Saturday after 9am Mass, Saturday 5.15pm-5.50pm

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 4th Dec

Mon 3.30pm	Parish Line Dancing
Mon 7.00pm	Espere Forgiveness Seminar in the Hall
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
Sun 10.00am	Rosary League (Malayalam/English)

ALL PARISH DONATIONS INCLUDING FOR PLANNED GIVING CAN BE MADE THROUGH 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, 5.30-11am, 1-3pm, 4-5pm, 6-7pm
Tue: 6am-7am, 11am-12pm, 5-8pm, 9pm-12am
Thur: 12am-4am, 8-9am, 12pm-1pm, 4-6pm
Sat: 12am-2am, 6-7am, 9-10am, 11am-3pm, 4pm-12am

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

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Liturgical Calendar

Sun 3 Dec	First Sunday of Advent
Thur 7 Dec	St Ambrose— <i>Memorial</i>
Fri 8 Dec	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary— <i>Solemnity</i>
Sun 10 Dec	Second Sunday of Advent



Christmas Carol Choir Practice
Please join us on **Mondays 4th and 11th Dec at 7.30pm** in church. All welcome!

Salvatorian Foundation Day Mass Friday 8th December at 7pm

All parishioners are invited to join our Salvatorian family, which includes priests and lay Salvatorians, in celebrating the annual Salvatorian Foundation Day Mass held at the Salvatorian Spirituality Centre, 2 Caledonia Ave, Currambine. Mass will start at 7pm followed by a light supper. Please RSVP by this Sunday 3rd December on the list provided in the church foyer for catering purposes. We look forward to seeing many of you there!



St John Paul II Pilgrimage 2024

Join this 16 day Pilgrimage to Fatima (Portugal), Lourdes (France) and Medjugorje (Bosnia Herzegovina) from 16th-31st May 2024. Cost: \$7500pp. Spiritual Director Fr Mariusz Adamczyk SDS. Please see the flyer at the back of the church for details. A full itinerary is available from the parish office.

Piety Shop—St Lawrence Church Open on Sundays 8am-10am

New stock available including Columban calendars, religious Christmas cards and small gifts. (Some items also available at St Theresa, Gwelup.)



Secular Franciscans Christmas with Sts Francis and Clare at St Theresa, Gwelup
Join us on **Sunday 17th December at 2.30pm** and celebrate Christmas with readings and carols followed by afternoon tea. All welcome!



Advent

Advent is a time of preparation, waiting and hope for the coming of Jesus into the world and our lives and hearts. All of us are encouraged to put aside some quiet time every day during Advent to reflect on this great mystery of our faith.

Healing Masses

At St Lawrence—Tuesday 12th Dec at 9.30am with Reconciliation for the sick from 9am.

At St Theresa—Wednesday 13th Dec at 10.30am with Reconciliation from 10am.

There is morning tea after both Healing Masses.

Parish Reconciliation (II Rite) at St Lawrence Church on Wednesday 13th December at 7.30pm.

Safeguarding Induction at St Lawrence

All parish volunteers (including special ministers) are invited to a Safeguarding Induction Session in the Alverna hall on **Thursday 7th Dec from 10am-11am**. If you have not already attended a session, this is a great opportunity to complete the induction at our own parish. Please call 9221 7762 to register.

The First Christmas Crib and Blessing of Nativity Scenes on Sunday 3rd December at St Mary's Cathedral



Parishioners are warmly invited to join the Secular Franciscan Order at 11am for the celebration of the 800th Anniversary of St Francis of Assisi preparing the first Nativity Scene at Greccio. Please bring your nativity scene to be blessed during the Mass.

Aid to the Church in Need

This international Catholic organisation helps persecuted Christians around the world. Please take one of their prayer cards for peace in the Middle East and the Christmas brochure for their online store from the church foyer.

Archbishop's Appeal for LifeLink

Your donation to the Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for LifeLink will help our Archdiocesan agencies care for those who are struggling in our community. Please give generously in the envelopes provided. Thank you!



Parish Carols by Candlelight Saturday 16th December at 7pm

Please join us after the Saturday Vigil Mass for carols from around the world including Italy, Poland, Croatia, India, Philippines, England and Australia. All welcome!



Christmas Calendar 2023

St Lawrence, Balcatta

Christmas Eve Sunday 24 Dec

Children's Nativity Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Carols 11.30pm followed by Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Monday 25 Dec

7.00am & 8.30am Mass English

10.00am Mass Italian

12 noon Mass Croatian

No Evening Mass on Christmas Day

St Theresa, Gwelup

Christmas Eve Sunday 24 Dec

Carols 6pm followed by Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Christmas Day Monday 25 Dec Mass 11am

There will also be Mass at MYVISTA, Nugent St, Balcatta at 10am on Christmas Day.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 2 Dec

9am +Tony, Nicoletta and Enzo Travaglini
6pm +Rosaria Minisale passed away 2 weeks ago

Sunday 3 Dec

8.30am +Vincent Meagher and John Meagher
PR: +Linda Callisto 2nd anniversary
10am (Italian) +Maria and Vincenzo Scarvaci
11.30am (Gwelup) +Markus Reisinger 2nd anniv
5pm +For all souls who need prayers especially members of the Sabatino family

Monday 4 Dec

9am +Umberto and Maria Tutolo and all deceased children

Tuesday 5 Dec

9am For members of the Padre Pio Prayer Group

Wednesday 6 Dec

9am +Salvatore Amato

Thursday 7 Dec

9am +Salvatore Coci 20th anniversary

Friday 8 Dec

9am +Donato and Anna Salomone

Saturday 9 Dec

9am For vocations to the priesthood
6pm +Carmine Gesualdo 1st anniversary

Sunday 10 Dec

8.30am +Jack Skeet
PR: +Maria DeCinque 1st anniversary
10am (Italian) +Giuseppe and Maria Stella Rullo
11.30am +Caterina and Salvatore Vallelonga
5pm +Colleen Place

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

Gio 7 S. Ambrogio
Ven 8 Immacolata Concezione
Dom 10 Seconda Domenica di Avvento

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, Bevan, Richard M, Maureen, Edgardo Rivera, Jenny Simons, Maureen T and Peter Gradisen.