



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 1st January

Wed 9.30am Healing Prayers in Chapel
Wed 7.30pm Personal Advocacy
Thur 2.00pm Legion of Mary
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

Please take a free copy of The Record magazine from the church foyer.



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

PARISH NEWS 31 Dec—7 Jan

Liturgical Calendar

Sun 31 Dec The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph—*Feast*
Mon 1 Jan Mary, the Holy Mother of God—*Solemnity*
Tues 2 Jan Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen—*Memorial*
Sun 7 Jan The Epiphany of the Lord—*Solemnity*

Christmas Parish Office Hours

Office Closed 26th Dec 2023 to 1st Jan 2024

Office re-opens on **Tues 2nd Jan 2024** and will open in January on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9.30am-12.30pm.**

For urgent matters please leave a message on the answering machine on 9344 7066 or call 0408 447 062.



End of Year Thanksgiving Mass Sunday 31st December at 5pm

Everyone is invited to the last Mass of 2023 at St Lawrence Church. Join us in expressing our gratitude to God for all the blessings received this year which helped us to move forward, grow and enjoy life.



Fr Emil's Farewell Mass and Party Friday 19th January at 6pm



All parishioners are invited to Fr Emil's Farewell Mass and Party! After faithfully serving the St Lawrence community as our Parish Priest for the past 8 years (and 6 years before that) we would like to show our appreciation to Fr Emil for his commitment and care of our parish. Let's come together as a community on **Friday 19th January at 6pm** for Mass followed by a buffet dinner in the Alverna Hall, and give Fr Emil a wonderful send-off before he moves to Greenmount Parish. Mark your diaries now for this special event! All welcome!

New Year Reflection Family: Place of Forgiveness



There is no perfect family. We do not have perfect parents, we are not perfect, we do not marry a perfect person or have perfect children. We have complaints from each other. We disappoint each other. So there is no healthy marriage or healthy family without the exercise of forgiveness. Forgiveness is vital to our emotional health and spiritual survival. Without forgiveness the family becomes an arena of conflict and a stronghold of hurt.

Without forgiveness, the family becomes ill. Forgiveness is the purification of the soul, the cleansing of the mind and the liberation of the heart. Whoever does not forgive, does not have peace in the soul nor communion with God. Hurt is the poison that intoxicates and kills. Keeping heartache in the heart is a self-destructive gesture. Those who do not forgive are physically, emotionally and spiritually ill.

That is why the family must be a place of life, not death; Territory of cure and not of illness; Stage of forgiveness and not guilt. Forgiveness brings joy where sorrow has produced sadness; Healing, where sorrow has caused disease.

May the New Year be filled with the abundance of God's blessings and growth in personal and spiritual life for all of us.

Fr Emil, Bishop Justin, Fr Adam and
secretaries Arlene, Rosalia and Alice.

Changes within the Salvatorian Community



Dear Parishioners,
After 14 years (6+8) of service here I have been asked to move to St Anthony's Parish at Greenmount as Parish Priest.

I enjoyed very much my time in Balcatta and I wish to thank you sincerely for your support, love, care and friendship I experienced being part of the community of St Lawrence.

I promise to remember you in my prayers and ask you to pray for me as I begin to write a new page of my priestly life and ministry. The official beginning of my service of St Anthony's Parish is 29th January 2024.

Your new Parish Priest will be the present Assistant Priest Fr Adam Babinski. I wish him and you many God's blessings to work together for the good and spiritual growth of the whole community.
Fr Emil

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: Kenneth Pang, 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 30 Dec

9am
6pm

Sunday 31 Dec

8.30am +Emilio Nobile 2nd anniversary
10am (Italian) +Peter Gervasi
11.30am (Gwelup)
5pm End of Year Thanksgiving Mass

Monday 1 Jan

9am +Umberto and Maria Tutolo and all deceased children

Tuesday 2 Jan

9am Thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit, Jesus, Mother Mary, St Joseph and St Anthony for all blessings and miracles received

Wednesday 3 Jan

9am
10.30am (Gwelup)

Thursday 4 Jan

9am

Friday 5 Jan

9am

Saturday 6 Jan

9am
6pm

Sunday 7 Jan

8.30am
10am (Italian) +Pietro Ravi
11.30am (Gwelup)
5pm

NOTIZIARIO ITALIANO

Calendario Liturgico

Dom 31 La Sacra Famiglia di Gesù, Maria e Giuseppe
Lun 1/1 Maria Santissima Madre Di Dio
Mar 2 Ss. Basilio Magno e Gregorio Nazianzeno
Dom 7 Epifania



'Rejoi c el' Fla me Mi n is t rie s An nual C o ngre ss

Everyone is invited to attend 'Rejoice!' at John XXIII College, Mt Claremont from **Friday 12th— Sunday 14th January** with guest speakers Archbishop Timothy Costelloe, Fr Timothy Deeter, Cheryle Douglas, Cyrus D'Souza and Kaye Rollings. Mass on Sunday at 11.30am. Free evening rallies at 7pm. Day sessions Sat and Sun 9am-5pm. Food and drinks available. For more information and to register visit www.flameministries.org.

'Pilgrims of Hope' Prayer Companion

In 2025 the Church will celebrate a special Jubilee Year, themed 'Pilgrims of Hope'. In preparation for this, Pope Francis is calling for a Year of Prayer focusing on the Our Father.