



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 8th 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 7—14 Jan

Liturgical Calendar

Sun 7 Jan	The Epiphany of the Lord— <i>Solemnity</i>
Mon 8 Jan	The Baptism of the Lord— <i>Feast</i>

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!

January Parish Office Hours

During January the Parish Office is open 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.



'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. You can download the free prayer companion at clmf.org.au/advent2023/

Pope's Prayer Intention for January

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

Instructions for the Epiphany Blessing of the Home



There is a custom of blessing homes on the Feast of the Epiphany, when the family gather (perhaps before the family dinner) to ask God's blessing on their home and family life. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our homes.

Using the blessed chalk mark the lintel or the top part of the front door of your home as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 24 (the inscription should be about 5cm high) and saying: The Three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human almost two thousand years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

Then say the following prayer:

Bless, O Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live here or visit our home with the gift of your love and grant that we may show your love to each other and to all people around us. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you. Guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and for ever. Amen. Our Father..., Hail Mary..., Glory be to the Father...

The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the traditional names of the Wise Men: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase: Christus Mansionem Benedicat: "May Christ bless this house." The "+" signs represent the cross, and the "20" at the beginning and the "24" at the end, mark the year.

Taken together, this inscription is done as a request for Christ to bless those homes so marked and that He stay with those who live there throughout the coming year.

Rejoice! Flame Ministries Annual Congress

Everyone is invited to attend 'Rejoice!' the Flame Ministries International 34th Annual Congress 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.



Music at St Mary's Cathedral

Join us on **Thursdays at 1.05pm** for a half hour music recital. Escape the busyness of the day and listen to some prayerful, reflective music. Admission free. All welcome!

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 6 Jan

9am
6pm

Sunday 7 Jan

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

Monday 8 Jan

9am +Umberto and Maria Tutolo and all deceased children

Tuesday 9 Jan

9am +Nicola Menna

Wednesday 10 Jan

9am +Colleen Place
10.30am (Gwelup)

Thursday 11 Jan

9am +Claudina and Joseph Fernandes

Friday 12 Jan

9am God's blessing for Miriam Kirk, Andrea D'Souza and Savia Aujard

Saturday 13 Jan

9am
6pm +Vincenzo Luglio 24th anniversary

Sunday 14 Jan

8.30am +Zora and Ivan Mikulic
10am (Italian) +Michelina Bax 2nd anniversary
11.30am (Gwelup)
5pm

NOTIZIARIO ITALIANO

Calendario Liturgico

Dom 7 Epifania

Lun 8 Battesimo di Gesù

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 have 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 Monday 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