



St Lawrence and Mary Immaculate Parish (Balcatta) and St Theresa Church (Gwelup)

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St Lawrence and Mary Immaculate Church
392 Albert Street
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Masses Mon to Sat 9am, Fri 7.30pm, Sat 6pm (Vigil),
Sun 8.30am, 10am (Italian), 12pm (Croatian) & 5.30pm

Reconciliation (also by appointment)

Tue to Fri 8.40am-8.55am, Sat 5.15pm-5.50pm
1st Friday 8.30am-8.55am & 7.10pm-7.25pm

Rosary prayed at St Lawrence Mon to Sat 9.30am

Perpetual Adoration Chapel 24hr access contact office

Piety Shop & Parish Library for 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

Liturgical Calendar

Sun 30 Dec	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph— <i>Feast</i>
Tues 1 Jan	Mary, the Holy Mother of God— <i>Solemnity</i>
Wed 2 Jan	Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen— <i>Memorial</i>
Sun 6 Jan	The Epiphany of the Lord— <i>Solemnity</i>

Parish Meetings From Monday 31st December

Mon 9.30am	Catholic Meditation Group
Mon 1.00pm	Italian Choir
Mon 3.30pm	Parish Line Dancing
Wed 10.00am	Healing Prayers (in Chapel)
Thur 7.30pm	Legion of Mary
Sun 10.00am	Rosary League—Malayalam/English

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PLENARY COUNCIL CHRISTMAS POSTCARDS

In Oct 2020 something unprecedented will be happening in the Catholic Church in Australia. The representatives of almost 6 million Catholics will gather to make plans and decisions for the future—and they want to hear from you!

This is our opportunity to answer the question: **“What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?”.** You might also have questions about the future of the Church in Australia that you would like the Plenary Council to consider.

Simply go to the Plenary Council web page www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au, follow the prompts and write your answer to the question.

You are all encouraged not to miss this opportunity to have your say!



Christmas Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed from **24 Dec—1 Jan** and will re-open on **Wed 2 and Fri 4 Jan**. For urgent matters please leave a message on the answering machine for the priests or call Fr Emil on 0408 447 062.

NOTIZIARIO ITALIANO

Incontri di Questa Settimana

Lun 13.00 Coro Italiano

Calendario Liturgico

Dom 30	Sacra Famiglia di Gesù, Maria e Giuseppe
Mar 1	Maria Santissima Madre di Dio
Mer 2	Ss. Basilio Magno e Gregorio Nazianzeno
Dom 6	Epifania

End of the Year Thanksgiving Mass Mon 31st Dec at 5pm St Lawrence Church



Everyone is welcome to join us in expressing our gratitude to God for all the blessings received, which helped us to move forward, grow and enjoy life.

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 asepsis 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 poison that intoxicates and kills. Keeping heartache in the heart is a self-destructive gesture. It's autophagy. Those who do not forgive are physically, emotionally and spiritually ill.

That is why the family must be a place of life, not of 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 bring growth in personal and spiritual life for all of us.

Fr Emil, Fr Leonard and Parish Secretaries Arlene, Rosalia & Alice

Baptism Prayers

We pray for Emily Smith who will be baptised this Sunday.



Sincere Condolences

To the family and friends of Lita Favazzi, Paolo De Filippis and Antonina La Falce on their passing. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

Pope's Prayer Intention for January
That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

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 or hospital.

Please pray for our sick parishioners: Mariella Caroe, Lily Comande, Ada, Maria Gotti, Patricia Lewin, Bayley Starr, Ric Jarvis, Roger Pipe, Linda Callisto, Dorothy Lewin, Robyn Dodds, Maria D'Alonzo, Tennille Stokes, Anna, Mona Bullock, Shirley Tully, Belinda Forster, John Glamuzina, Terry Scoby-Smith, Michelle Glover, Zoe Dawso, Ricky Fogliani and all the sick in need of our prayers.



Farewell to Fr Leonard



In the new year Fr Leonard will be taking up the position of Parish Priest at Greenmount Parish. We will have a farewell morning tea on **Sun 30th Dec** after 8.30am Mass and 10am Italian Mass. A farewell morning tea at Gwelup will be held on **Sun 6th Jan** after 11.30am Mass. Please join us for this special occasion!

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 29 December

9am +Giuseppina Parlongo
6pm +Manuel Leite

Sun 30 December

8.30am +Michele Le Donne and Antonio Le Donne
10am (Italian) +Peter Gervasi
11.30am (Gwelup) God's blessing for Obi on his 10th birthday
5.30pm +Romoletto Adone

Mon 31 December

9am Thanksgiving for Louis and Celestine Lobo on their wedding anniversary

Tue 1 January

9am +Romoletto Adone

Wed 2 January

9am Thanksgiving to God, St Thomas Aquinas and all saints

Thurs 3 January

9am Thanksgiving to St Anthony, Padre Pio and all other saints for blessings received.

Fri 4 January

9am +Vincenzo and Livia Cianfagna
7.30pm

Sat 5 January

9am
6pm

Sun 6 January

8.30am God's blessings for Jo and Graham Geoghegan on their 50th wedding anniversary
10am (Italian) +Maria Concetta Carbone and Maria Stella Faraone
11.30am (Gwelup)
5.30pm +Domenic Di Ienno 14th anniversary

A special thank you for your Christmas gifts and wishes! Fr Emil & Fr Leonard



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, 5.30am-7am, 1pm-2pm, 5pm-6pm, 7pm-8pm **Mon:** 12am-4am, 11am-12pm, 1pm-2pm, 5pm-6pm **Tue:** 6am-7am, 10am-12pm, 4pm-5pm, 11pm-12am **Wed:** 12am-2am, 4am-5am, 11am-1pm, 5pm-7pm **Thur:** 4am-5am, 10am-11am, 12pm-1pm, 3pm-4pm **Fri:** 1am-3am, 12pm-2pm, 4pm-5pm, 6pm-8pm, **Sat** 12am-1am, 9am-10am, 11am-1pm, 2pm-3pm, 4pm-5pm, 7pm-8pm, 10pm-12am.