



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 18th Dec

Mon 3.30pm	Parish Line Dancing
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.

PARISH NEWS 17—24 Dec

Liturgical Calendar

Sun 17 Dec	Third Sunday of Advent
Sun 24 Dec	Fourth Sunday of Advent

Secular Franciscans Christmas with Sts Francis and Clare at St Theresa, Gwelup



All parishioners are invited to join the Balcatta Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order to celebrate their annual Christmas service of carols and readings on **Sunday 17th December at 2.30pm**. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the Mt La Verna Community Centre.

The Franciscan Family is celebrating 800 years since St Francis of Assisi prepared the first Nativity Scene at Greccio. The WA Region of the Secular Franciscan Order has produced a leaflet telling the story of that event and with a prayer before the nativity scene. Please take one from the entry of the church or next to the nativity scene.

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.)

Prepare for Christmas with The Catholic Guy

Join people around the world for a free Daily Devotional that will guide you on a life-changing journey through Advent. Each day of Advent you will receive a short inspirational video by email, filled with real stories and practical ways to help you in your prayer and spiritual journey. Register today to receive an email every day of Advent at brucedownes.org/advent.



Croatian Reconciliation at St Lawrence
Wednesday 20th December at 7.30pm.

Changes within the Salvatorian Community



Dear Parishioners,

Last weekend you have heard a verbal announcement about the change of the Parish Priest in St Lawrence Parish.

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 Parish is 29/1/24.

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



It's the last week of 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 this final week of Advent to reflect on this great mystery of our faith.



'Pilgrims of Hope' Advent Prayer Companion

Embark on a reflective Advent journey with a free 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 Advent prayer companion focusing on The Lord's Prayer to start your year of preparation for the Jubilee Year. Get your copy at clmf.org.au/advent2023/

Food For Thought

We had a power outage at our house this morning and my PC, laptop, TV, DVD, ipad and my new surround sound music system were all shut down. Then I discovered that my iPhone battery was flat and to top it off it was raining outside, so I couldn't play golf. I went to the kitchen to make coffee and then I remembered that the coffee maker also needs power, so I sat and talked with my wife for a few hours. She seems like a nice person.



Christmas Parish Office Hours

Office Closed 21st 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.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!

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 16 Dec

9am +Nicola and Lucia Vinciguerra

6pm +Nina Lafalce 5th anniversary

Sunday 17 Dec

8.30am +Cristina Rocca and all deceased

members of the Rocca family

PR: +Gaetano Scarvaci 2nd anniversary

10am (Italian) For deceased members of the

Sant'Angelo and Delle Cave families

PR: +Paolo De Filippis 5th anniversary;

God's blessing for Ety and Calogero Triscari

on their 50th wedding anniversary

11.30am (Gwelup)

5pm +Lita Favazzi 5th anniversary

Monday 18 Dec

9am +Giuseppina Marra and Nicola Raschella

Tuesday 19 Dec

9am +Maria Da Achada 10th anniversary

Wednesday 20 Dec

9am +For all Totaro, Travaglini and Donatelle

deceased family members

10.30am (Gwelup)

Thursday 21 Dec

9am

Friday 22 Dec

9am God's blessing, good health and long life for

Graham Geoghegan on his birthday

Saturday 23 Dec

9am +Giosue Fazzari

6pm +Bridie Woods

Sunday 24 Dec

8.30am +Dianne Staines

10am (Italian) +Luigi Palazzolo 11th anniversary

11.30am (Gwelup)

6.30pm

NOTIZIARIO ITALIANO

Calendario Liturgico

Dom 17 Terza Domenica di Avvento

Dom 24 Quarta Domenica di Avvento



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

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.