



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 25th Dec

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 24—31 Dec

Liturgical Calendar

Sun 24 Dec	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Mon 25 Dec	The Nativity of the Lord— <i>Solemnity with Octave</i>
Tue 26 Dec	St Stephen— <i>Feast</i>
Wed 27 Dec	St John— <i>Feast</i>
Thur 28 Dec	The Holy Innocents— <i>Feast</i>
Sun 31 Dec	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph— <i>Feast</i>

'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/

BUSY BEE Thank You!

Thank you very much to all the volunteers who assisted in tidying the surrounds of St Lawrence Church, making it ready and welcoming for the Christmas celebrations.

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.

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'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

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.



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**.

Spiritual Director Fr Mariusz Adamczyk SDS.

Cost is \$7500pp. Please see the flyer at the back of the church for details. A full itinerary is available from the parish office or Francis Williams (Travel Coordinator) on 0404 893 877 or email perthfamily888@gmail.com.

Deepest Condolences

To the family and friends of Teodoro (Terry) Marchese on his passing. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.*



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!

Pope's Prayer Intention for December

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



MASS INTENTIONS

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)
6pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
6pm (Gwelup) Carols followed by 6.30pm Vigil Mass
11.30pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass

Monday 25 Dec

7am
8.30am
10am +Serafino Pierluigi, Giusto and Maria
Domenica Di Lallo
11am (Gwelup)

Tuesday 26 Dec

9am +Gerard Favory 1st anniversary

Wednesday 27 Dec

9am +Joseph and Claudina Fernandes
10.30am (Gwelup)

Thursday 28 Dec

9am God's blessing for Kenneth and Maria Pang on their 55th wedding anniversary
PR: God's blessing for Celestine and Louis on their wedding anniversary

Friday 29 Dec

9am +Giuseppina Parlongo

Saturday 30 Dec

9am For vocations to the priesthood
6pm

Sunday 31 Dec

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

NOTIZIARIO ITALIANO

Calendario Liturgico

Dom 24	Quarta Domenica di Avvento
Lun 25	Santo Natale
Mar 26	S. Stefano
Mer 27	S. Giovanni
Gio 28	I Santi Innocenti
Dom 31	La Sacra Famiglia di Gesù, Maria e Giuseppe



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.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!

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, Edgardo Rivera, 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, Jenny Simons, Maureen T and Peter Gradisen.