



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 Ciecieriga
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 25th Dec

Liturgical Calendar

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

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!



St John Paul II Pilgrimage 2024

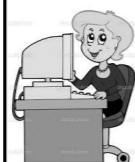
Join this 16 day Pilgrimage to Fatima (Portugal), Lourdes (France) and Medjugorje (Bosnia Herzegovina) from

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 or Francis Williams (Travel Coordinator) on 0404 893 877.

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!

Christmas Prayer

Let not our hearts be busy inns,
That have no room for Thee
But cradles for the living Christ
And his nativity.

Yet hunger dwells within these walls,
These shining walls and bright,
And brightness groping here and there
Without a ray of light.

Oh, lest we starve, and lest we die,
In our stupidity,
Come, Holy Child, within and share
Our hospitality.

Let not our hearts be busy inns,
That have no room for Thee,
But cradles for the living Christ
and His nativity.

We pray the above prayer for you and ourselves
that we all experience the true spirit of Christmas,
which is peace, joy and happiness.

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



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.

Christmas Calendar 2023

St Lawrence, Balcatta

Christmas Eve Sunday 24 Dec

Christmas Eve 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

Sunday 24 Dec

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 Parlango

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

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

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.