



## 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 before 9am Mass

Saturday after 9am Mass, Saturday before Vigil 6pm Mass

**Rosary prayed at St Lawrence** Mon to Sat 9.30am

**Perpetual Adoration Chapel** 24hr access, contact office

**Piety Shop** 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

**ALL PARISH DONATIONS INCLUDING FOR PLANNED GIVING CAN BE MADE THROUGH DIRECT TRANSFER TO THE BANK ACCOUNTS BELOW:**

**1st Collection:** Account Name: Parish Priest  
BSB: 086 006

Account No: 420 879 912

For all other Clergy Donations using direct transfer: Please also use this new account and reference the payment with the date and name of the event. For example: 18/2/24 Wedding.

**2nd Collection:** Account Name: St Lawrence Church  
BSB: 086 006  
Account No: 665 794 749

### Parish Meetings from Monday 25th March

Mon 3.30pm	Parish Line Dancing
Wed 9.30am	Healing Prayers in Chapel
Wed 7.30pm	Personal Advocacy
Thur 10.00am	Incontro con Gesù e Maria
Thur 2.00pm	Legion of Mary
Sun 10.00am	Rosary League (Malayalam/English)



### Perpetual Adoration Chapel Open 24hrs 'Are You Not Able to Stay With Me One Hour?'

The Adoration Chapel is open to everyone to visit at any time 24 hours a day. Please feel free to come in to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Some adorers prefer a set hour and others like to come in when it is convenient. For more information, please call Jo Geoghegan 0416 509 685.

"Know also that you will probably gain more by praying before the Blessed Sacrament than by all the other spiritual exercises of the day. True, our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, for He has made the promise, 'Ask and you shall receive' but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament will obtain a more abundant measure of grace."  
St Alphonsus Liguori

## PARISH NEWS 24—31 March

### Liturgical Calendar

Sun 24 Mar	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Thurs 28 Mar	Thursday of the Lord's Supper
Fri 29 Mar	Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Fast and abstinence)
Sat 30 Mar	Holy Saturday
Sun 31 Mar	Sunday of the Resurrection

### EASTER PROGRAM 2024

**PALM SUNDAY—24th March (No Croatian Mass)**

St Lawrence Masses: Saturday Vigil: **6.00pm**  
Sunday: **8.30am, 10.30am** (Italian) and **5.00pm**  
St Theresa Mass: **11.30am**

**HOLY THURSDAY—28th March (No Mass at 9am)**

**The Lord's Supper 7.00pm** at St Lawrence followed by Adoration at the Altar of Repose until midnight. The collection taken on Holy Thursday will be donated to St Vincent De Paul.

**GOOD FRIDAY—29th March (No Mass at 9am)**

**Stations of the Cross 10am** - St Lawrence & St Theresa  
**The Lord's Passion 3pm** - St Lawrence & St Theresa  
**Via Crucis (Italian) 7.30pm** - St Lawrence

**HOLY SATURDAY—30th March (No Mass at 9am)**

**Blessing of Easter Food 12noon** at St Lawrence  
**Easter Vigil 7.00pm** at St Lawrence

**EASTER SUNDAY—31st March (No Mass at 5pm)**

St Lawrence Masses: **7.00am, 8.30am, 10.00am** (Italian), **12noon** (Croatian)  
St Theresa Mass: **11.00am**



### Holy Land Collection—Good Friday

The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians for health, education, employment, housing etc and maintaining the churches and shrines in the area. Please give your generous support!

### \* Church Prayer Hours \*

The main doors of the church will be open for private prayer everyday of the week after 9am Mass until 6pm.

### WASHING OF THE FEET ON HOLY THURSDAY

We would like to invite women and men from all age groups to participate in this special ceremony. Please put your name on the list in the church foyer if you are interested in taking part in it.



### Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10am at St Lawrence Church

The Stations of the Cross on Good Friday 29th March will start at 10am in front of the church. We would like to invite families to volunteer in leading a reflection on one of the stations, so we need 14 families. The text of the reflections will be provided. All volunteers please put your contact details on the list provided in the church foyer.

### Lenten Soup Night Thank You

Fr Adam's initiative to hold a Soup Night after Stations of the Cross has been an amazingly successful part of our Lenten journey as a parish community. Over 50 parishioners attended each Friday in Lent praying the Stations of the Cross, attending Mass and sharing a simple, delicious soup prepared by our dedicated Social Committee. The gold coin and cash donations made at the Soup Night will be donated to Caritas Australia.



### Croatian Reconciliation with Fr Cabraja Wednesday 27th March at 7pm at St Lawrence



**Thank you** very much to everyone who assisted with the recent parish **Busy Bee**. Your commitment and service to the parish is very much appreciated.

### Chrism Mass at St Mary's Cathedral

All parishioners are invited to attend the Annual Chrism Mass this **Tuesday 26th March at 7pm** at St Mary's Cathedral. Mass will be concelebrated by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe and the priests of the Archdiocese. During this Mass the Holy Oils will be blessed and the Oil of Chrism consecrated. Priests will also renew their Ordination commitment. All welcome!

### 2024—A Year of Spiritual Growth

The Centre for Faith Enrichment is the adult faith formation agency of the Archdiocese offering face-to-face and online courses. Make 2024 your dedicated year for spiritual enrichment and understanding. For details of courses, please visit [www.cfe.org.au/courses-events/](http://www.cfe.org.au/courses-events/). Join us on this enlightening journey!



### Pope's Prayer Intention for March

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday 23 Mar

**9am** +Rosemary Kinsey 3rd anniversary  
**6pm** +Giuseppe Reale 8th anniversary

#### Sunday 24 Mar

**8.30am** +Jack Skeet 24th anniversary  
**10.30am** (Italian) +Anna Salomone 20th anniv  
**11.30am** (Gwelup) For our Parish Community  
**5pm** God's blessing for Greg and Nina Di Bucci on their 40th wedding anniversary and for Sebastian on his 9th birthday

#### Monday 25 Mar

**9am** +Manuel Leite and all souls in Purgatory

#### Tuesday 26 Mar

**9am**

#### Wednesday 27 Mar

**9am**  
**10.30am** (Gwelup)

#### Thursday 28 Mar

**9am** No Mass

#### Friday 29 Mar

**9am** No Mass

#### Saturday 30 Mar

**9am** No Mass  
**7pm** +Claudina and Joseph Fernandes

#### Sunday 31 Mar

**7am** For our Parish Community  
**8.30am** +Francesco Femia 4th anniversary and +Nicholas Femia  
**10am** (Italian) +Lucia Vinciguerra 20th anniversary  
PR: +Serafino Pierluigi, Giusto and Maria  
Domenica Di Lallo, Gaetano Mannella,  
Vittorio Santella, Jim Bailey, Harry Donaldson  
**11am** (Gwelup)  
**5pm** No Mass

### NOTIZIARIO ITALIANO

#### Incontri della Settimana

**Gio 10am** Incontro con Gesù e Maria

#### Calendario Liturgico

**Dom 24** Domenica delle Palme  
**Gio 28** Giovedì Santo  
**Ven 29** Venerdì Santo  
**Sab 30** Sabato Santo  
**Dom 31** Domenica di Pasqua

### Readers Needed



We are in need of more readers for the Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass and Sunday 5pm Mass. If you are able to assist, please contact Robyn on 0416 167 914 or email [brennaro1@hotmail.com](mailto:brennaro1@hotmail.com). Training will be provided. Your help is much appreciated.

**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.