



Fremantle Catholic Community

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Gospel Reflection

Third Sunday of Advent



Lord Jesus Christ, you are our Saviour the true light who has come into our world. We ask you to send your blessings on this community who gather around this wreath, which we honour as a remembrance of your first coming at Bethlehem, your coming now amongst us in grace and your final coming in glory.

Strengthen our hearts with the example of your love that we may receive you with joy and gladness on the day of our redemption, when you will come to reign as Universal King for ever and ever.

Last Sunday, we summarised John's basic preaching in 3 steps: **Admit my sinfulness/ask God's forgiveness and change my life-style** for the better. All kinds of people come to John. He must have been a very welcoming figure despite his forbidding appearance. John rejected no one (unlike Pharisee who were very selective), neither would Jesus, neither should we, of course.

But John had his special message: demanding, above all, justice and good living **from everyone**. He didn't look for more and longer prayers or more sacrifices (as Pharisees would stress), No! Instead, John invited all his hearers—and us—to share together in building a society that cares for all of us.

A final thought and suggestion is—on occasions during the coming weeks—is to place myself in the crowds around John. Let me ask what I must do and let me listen carefully, attentively and prayerfully to my conscience. Let me be humble, open, **honest in the presence of Jesus as I review my life and then decide, with God's grace** and Sacrament of Reconciliation, if necessary, to change whatever needs changing. **I'm sure each of us will find plenty to do**—in trying to be a better priest, person, parent teenager etc.



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASSES

Wednesday 19 December
2nd Rite of Reconciliation at 7pm

Saturday 22 December

Basilica Reconciliation: 9.30am-10.30am, 10.30am-11.30am (Italian), 11am-12noon, and 4.30pm-5.30pm
Basilica Masses: 12.10pm and 6pm

Sunday 23 December

Basilica Masses: 7am, 8.30am, 9.45am (Italian), 11am and 5pm
St Anne's Church, North Fremantle Mass: 8.15am

Monday 24 December - Christmas Eve

Basilica Masses: 12.10pm, 6pm (Children's Mass), 8.30pm and Midnight
Carols at 5.30pm prior to the Children's Mass
Carols at 8pm prior to the 8.30pm Mass
Carols at 11.30pm prior to midnight

Holy Spirit Chapel, Notre Dame University
Carols 6pm prior to 6.30pm Mass

St Anne's Church, North Fremantle

Carols at 6.15pm prior to 6.30pm Mass

Tuesday 25 December - Christmas Day

Basilica Masses: 7am, 8.30am, 9.45am (Italian) and 11am, No Evening Mass
St Anne's Church, North Fremantle Mass: 8.15am

Tuesday 1 January, 2019 - New Year's Day

(No longer a Holy Day of Obligation)
Basilica Mass: 12.10pm

WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND SERVICES

Masses

7.00am Convent Mass Monday to Friday
(except public holidays)

12.10pm Mass Monday to Saturday

7.00pm Evening Mass Wednesday and Friday

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

Sunday Masses: 7.00am, 8.30am,

9.45am (In Italian), 11.00am and 5.00pm

St Anne's North Fremantle

Sunday Mass 8.15am

First Sunday of the month 12.15pm Polish Mass

Notre Dame Chapel Sunday Mass 6pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 9.30am-10.30am;

10.30am-11.30am Reconciliation in Italian

11.00am-12.00noon and 4.30pm-5.30pm

First Friday 11am-12noon

BAPTISM AND WEDDING ENQUIRIES CONTACT
THE PARISH OFFICE DURING OFFICE HOURS

Mass Intentions and Feast Days

Sat 15 December

5.30pm Evening Sung Prayer

6pm **Mr Rade Sabic (dec'd)**

Sun 16 December *Third Sunday of Advent*

7am Maria Annel Fernandes (int)

8.30am **Gabriella Di Napoli Di Paola (dec'd)**

Pray for Trevor Davies (dec'd)

11am **Sam Scurria (dec'd)**

5pm **Martinoh de Sousa (dec'd)**

Mon 17 December

12.10pm **Frank, Elena & Martha Amato (dec'd)**

Pray for Alice Cooper (dec'd anniv.)

Tues 18 December

12.10pm Manuel Gomez Rebelo & Deceased
Family Members

Wed 19 December

12.10pm **Nicola Di Menna (dec'd) and**

Eduardo Masella (dec'd)

7pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Thurs 20 December

12.10pm **James Adam Turriff-Smith (dec'd)**

Fri 21 December

12.10pm **James Ong and Jew Family (dec'd)**

Pray for Carlos Florenca (dec'd)

7pm **Anna Garaffa (dec'd)**

Sat 22 December

12.10pm Nicola Celenza

6pm **Martinoh De Sousa (dec'd)**

Music Ministry

Organist & Director of Music: Dominic Perissinotto

Cantor

5:30am Evening Prayer before 6pm Mass: Laura Pitts

8:30am & 5pm: Caitlin Rowe

11am: The Basilica Choir

Evening Prayer Reflection Felix Mendelssohn – “I will sing of thy great mercies” from St Paul Op 36

Processional CWB 658

Responsorial Psalm CWB 180; Gospel Acclamation CWB 545

Offertory 6pm: Ignazio Donati – Ego dormio et cor meum vigilat (I sleep, and my heart watcheth);

8:30am & 11am: Philip Ledger – Advent Calendar;

5pm: Johann Sebastian Bach – “Bereite dich, Zion” (Prepare thyself, Zion) from *Weihnachts-Oratorium* (The Christmas Oratorio) BWV 248/1 No 8

Holy Holy Eva-Marie Middleton – Missa Hodierna

Eucharistic Acclamation Eva-Marie Middleton – Missa Hodierna: “Save Us”

Amen Eva-Marie Middleton – Missa Hodierna; Our Father CWB 524/525

Lamb of God Eva-Marie Middleton – Missa Hodierna

Communion 6pm: John Ireland – The Advent;

8:30am & 5pm: Camille Saint-Saëns – “Patiently Have I waited for the Lord” from *Christmas Oratorio* Op 12;

11am: Healey Willan – O Adonai

Communion Reflection AOV 62; Recessional AOV 188

Organ Postlude Johann Sebastian Bach – “Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland” BWV 660 (Now come, Saviour of the gentiles) from *Eighteen Chorale Preludes* for organ

Christmas Offerings

Twice a year you are asked, as a community, to make a special effort to financially support the Priests of the Basilica. Attached to this bulletin and within your planned giving boxes, you will find a CHRISTMAS DUES ENVELOPE. Your generosity is very much appreciated along with your prayers, encouragement and blessings.

Annual Christmas Raffle

The annual St Patrick's Advent raffle is currently being sold at most Masses on the weekends. Please support the Parish and buy some tickets. Raffle will be drawn on Sunday 23rd December during the last morning tea for the year (after the 8:30am Mass). Tickets are \$5.00 each, great prizes to be won!

Christmas Biscuit Makers URGENTLY Required for the Prisons

Many thanks to those who have already committed to providing small packets of home baked Biscuits by the Friday before Christmas to send to the Prisons. WE DO HOWEVER NEED MANY MORE. So if you can help: Contact the Parish Office on 9335 2268 or in person for an information sheet and the necessary bags. Your efforts will be truly appreciated.

Care for Life

Archbishop Costelloe has expressed his sincere wish that voluntary assisted dying should not be introduced in WA to have your say please join the many who are writing letters to the Members of the WA Legislative Council. Details and list of addresses can be found in the side foyers of the Church this weekend. There are also cards that can be completed and sent to the WA Legislative Councillors. Be part of the conversation regarding the issues of euthanasia.

Volunteer Christmas Readers and Communion Ministers

We are seeking Readers and Communion Ministers for Christmas Day Masses in the Basilica. If you can assist contact the parish office, 9335 2268.

Please Note: No Convent Mass after Friday 21 December, 2018. Mass resumes on Monday 4 February, 2019.

Children's Liturgy

Held every Sunday of the month.
The next Liturgy will be held on the following Sundays
16, 23 and 30 December
at the 8.30am Mass
All Children Welcome

The Last Parishioners' Morning Tea

for 2018 will be held on
Sunday 23 December after the
8.30am Mass. All Welcome

The Planned Giving Program

The planned giving program is an important part of the Parish as it allows us to maintain all aspects of the Basilica, Presbytery and Parish Administration Centre. In order to keep the Parish viable we must maintain a target of 95% and above each week. Last week's giving was 70% of the target.

Thankyou!

Safeguarding Officers

The Perth Catholic Archdiocese is committed to the safety and security of all children and young people. If you have any safety concerns about a person in the parish or about a child protection or child safety issue, you can discuss it with the Parish Safeguarding Officers.

St Patrick's, Fremantle Safeguarding Officers:
Phillipa Colgan 0431 929 739
Mary Davis 0409 115 191

Christmas and New Year Parish Office Opening Times

Mon 24 December
9am to 1pm
Tuesday 25 & Wednesday 26 December
CLOSED
Thursday 27 & Friday 28 December
9am to 12noon
Monday 1 & Tuesday 2 January
CLOSED
Wednesday 3 January
9am to 12noon
Thursday 4 January onwards
9am to 3pm

Angie & Stefanie wish all parishioners a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

OUR PARISH PRAYER

O God, the Creator
and giver of all good things,
bless our Parish and the
Basilica of St Patrick
and the community
that worships here.
Inspire us to work together
to spread your love.
Strengthen our faith and grant
us the spirit of service so that,
with your grace and the
help of Mary Immaculate
and St Eugene de Mazenod
we may glorify You,
provide for the needs of our wider
community and make ourselves holy.
We ask you this through Christ
our Lord. AMEN