

Fremantle Catholic Community

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Gospel Reflection

First Sunday of Advent



Lord Jesus Christ you are our Saviour, the true light that has come into our world. At the beginning of this Advent season, we ask you to bless this Advent Wreath which we honour as a remembrance of your first coming at Bethlehem, your coming 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.

If we look back at the past that we're leaving, the dead we are burying etc this should always be followed by a hope-filled, energising look forward to the future! Otherwise, we are trapped in the past. And that happens!

Jesus speaks of an END, but he looks forward and promises us a NEW LIFE the end has come for the old religion of the Old Testament. The REIGN of God (last Sunday's feast) introduces an end to sin and evil—the more we follow Jesus. His grace will enable us to rise above our selfishness etc. Through our Faith and Trust in Him and through the power of the Holy Spirit, given to us in Baptism.

The second part of our Gospel gives us a TAKE AWAY thought as we start Advent, a kind of religious slogan or mantra. WATCH and PRAY! Your liberation is at hand. The Saviour comes at last!

Can you remember a time/occasion when you deliberately stayed awake?? Maybe to hear some good news...birth of your child. Maybe watching something. For me..first man on the moon occasion!

In Advent we spiritualise such an experience: in our prayer and meditation above all, let us be practical in our Advent preparation for the feast of Christmas.

Parish News

Annual Christmas Raffle

The annual St Patricks Advent raffle will commence this weekend. Tickets will be on sale at most Masses every weekend. The raffle will be drawn on Sunday 23rd December during the last morning tea for the year (after the 8:30am Mass). All proceeds go directly to the Parish. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

Preparation Opportunity

Expressions of interest are invited from those who may like to be part of a group to prepare for Christmas by meeting weekly throughout Advent, *commencing on Monday 3 December at 7pm in the Parish Centre.* The course provided by the Wollongong Diocese is a reflection book, Saviour, provides an opportunity for us to be still each day, listen to God and hear him declare to us as the angel declared to the shepherds. If you are interested in preparing for Advent, please contact the Parish Office on 9335 2268 to register asap.

Advent Carol Service



St John's Anglican Church, Fremantle, Sunday 2 December at 7pm $ALL\ WELCOME$

Christmas Eve Children's Mass

Children are invited to participate in the annual Nativity play during the Christmas Eve Children's Mass, Monday 24 December at 6pm. If you would like to take part please attend the rehearsal on Saturday 15 December at 9.15am in the Basilica.

Inside this weekends bulletin is a copy of Mary's Dream, please take the time to read through it and perhaps action some of the items mentioned.

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 1 December

6pm Maria Rosaria (int)

Sun 2 December First Sunday in Advent

7am Deceased members of the Casey Family 8.30am Winnie Gilvarry (dec'd 5th anniversary) 11am Domenico & Rosa Minervini (dec'd)

5pm Madalena (int)

Mon 3 December St Francis Xavier
12.10pm Luke Dullard (dec'd anniversary)

Tues 4 December

12.10pm **Manuel Loreto (dec'd)**

Anointing of the Sick Mass

Wed 5 December

12.10pm Bridgid Whiter (dec'd)

Pray for Kata Ukalovich (int)

7pm Jelica & Ratomia Bacich (dec'd)

Thurs 6 December

7pm

12.10pm Con Da Silva (dec'd)
Fri 7 December St Ambrose
12.10pm Laura De Caires (int)

Pray for Lina Cassettai (dec'd)

Pasquale & Filomena Amato (dec'd)

Pray for Joseph Felix Nathan (dec'd)

Sat 8 December The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12.10pm Jose Abreu (dec'd)
6pm All Oblates (int)

Music Ministry

Organist & Director of Music: Dominic Perissinotto

Cantor

6pm & 5pm: Grace Feltoe / Andrew Brown (organ) 8:30am & 11am: Laura Pitts

Processional CWB 763; Responsorial Psalm CWB 168 Gospel Acclamation CWB 545

Offertory 6pm & 5pm: Howard Goodall - The Lord is my Shepherd;

8:30am & 11am: Johann Sebastian Bach — "Et Misericordia" from Magnificat in D major BWV 243

Holy Holy Bernard Kirkpatrick – Mass of Christ the Redeemer: 9/77

Eucharistic Acclamation Bernard Kirkpatrick – Mass of Christ the Redeemer "We Proclaim": 9/77

Amen Bernard Kirkpatrick – Mass of Christ the Redeemer: 9/78; Our Father CWB 524/525 Lamb of God Bernard Kirkpatrick – Mass of Christ the Redeemer: 9/79;

11am: Eduard Brunner – Messe zu Ehren der sieben Schmerzen Mariä Op 2

Communion 6pm & 5pm: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart – "Laudate Dominum" from Vesperae solennes de confessore K339;

8:30am & 11am: Vaughan Williams – The Lamb;

5pm: George Fredrich Handel – "Oh Lord, whose mercies numberless" from Saul HWV 53

Communion Reflection CWB 740; Recessional CWB 835

Organ Postlude 6pm & 5pm: Alexandre Guilmant – "Noel: Joseph est bien marié" from Livre de Noëls Op 60;

8:30am & 11am: Johann Sebastian Bach – Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme

('Wake, O wake' - preparation for Advent) BWV 645

The Spirit of Christmas Ministry - Biscuits for the Prisons

Once again we are keen to provide people in our Prisons with a small bag of homemade biscuits as a Christmas gift. A good number of our parishioners have helped out in the past and we're calling on them and any new recruits to pledge their help. If you wish to be involved in this *Spirit of Christmas Ministry*. Contact the Parish Office to register, collect the information sheet and plastic bags.



A Vulnerable Girl: A Christmas Reflection in Word and Music Thursday 6 December, 7pm

The Basilica of St Patrick, Fremantle

Join us for a beautiful evening of sacred music, readings and congregational carols to highlight the meaning of the Christmas gospel in our world today.

Lumina Choir, Paul Wright (violin), and Dominic Perissinotto (organ)

Come a little early to enjoy the organ recital from 6.30pm.

Held in support of Catholic Mission's work overseas supporting girl-child education and protection projects in Myanmar, Uganda and Ethiopia.

Tickets: Adults \$30 / Concessions \$20 / 12 and under FREE

\$10 'One for Another' * www.trybooking.com/SWMO/ or at the door *We will pass this ticket to a refugee or single mother to accompany you, email Francis on director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au or phone 0419 958 140.

Advent Season

With the Advent season upon us we should prepare ourselves, as a parish community, to welcome the Birth of Jesus Christ.

The Nativity has been set up, take the time to pray at the Nativity, light a candle for your family and pray that the coming of Jesus Christ will be peaceful and safe.

The Sanctuary has also been prepared for the coming of Jesus Christ. The Cross is ready for signing as a sign of your commitment to the new liturgical year.

Give a Gift of Hope purchase a MAMI Christmas Gift Card: a gift that keeps on giving for the entire year and beyond. Cards can be purchased from the Parish Office: Chickens \$10, Development \$15, Toolbox \$20, China \$25, Goat \$30.

Christmas Angels purchase a Christmas Angel for \$5 from either the Piety Stall or the Parish Office, place it onto the Jesse Tree, all donations go to the St Patrick's Community Support Centre, which will help feed the homeless at Christmas.

2nd Rite Reconciliation will be held on Wednesday 19 December at 7pm. This is an opportunity to come together as a community and prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ.

Volunteer Christmas Readers and Communion Ministers

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

YOU ARE INVITED

To a Mass of thanksgiving on Sunday 9 December at 11am

followed by light lunch in the Parish Centre

to celebrate and give thanks to all those who generously help out in our Fremantle Parish Community in both small and large ways.

So keep the date free and come along. RSVP to the Parish Office - 93352268

is essential for catering purposes before the 4/12

Children's Liturgy

Held every Sunday of the month.
The next Liturgy will be held on the
following Sundays
2, 9, 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 73% 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

PARISH EVENTS

St John's Advent Carol Service Sunday 2nd December

SPPS Graduation Mass
Thursday 6 December at 9am
CBC Final Mass
Thursday 6 December at 1.30pm
Catholic Missions
Thursday 6 December at 5pm
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Saturday 8 December
Parish Thanksgiving Mass and Lunch
Sunday 9 December at 11am
Sung Evening Prayer
Saturday 15 December at 5.30pm

PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in

Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.

St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.