



Fremantle Catholic Community

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Gospel Reflection

Second Sunday of Advent

In our Gospel passage today, Luke gives the dates and facts that situate Jesus in History. He mentions the 4 provinces ruled by Rome; he mentions Herod and Philip—sons of the Herod mentioned at the birth of Jesus. Just now, the Jewish People are suffering under Roman occupation. As punishment from God for their infidelity to the Law of Moses...their priests and religious leaders were materialistic and lacking faith...people were divided into rival political and religious factions etc. All together, it was a time of great national crisis and national morale was at an all-time low.

Into this scene of low morale and despair comes the Prophet John the Baptist and his preaching evoked great interest and even HOPE, because people **thought conditions then were so bad that the time was ripe for God's promise** of a Messiah and Saviour to be fulfilled.

So, THIS Advent, we INVITE Jesus into our lives to help us straighten out our sinful ways; to help us fill in the potholes caused by our neglect and hardness of Heart; to level out the barriers between God and us; to smooth the jagged edges of our selfishness etc.

CONCLUSION..In this Mass and in my Advent devotions and prayer, I now offer to God's mercy those potholes and pit falls in my life, and ask God in give us the Strength, the insight and the courage to make whatever repairs that are needed, so that, at Christmas time, we may know more surely HOW DEEPLY we belong to God and God to each of us.

Let us pray

That nothing hinders us from receiving Christ with joy.
God of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome.
Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ.
May the lure of greed not impede us from the joy which moves the hearts of those who seek him.

May the darkness not blind us to the vision of wisdom
Which fills the minds of those who find him.

Jesus Christ your son, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit
As our God for ever and ever. Amen.

Parish News

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 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.



Sung Evening Prayer

The next Evening Prayer service will be held on Saturday 15 December, 2018 commencing at 5.30pm and leading into the regular 6pm Vigil Mass.

Evening Prayer, part of the traditional Liturgy of the Hours, consists of psalms, hymns, readings, prayers and antiphons.

A cantor and organist will lead you in this monthly celebration of prayer.

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 8 December The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6pm Intentions of all Oblate Fathers (int)

Sun 9 December *Second Sunday of Advent*

7am Deceased Oblate Fathers'

8.30am Martinho de Sousa (dec'd)

Pray for Manjuela (b'day int.)

11am Lance Joseph (dec'd)

5pm Jose & Rosa De Azevedo & Family (int.)

Mon 10 December

12.10pm Manuel Loreto (dec'd)

Tues 11 December

12.10pm Pasquale De Gennaro (dec'd)

Wed 12 December

12.10pm Jose De Caires (dec'd)

7pm Pasquale De Gennaro (dec'd)

Thurs 13 December *St Lucy*

12.10pm Lucy Rojnic (dec'd)

Fri 14 December *St John of the Cross*

12.10pm Zulmira Correia & Children (int)

7pm Ante Borzic (dec'd)

Sat 15 December

12.10pm Michele & Grazia Celenza (dec'd)

5.30pm Sung Evening Prayer

6pm Mr Rade Sabic (dec'd)

Music Ministry

Organist & Director of Music: Dominic Perissinotto

Cantor

6pm: Lucinda Nicholls

8:30am: Claudia Sosin; 11am: The Basilica Choir

5pm: Theodore Murphy-Jelly

Processional AOV 174; Responsorial Psalm CWB 177

Gospel Acclamation CWB 545

Offertory 6pm: John Rutter – The Lord Bless You and Keep You;

8:30am: JS Bach – “Bereite dich, Zion” (Make yourself ready, Zion) from *Christmas Oratorio* BWV 248/1;

11am: Michael Wise – Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord;

5pm: Franz Schubert – Ave Maria

Holy Holy Others: Marty Haugen – Mass of Creation: 11/88;

11am: Christopher Willcock – Mass for the Fallen

Eucharistic Acclamation Others: Marty Haugen – **Mass of Creation “When We Eat”: 11/89;**

11am: Christopher Willcock – Mass for the Fallen

Amen Others: Marty Haugen – Mass of Creation: 11/90;

11am: Christopher Willcock – Mass for the Fallen

Our Father CWB 524/525

Lamb of God Others: Marty Haugen – Mass of Creation: 11/91;

11am: Christopher Willcock – Mass for the Fallen

Communion 6pm: Johann Sebastian Bach – “**Ich Folge Dir Gleichfalls**” (I follow you likewise with joyful steps) from *St John Passion* BWV 245;

8:30am: Camille Saint-Saëns – Thou, O Lord art my protector;

11.00am: JS Bach Arr Simon Andrews – *On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry*;

5pm: Johann Sebastian Bach – “**Großer Herr, o starker König**” (Mighty Lord, and King all glorious) from *Weihnachts-Oratorium* (The Christmas Oratorio) BWV 248/1 No 8

Reflection AOV 62; Recessional AOV 57

Organ Postlude Johann Sebastian Bach – “**Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland**” BWV 659 (Now come, Saviour of the gentiles) from *Eighteen Chorale Preludes* for organ

Children’s Liturgy

Held every Sunday of the month.
The next Liturgy will be held on the following Sundays
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 87% 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.

Prayer for Oblate Vocations

Holy Father,

We come to you because Jesus asked us to pray that you send workers into your harvest.

Therefore, send us generous young men, passionate for Jesus, willing to make of their whole life a total oblation to you, to become close to the poorest and most abandoned, and to proclaim the Gospel.

May they burn with the same fire that you enkindled in Saint Eugene; may they come to be part of his family and, with all the Oblates, may they continue the work of Redemption.

Mary Immaculate, who first gave Jesus to the world, be with us as we pray.

Amen

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.

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 New Liturgical Year 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 Day Masses in the Basilica. If you can assist contact the parish office, 9335 2268.



Please pick up your copy of the Christmas & New Year Mass Timetable which is available in the side foyers this weekend.