



Fremantle Catholic Community

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Gospel Reflection 3rd Sunday of Lent

Gospel story - always timely, topical. Why do BAD things happen - often to GOOD people?? Disasters like 9/11, Bali, London, Madrid bombings, school shootings, natural disasters, tragedies in families, a child's death... People, like those with Jesus, seek our reasons to blame themselves or others. Some will say they or others are being punished by God for something's or they blame God anyway. Where was God THEN?

In first part of the Gospel, Jesus reacts to the bad news of the day, the local tragic headlines, as it were. But He challenges the current and popular view that victims of tragedies are receiving punishment they somehow deserve **from God, In our blindness WE tend to think God's justice is like ours** - revenge and we also tend to believe that WE KNOW WHO should be punished - especially OUR private enemies!

Jesus shifts the emphasis to the fact that WE are ALL sinful and guilty in some ways and we all need Repentance and Pardon. Life is fragile says Jesus. Take nothing, take no one for granted.

Most of the time there are NO SATISFYING ANSWERS to such tragedies this side of the grave like looking at a stained glass window from the outside only when we are inside with light shining through that we see the full picture.

The Second part of the Gospel shows us that God IS looking after us and that there is a reason for all these crosses we have to bear. God is very tolerant and patient, **this we can see from Jesus' parable of the USELESS fig tree.**

God is the PATIENT GARDENER who persuades the angry owner to give the fig tree another chance; to nourish itself with repentance and sorrow for past failures and omissions and to make resolution to produce good works - and this is WHAT LENT IS ALL ABOUT hence this Gospel passage on Sunday in Lent.

Lent is a time to LOOK AT OURSELVES more so than at others and to ask ourselves are we taking up space and not producing anything of SPIRITUAL value in our lives?

Parish News

Feast of the Annunciation Rosary at Fremantle Mausoleum

All parishioners are invited to a rosary to commemorate the Feast of the Annunciation, at the Fremantle Mausoleum on MONDAY 25 MARCH at 6pm.

Project Compassion: Week 3 Solomon Islands

Peter is thrilled to now have clean water on tap at his boarding school. Long Walks to unsafe water sources were tiring for Peter, who is living with a disability. With more free time and fewer illnesses caused by dirty water, Peter can fulfill his hope of focusing on his studies, providing him with a brighter future. *Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help young people with disabilities gain access to clean water in the Solomon Islands, providing hope for a brighter future.*

Weekly Sung Evening Prayer

Please join us every Saturday at 5.30pm throughout the year as we pray the Divine Office in words and music. Evening Prayer will lead directly into the 6pm Vigil Mass.

Parish Youth Group

A new Parish Youth Group has been formed within the Parish and they will meet fortnightly on Thursdays at 7pm. New members welcome to join. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 28 March. Please keep the Youth Group in your prayers as they journey together. For more information contact the parish office.

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

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 23 March

5.30pm Sung Evening Prayer

6pm Maria Gabriella Da Sousa (int)

Sun 24 March *3rd Sunday of Lent*

7am **Cliff Bowra (dec'd)**

8.30am Sacred Heart Sodality

11am **Giuseppe Portelli (dec'd)**

5pm **Peter Liebeck (dec'd)**

Mon 25 March *Annunciation of the Lord*

12.10pm **Fr Conceicao Francisco (dec'd)**

Pray for Jose Da Horta (dec'd)

Tues 26 March

12.10pm **Tom Archbold (dec'd anniv.)**

Wed 27 March

12.10pm **Fr Jhoter Caldeira (dec'd)**

7pm **Angela Litz (dec'd)**

Thurs 28 March

12.10pm **Nicola Fiore (dec'd)**

Pray for Jimmy Rooney (int)

Fri 29 March

12.10pm **Fr Francisco Fernandes (dec'd)**

12.30pm *Stations of the Cross in English*

7pm **Benedetta Mancuso (dec'd)**

7.30pm *Stations of the Cross in Italian*

Sat 30 March

12.10pm Rosa Caporn (int)

5.30pm Sung Evening Prayer

6pm

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday up to 12 April (12.30pm in English, after 12.10pm Mass and 7.30pm in Italian, after 7pm Mass). ALL WELCOME

Music Ministry

Organist & Director of Music: Dominic Perissinotto

Cantor

5:30pm Evening Prayer before 6pm & 5pm: Lucinda Nicholls

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

Evening Prayer George Fredrich Handel – “He Shall Feed His Flock” from *Messiah* HWV 56

Processional AOV 111

Penitential Rite Paul Mason – Mass of Glory and Praise: 1/18

Gloria Omitted during Lent; Responsorial Psalm CWB 216

Gospel Acclamation CWB 570

Offertory 6pm & 5pm: Howard Goodall – Love Divine;

8:30am: Felix Mendelssohn – “O Rest in The Lord” from *Elijah* Op 70;

11.00am: Colin Mawby – Psalm 120 (121): I lift my eyes to the mountains

Holy Holy Paul Mason – Mass of Glory and Praise: 1/21

Eucharistic Acclamation Paul Mason – Mass of Glory and Praise: Save us: 1/22

Amen Paul Mason – Mass of Glory and Praise: 1/22; Our Father CWB 524/525

Lamb of God Paul Mason – Mass of Glory and Praise: 1/24

Communion 6pm & 5pm: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart – Ave Verum;

8:30am: George Bizet – Agnus Dei;

11.00am: Colin Mawby – A Song of Reflection

Reflection AOV 162; Recessional AOV 134

Organ Postlude Johann Sebastian Bach – “Christ Lag in Todesbanden” BWV 625 (Christ lay in death’s bonds) from *Orgelbüchlein*



Children's Liturgy

Held every Sunday of each month.

The next Liturgy will be held on the following Sundays
24 & 31 March
at the 8.30am Mass
All Children Welcome

St Patrick's Morning Tea will be



held on Sunday 7 April

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. **This week's giving was 75% 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**

Care for Life Lenten Program

Euthanasia breaches one of the most fundamental laws of human social life, enshrined in the Judeo-Christian tradition, that says one person should not kill another. **Care for Life in Lent 2019 is intended to prompt an 'examination of conscience' in our faith, offering human and spiritual insight into the truth of the Christian life as we find it in the Gospels.** Each week during Lent you will find *Care for Life Reflection* sheets in the side foyers of the Church, pick up your copy this weekend.

World Day of Prayer Thanks

Thank you so much for sharing in The World Day Of Prayer service on March 1. It was lovely to join with all our Christian friends in worship and praise. We raised \$575.60 for the Trauma Counselling Service in Slovenia. Thanks for your friendship and help (25 parishioners from St Pat's attended).

Yours in Christ, Dorothy Howard Uniting Church Fremantle

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday 2019 will be unlike any other experienced in Fremantle, as delegates from *Choralfest 2019*, incorporate into the two morning services at **St John's Anglican Church and St Patrick's Basilica. We will gather outside St John's in Kings Square around 9:15am for a blessing of the palms, then process into St John's. After the service we will return to King's Square for the Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem** led by Fr John Sebastian followed by a procession up Adelaide St to St Patrick's for the 11am Mass.

The music at St Patrick's will be led by the combined choirs of St John's, St Patrick's and The Winthrop Singers, and include the world premiere of Nicholas Bannan's Setting of The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

We hope you will join us for all or part of what will be a very special morning of worship on Sunday 14 April, bringing together the Anglican and Catholic Communities of Fremantle, alongside worshipers from all around Australia.

Parish Office

The Parish Office is temporarily located in the Presbytery while reconfiguration of the existing offices occurs in the Admin Centre. Entrance via front door to Presbytery, on Adelaide Street and please ring door bell.

Please Note: The toilets in the Admin Centre will be open 10am to 2pm weekdays and during Mass times on the weekends.

Volunteers Required

We are seeking assistance with the filling of Holy Water bottles for Holy Saturday. If you can spare some time on Thursday 4 April from 9.30am to 11.30am we would love to see you in the Parish Centre.

Copies of the Archbishops Lenten Pastoral Letter is available in the side foyer of the Church this weekend.

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