



Fremantle Catholic Community  
Monthly Bulletin

# 'The Patrician'

April 2019



2019 marks a significant year in the life of the Fremantle Community of St Patrick's as we commemorate 125 years since the Oblates of Mary Immaculate began their Mission in Australia, and 25 years since our glorious Church became a Basilica. St Patrick's was where the Oblates started in Australia, so on **Sunday 18 August** there will be a special celebratory Mass followed by lunch at The Esplanade. Details will be published in the near future. In the meantime, please mark the date in your diary and enjoy some of the Oblate Story, as provided by Fr Austin Cooper OMI, over the next 4 Patricians.

### Part One: The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate: Australia 1894 to 2019

Charles Joseph **Eugene De Mazenod**, founder of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI), was born in 1782 in Southern France. Although his family was wealthy, they were forced to flee France during the French revolution, leaving all their possessions behind. It was 1790 and Eugene was just 8 years old.

Eugene's father had been a politician but was forced to become a tradesman in Italy, making it difficult for Eugene to have a good education other than that provided by a Priest in Venice.

Eugene returned to France in 1802 when he was 20 and saw that the Catholic Church in his native country had suffered a great deal during the Revolution. The education he had received in Italy had included religious instruction and Eugene was drawn to the beauty of the religious life he had witnessed in Venice.

Assisted by a mystical experience, he entered a Seminary in Paris and was ordained a Priest in 1811, aged 29. Rather than work in a Parish, Eugene worked among the poor and vulnerable and in 1826 received approval from Pope Leo XII to found a new religious Order. Thus, was born the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

**The Fremantle Story Part 1:** From 1850 until 1867 the Benedictines provided pastoral care for Fremantle Catholics. They were then replaced by diocesan clergy. The local Baptismal Register from 1852 indicates that sacraments were administered in 'St Patrick's Church', evidently a make-shift edifice. It was not until 1860 that the Catholics, now numbering about 250, erected a lime-stone Church dedicated to St Patrick. By this time, they had also built a presbytery and in 1855 welcomed the Sisters of St Joseph of the Apparition.

In 1893 Fr William Ring OMI, a friend of Bishop Mathew Gibney of Perth, arranged for the Oblates to come to Western Australia and in 1894, the Provincial of the British Province, Matthew Gaughren accompanied two younger priests, Roger Hennessy and Daniel O'Ryan, both aged 27, to Fremantle. **The Provincial remained as Parish Priest of Fremantle for the first year, a clear indication of the Oblate commitment.**

Daniel O'Ryan's surviving letters offer glimpses of the scene: Catholics were 'for the most part poor working people' and their Church was 'liable to be blown away during any storm'. He pictures small scattered clusters of Catholics in Coogee, Hope Valley and Rottne Island. Closer to the centre, North Fremantle and Beaconsfield needed Churches.

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## Parish Office



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The mission was challenging enough for the three Oblates, yet it also had its limitations: it was described in the Founder's Journal as being to 'attend to the spiritual wants of the Catholics between Fremantle and Claremont.' There was no mention of evangelization of the whole colony or any outreach to the Aborigines. It was to remain a distant appendage to the home province and for many a 19<sup>th</sup> century Oblate it did not seem especially 'missionary' like their brothers labouring among Eskimos or Zulus.

Yet every pastoral care has a 'missionary' quality about it. Fremantle was no exception. Not only was the church in a sad state, but their (apparently handsome) residence needed urgent repairs and was barely furnished. We are fortunate to have a long letter from a parishioner, Mrs. J. Townsend, giving a warm appreciation of the three Oblates: they were 'young men – all Irishmen – good preachers – strong active men – who have made things boom here.....Fr Gaughren delivered a course of sermons on Catholic Doctrine. I had a summary made of these and had them published in the Daily Times.' **These Oblates were certainly not lacking in missionary zeal.**

When the Provincial returned home his place was taken by Fr Thomas Ryan, then aged 37. Fr Ryan is to be credited with the vision and energy to commence the present Church, though circumstances prevented its completion. Designed by Michael Cavanagh, it is a fine local example of the revival of gothic architecture so popular in the nineteenth century. The beauty of a Church and its furnishings has always been a means of imparting a sense of the beauty of the Catholic faith and the beauty of the unseen God.

### April Parish Events

Sung Evening Prayer held every Saturday in April at 5.30pm  
Stations of the Cross in English after the Friday 12.10pm Mass on 6 & 12 April  
Stations of the Cross in Italian after the Friday 7pm Mass on 6 & 12 April  
Palm Sunday – 14 April  
2<sup>nd</sup> Rite Reconciliation at 7pm – Wednesday 17 April  
Holy Thursday – 18 April  
Good Friday – 19 April  
Holy Saturday – 20 April  
Easter Sunday – 21 April  
Anzac Day – 25 April (Public Holiday)  
Farewell and Welcome Mass for Frs James and John David – Saturday 27 April at 6pm  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination for Frs Pierangelo and Giovanni – Sunday 28 April

### Parishioner Morning Tea

Please Note: There will be **NO MORNING TEA IN APRIL**  
Next Morning Tea will be held on **Sunday 5 May 2019 after the 8:30am Mass**  
**ALL WELCOME!**

### Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy is held every Sunday of the Month at the 8:30am Mass in the Children's Chapel, located just inside the side foyer of the Basilica. All Children Welcome!

***Liturgies will be held on Sunday 7, 14, 21 and 28 April 2019***

### Sacred Heart Sodality

We wish to invite all friends of the Sacred Heart Sodality to join us at Mass every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at 8:30am. Next Mass will be held on **Sunday 28 April 2019**. New members always welcome. For further information, please contact the Parish Office.

### Parish Youth Group

A new Parish Youth Group has been formed within the Parish and they meet fortnightly on Thursdays at 7pm. New members welcome to join. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 11 April. Please keep the Youth Group in your prayers as they journey together. For more information contact the parish office.

## Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies



### **MONDAY 15 & TUESDAY 16 APRIL**

Mass: 12.10pm

### **WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL**

Mass: 12.10pm

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation at 7pm**

### **HOLY THURSDAY – 18 APRIL 2019**

No Adoration and No midday Mass

7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

8pm-8.30pm Reconciliation in English

Adoration 8pm till 10pm

### **GOOD FRIDAY – 19 APRIL 2019**

*St Anne's, North Fremantle:*

11am Stations of the Cross

*The Basilica of St Patrick:*

No Midday Mass

9.30am-10.30am Reconciliation in Italian

11am Stations of the Cross

12noon-1pm Reconciliation in English

3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

4.30pm-5.30pm Reconciliation in English

### **HOLY SATURDAY – 20 APRIL 2019**

No Adoration or Midday Mass

9.30am-10.30am & 11am-12noon

Reconciliation in English

10.30am-Midday Reconciliation in Italian

4pm Polish Blessing of Food

4.30pm-5.30pm Reconciliation in English

7pm Vigil Mass

### **EASTER SUNDAY – 21 APRIL 2019**

MASSSES: 7am, 8.30am, 9.45am (Italian),  
11am and 5pm

8.15am St Anne's, North Fremantle

## **Palm Sunday – Sunday 14 April**

On *Palm Sunday* the major morning services at St John's Anglican Church and St Patrick's Basilica will be connected as part of *Choralfest 2019*. Everyone is invited to gather outside St John's in Kings Square at 9:15am for their blessing of palms and a service focusing on Jesus entrance into Jerusalem. Immediately following this, the Catholic *Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem* will begin in Kings Square, processing up Adelaide St to the Basilica for 11am Mass. The music will be led by the combined choirs of St John's, St Patrick's, and The Winthrop Singers and will include the world premiere of Nicholas Bannan's musical setting of The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke at the Basilica.

The 6pm Vigil, 7am, 8:30am, 9:45am and 5pm Palm Sunday Masses will follow their usual format.

## **Easter Triduum – Part 1: Holy Thursday**

*The Mass of the Last Supper* commemorates Jesus and his Disciples' final meal together. This first part of the Holy Week Triduum includes the washing of the feet of 12 members of our Parish Community and concludes with the procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose, with time allowed for people to engage in private prayer. This flows directly into the Good Friday afternoon Service.

## **Easter Triduum – Part 2: Good Friday – Stations of the Cross & Celebration of the Lord's Passion**

*The Stations of the Cross* allows us to meditate on Jesus' journey to Calvary. In a new format to previous years, 28 parishioners will read reflections on each station, with music sung as we process between them.

*The Celebration of the Lord's Passion*, the second part of the Triduum, begins with the solemn reading of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. We hear of His trial, journey to Calvary, Crucifixion and Death. We venerate the wood of the cross as a means of embracing His experience as our own. The Blessed Sacrament is returned from the Altar of Repose and Communion is shared before we end without a proper conclusion, instead looking forward to the third part of the Triduum: the Easter Vigil Mass.

## **Easter Triduum – Part 1: Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil Mass**

We commence the *Easter Vigil Mass* in complete darkness apart from the light of the Easter Fire, from which the Paschal candle is lit and blessed. We hear Old Testament readings and Psalms of God's care for his people, leading to Christ's Resurrection! We welcome those who have undertaken the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults as they become full members of the Roman Catholic Church, renew our own commitment to Christ, and joyfully celebrate Jesus' saving sacrifice for us.

## Rosters for April 2019

If you are unable to attend on your rostered day please find a replacement. If you see a problem with the roster then please contact the Parish Office on 9335 2268 and ask that the information be passed on to Angie Emanuele.

### Readers

Date	Saturday Vigil 6pm	Sunday 7am	Sunday 8:30am	Sunday 11am	Sunday 5pm
6/7 April (1)	Tonia Petrucci Joan Swindells	Gabriel Newman	Danielle Cattalini Pamela Cattalini	Mary Jardine-Clarke Doratheia Randazzo	Cherry Hein Lyn Tomlinson
13/14 April (2)	John Gilmour <b>Position Vacant</b>	Chris Banasik Nola Banasik	Christine Brown Monica Lacey	Graeme Moseley Mara Sticca	Cherry Hein Marja Vandermark
20/21 April (3)	John Gilmour Lyn Jensen	Gabriel Newman	Mary Ann Yeats Maria Mattarocchia	Shereen Banner Margaret Sheridan	Anne Greenwood Lyn Tomlinson
27/28 April (4)	Pat Pettigrew Tonia Petrucci	Beatrice Yong	Ultan Stephenson Susanne Sutton	Helen Davey Krystyna Pacyna	Sr Lynn Chua Bill Sands

### Communion Ministers

Date	Saturday Vigil 6pm	Sunday 7am	Sunday 8:30am	Sunday 11am	Sunday 5pm
6/7 April (1)	Frances Gilmour John Gilmour Tonia Petrucci	Sarah Bottoli	Anne-Marie Cross Pauline Ivandich Brian Tuana Pamela Cattalini	Mark De Klyver Mary Smith Max Thompson Maria Mattarocchia	Sr Fely Ligia Seal Lyn Tomlinson
13/14 April (2)	Marlene Dullard Frances Gilmour John Gilmour	Sarah Bottoli	Christine Brown Pamela Cattalini Teresa Ducali Mary-Ann Yeats	P Grootelaar Doratheia Randazzo Margaret Sheridan Max Thompson	Sr Melanie Ligia Seal
20/21 April (3)	Marlene Dullard Frances Gilmour John Gilmour	Sarah Bottoli	<b>Position Vacant</b> <b>Position Vacant</b> Mary-Ann Yeats Maria Mattarocchia	Mark De Klyver Brenda Earl Max Thompson Ligia Seal	Sr Lynn Chua Lyn Tomlinson
27/28 April (4)	Marlene Dullard John Gilmour Tonia Petrucci	Beatrice Yong	Anne-Marie Cross Teresa Ducali Pauline Ivandich Ligia Seal	P Grootelaar Krystyna Pacyna Doratheia Randazzo Margaret Sheridan	Sr Lynn Chua

### Music Ministry

#### Dominic Perissinotto – Organist and Director of Music

Date	Liturgy	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 11am	Sunday 5pm
6/7 April (1)	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	Sophie Rodgers	Claudia Sosin	The Basilica Choir	Lucinda Nicholls
13/14 April (2)	PASSION SUNDAY	Laura Pitts	Caitlin Rowe	The Basilica Choir	Theodore Murphy-Jelly
Thursday 18 April (2)	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER		Thursday 7pm	The Basilica Choir	
Friday 19 April (2)	GOOD FRIDAY		Friday 3pm	The Basilica Choir	
Saturday 20 April (3)	EASTER VIGIL		Saturday 7pm	The Basilica Choir	
Sunday 21 April (3)	EASTER SUNDAY		Eva-Marie Middleton	Eva-Marie Middleton	Eva-Marie Middleton
27/28 April (4)	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	Jessica Taylor Alessandro Pittorino (organ)	Delia Price	Delia Price	Jessica Taylor Alessandro Pittorino (organ)