

The Basilica of St. Patrick
Roman Catholic Parish of Fremantle



Solemn Mass for the Thirty-first Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 31st, 2021, 5pm

WELCOME

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Greetings to you all!

The religious leaders: Pharisees, Scribes and Sadducees, every time when they approached Jesus they came with constant questions, criticisms and tried to make Him look foolish; but in all those moments Jesus responded with a wisdom and authority, which left the opponents with great amazement.

But in today's gospel reading a Scribe comes with a genuine question, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Because this question was a constant subject of discussion and debate among the rabbis of that time; thus, they were looking for the one general statement or overriding principle that would summarise and ground them all. So, it is clear from the context that this Scribe tries his best to get an honest and true answer. Jesus, knowing that his question was sincere, gave him a frank answer, telling him that the two primary and essential commandments were to love the one true God and to love one's neighbour as one loved oneself. Jesus quoted from the books of Deuteronomy (6:4-5) and Leviticus (19:18); 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.'

Hearing the response from Jesus the Scribe who was a genuine seeker went away happy recognising Jesus as a sound teacher. He also further makes a beautiful comment that the love of God and neighbour is "worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices," If my offering to God does not bring me closer to God and to my brothers and sisters then they do not have any value in it.

All the major religions of the world emphasise its teachings on "love". It is very easy to love God, but my question is: is it also easy for me to love my brothers and sisters? If yes how? And if not why not? When Jesus talked about love of neighbour, he meant everyone who was in need (e.g., the parable of the Good Samaritan), but the Jews of Jesus' time thought that only a fellow-Jew, obeying the Mosaic Law, was to be considered their neighbour.

Jesus always challenges his sons and daughters to walk on the path he has shown us through his life. He loved everyone; friends and enemies whom he met during his public ministry and obeyed his Father's will till his death on his cross. Are we ready to take this difficult message of Jesus on board with us today and beyond? Amen.

Fr. John Sebastian OMI
Rector and Parish Priest

PRELUDE *music is played as the congregation gathers*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN |
JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt
away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect
Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing
sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, All who live in love are
Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus, Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us Sunward In the triumph song of life.

INTRODUCTORY RITE

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit.

PENTENTIAL RITE

The musical score is written for three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff is for the 'Cantor' and 'All' parts, with the lyrics 'Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.' The second staff is for the 'Cantor' and 'All' parts, with the lyrics 'Chri - ste, e - le - i - son.' The third staff is for the 'Cantor' and 'All' parts, with the lyrics 'Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.' The music is written in a simple, melodic style, with the 'Cantor' part starting on a higher note than the 'All' part.

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Adapt. by Michael Dominic O'Connor, O.P.
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May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to eternal life

All: Amen.

GLORIA



The musical score is written on ten staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The text is as follows:

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri - fy you,

we give you thanks for your great glo-ry, Lord God, heav-en - ly King,

O God, al-might - y Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ,

On-ly Be-got-ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,

you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us;

you take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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OPENING PRAYER

All: Amen.

Please be seated

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord the God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: the Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 17

R: I love you, Lord, my strength.

THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 7:23-28

Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord and my father will love them, and we will come to him.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE GOSPEL

Mark 12:28-34

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

'You are not far from the kingdom of God'

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please be seated

LITURGY OF THE WORD

HOMILY

Please stand

THE CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth;

and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord,

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Lord, hear us

All: Lord, Hear Our Prayer

Please be seated

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN | LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art.
Visit us with thy salvation;
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Come, Almighty, to deliver,
let us all thy life receive.
Suddenly return, and never,
nevermore they temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
true and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

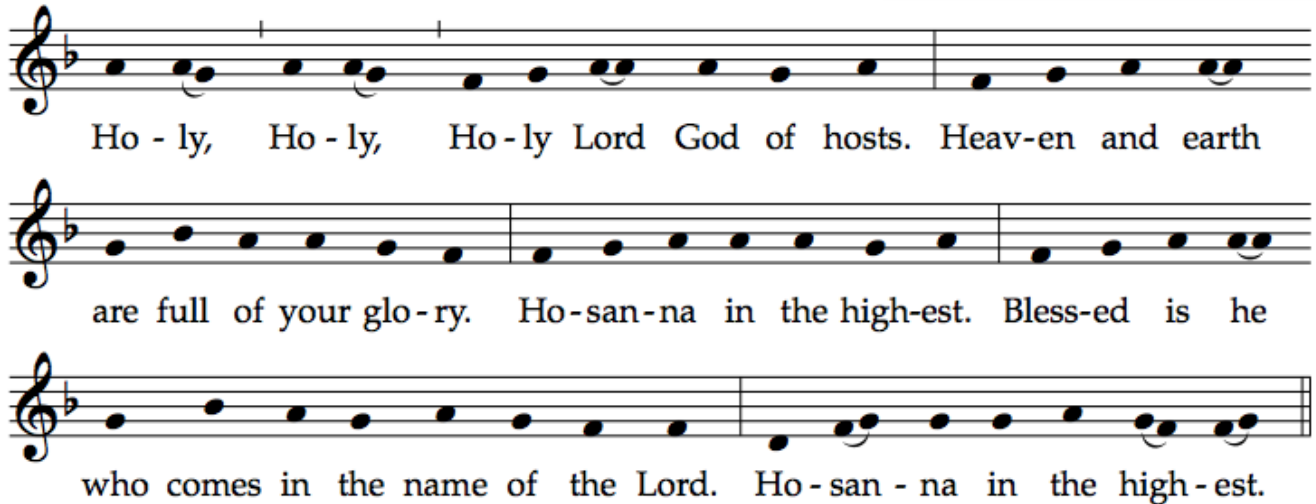
Please stand

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right and just**

SANCTUS

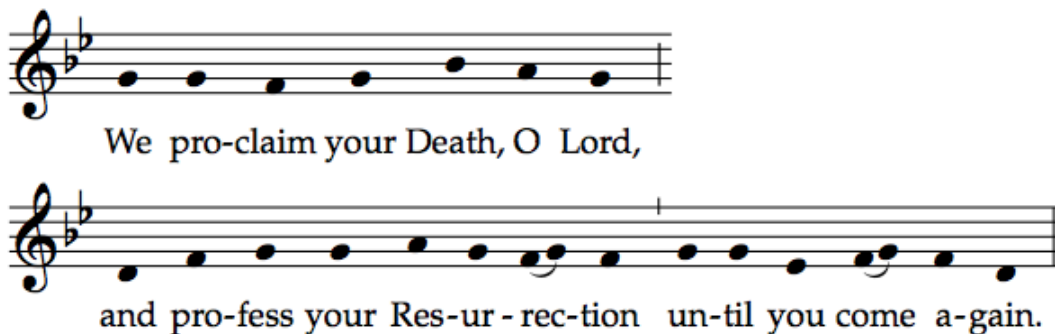


Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth
are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high-est.

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Please kneel

EUCCHARISTIC ACLAMATION



We pro-claim your Death, O Lord,
and pro-fess your Res-ur - rec-tion un-til you come a-gain.

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GREAT AMEN



A-men.

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Please stand

THE LORD'S PRAYER

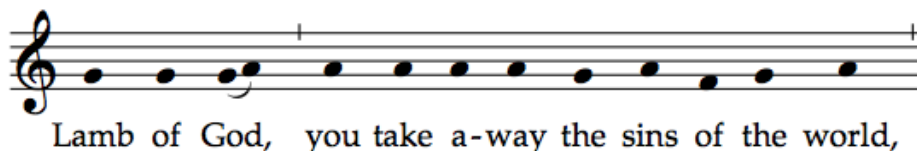
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive
us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass
against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver
us from evil.

For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Please exchange peace in a safe manor

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,



have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,



have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,



grant us peace.

Please Kneel

COMMUNION

During communion the communion chant or reflective music maybe sung or played

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Loving Jesus,
I believe that you
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.
I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there
and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.

THANKSGIVING HYMN |
BLEST ARE THE PURE IN HEART

Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with men,
their pattern and their King;

Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart,
and for his dwelling and his throne
chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple meet for thee.

RECESSIONAL HYMN |
IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere
their high communion find.
His service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.

Join hands, then, people of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are joined as one
throughout the whole wide earth.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

*You are invited to stay and enjoy the organ postlude. If
you choose to leave, please do so quietly. Thank you*

NOTICES

Iona Graduation Mass

On Monday 25th October, 123 ladies from Iona Presentation College will celebrate their graduation Mass at the Basilica of St. Patrick. Please keep the graduating class of 2021 in your prayers that they may continue to choose the correct path in the next stage of their lives.

Safeguarding Training for Church Workers

The Parish of St Patrick's makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people. We are ensuring that everyone who works for the church (paid or unpaid) understands and recognises how the National Safeguarding Standards work in keeping children, young people, and adults at risk safe. A face-to-face **Training Session** will be available for **All Church Workers** to attend. Everyone who performs a role with the church in a paid or voluntary capacity must attend a 2-hour Church Workers' Training session.

St Patrick's Basilica Parish will host a training session for all the Church Workers on Saturday 30th October at 10am in our Parish centre. Please click here to register

<http://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training-calendar-church-workers/>

Columban Calendars for 2022

Columban Calendar's for 2022 are available in the piety stall of the Basilica of St. Patrick. Each calendar costs \$10. Please make your purchase and support the mission.

Safeguarding of our children in the Parish

The Archdiocese Safeguarding Project was started in 2016 by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe with the aim of providing a safe and secure environment for all its members, leaders and especially children and vulnerable adults. The parish of St Patrick's Basilica is committed to creating a safe parish. To read more please click [here](#).

Important Celebrations in November 2021

All Saints Day

Monday 1st November All Saints Day. We will have the usual Midday Mass to celebrate this Day. (*Oblates recall the day in 1818 when the Missionaries of Provence first pronounced their vows*).

All Soul's Day Masses and Offering Envelopes

We shall continue to remember and pray for all our loved one's during this month of November that they enjoy eternal life and thus they also pray for us and help us to walk in the light of faith they have shown to us.

All Souls' Day Mass offering envelopes are available in the side foyers of the Church and the Parish Office. These Envelopes can be placed on the collection plate or handed in to the parish office. May they rest in Peace.

There will be Three Masses on the 2nd of November: **9am, 12pm and 7pm.**

All Souls Day Mass at the Mausoleum, Fremantle Cemetery

A Mass to commemorate All Souls Day will be held at Fremantle Cemetery in the Mausoleum on Tuesday 2nd November at 6pm. The Metropolitan Cemeteries Board welcomes all parishioners to this spiritual occasion. All visitors are asked to park in the Carrington Street car park. For further details, please contact Fremantle Cemetery on 1300 793 109

NOTICES

Parish Morning Tea

On Sunday 7th November after the 8am Mass, we will have our Parish Morning Tea. Please join us and meet and make friends from the Basilica Community.

Archbishop's LifeLink Appeal

The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for LifeLink will be held in the weekend of 13th /14th November 2021

Please collect your copy of Archbishop Costelloe's personal letter at Masses on 6th and 7th November. please read his message during the week and give generously to support the valuable work of our Archdiocesan social service agencies.

You can mail your donation directly in the reply-paid envelope provided or return your envelope and donation for a Special Collection which will be held at Masses next weekend.

You may also donate (securely) online by credit card at www.lifelink.com.au

Sunday 14th November: Remembrance Day Mass

Sunday 14th November at 11am Mass, we will hold a special Mass for the Armed Forces who have given their lives defending our country.

Please join us and pray for everyone who defended our country and gave us the freedom we enjoy today. May they all rest in Peace.

Expressions of Interest Prison Biscuit Baking

The Parish has been approached by the Prison Co-ordinator of Melaleuca Prison to provide home baked biscuits for the prisoners at Christmas Time. In previous years this was an initiative by Fr David Shelton OMI, however since Fr Shelton's passing and COVID we have not provided this service. If you would like to participate in this important ministry in the true spirit of Christmas in 2021 please leave your details with the Parish Office and we can then send you the baking information sheet and delivery date for the biscuits to the Parish Office.

The Planned Giving Programme

The planned giving programme is an important part of the Parish as it allows us to maintain all aspects of the Basilica, Presbytery and Parish Administration Centre. To keep the Parish viable, we must maintain a target of 95% and above each week.

Please consider joining the Planned Giving Programme. If you are not already a member, for more information contact the Parish Office. Thank you!