

The Basilica of St. Patrick  
Roman Catholic Parish of Fremantle



Mass Booklet for the 1st Sunday of  
Advent  
November 27th/28th

# WELCOME

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Today we begin a new liturgical season called Advent. With Advent we also embark on a New Liturgical Year C. Whenever we begin something new, there is always new vigour, enthusiasm and of course a sense of wonder and expectation.

The next four weeks of preparation for the arrival of Jesus in our hearts and in the world are very crucial and important in our faith journey. Whenever we receive someone who is very important in our lives, we always do meticulous planning and preparations so that the visit becomes a memorable one.

If we can prepare for a person who has some power over us, how much more we all need to prepare to receive the very author of our lives; namely Jesus Christ, who is the Only begotten Son of God.

During these days of our preparations, the liturgy of the Word will invite us to take on board the challenge and the invitations of the Lord, so that we become worthy to receive the incarnate Son into our world.

The gospel today opens with these words, 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.' These words are really daunting, aren't they? But if you pay close attention to these warnings of Christ, it is indeed comforting. Because Jesus says that when these things happen know that your liberation is very near. So, in short, if I live my Christian calling every day of my life, I will be longing for my union with Christ, who is my saviour.

In fact, Jesus' prophetic description of the destruction of the world, and the day of final judgment, were not new to the people of Israel. The prophets Isaiah, Joel, Jeremiah, Amos, and Zephaniah had foretold these events many centuries before. These signs are not intended to fill people with fear and trembling, except perhaps those who have failed to live out to their Christian living.

So, let us begin these days of our preparation for the birth of our Lord, with great joy and enthusiasm. Please also encourage others in this journey so that as people of God we will journey together to meet Christ and enjoy his Peace, joy and prosperity he gives us. Amen

**Fr. John Sebastian OMI**  
*Rector and Parish Priest*

PRELUDE

*music is played as the congregation gathers*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN | ON JORDAN'S BANK

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be ev'ry soul from sin;  
Make straight the way of God within,  
Prepare we in our hearts a home,  
Where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
Our refuge and our sure reward;  
Shine forth, and let thy light restore  
Our souls to heav'nly grace once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee  
Whose advent set thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Spirit evermore.

## INTRODUCTORY RITE

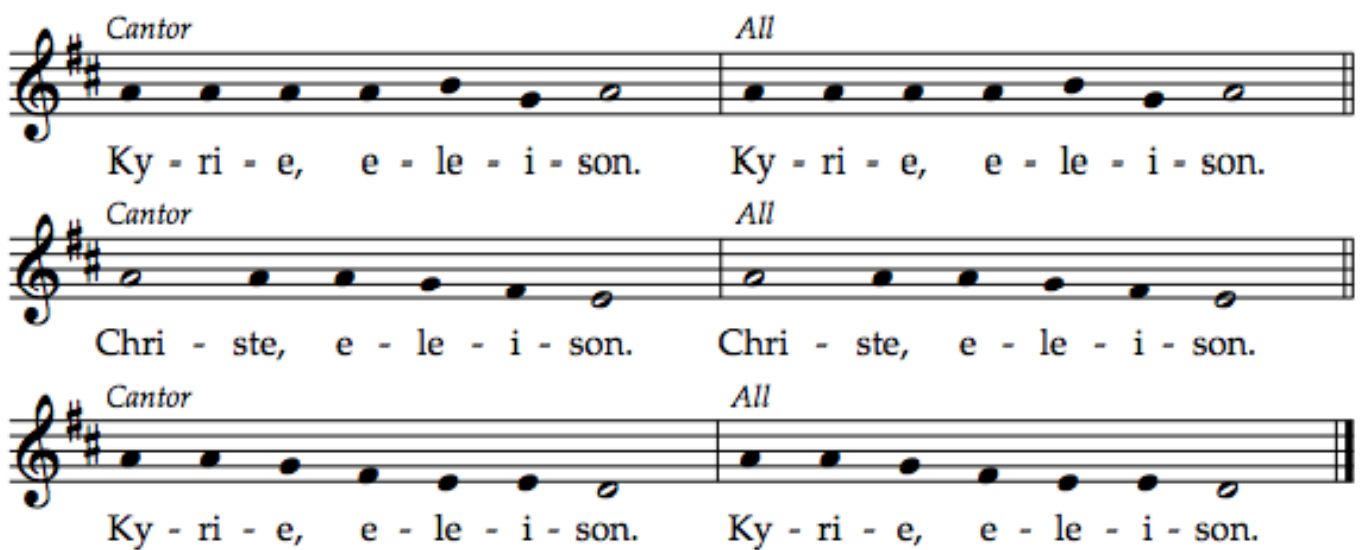
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

The Lord be with you

**All: And with your spirit.**

## PENTENTIAL RITE



*Cantor* *All*  
Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

*Cantor* *All*  
Chri - ste, e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, e - le - i - son.

*Cantor* *All*  
Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to eternal life

**All: Amen.**

## OPENING PRAYER

**All: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## THE FIRST READING

### **Jeremiah 33:14-16**

*I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David*

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

'In those days and at that time,  
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,  
who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.  
In those days Judah shall be saved  
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.  
And this is the name the city will be called:  
The-Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### **Psalm 24**

**R:** To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

# THE SECOND READING

## **1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2**

*May you be blameless when our Lord Jesus Christ comes again*

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Show us, Lord, your love,  
and grant us thy salvation.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## THE GOSPEL

### **Luke 21:25-28,34-36**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*That day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

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 |

O COME, DIVINE MESSIAH!

O come, divine Messiah!  
The world in silence waits the day  
When hope shall sing its triumph,  
And sadness flee away.

## **Refrain:**

Dear Savior, haste! Come, come to earth.  
Dispel the night and show your face,  
And bid us hail the dawn of grace.

O come, Divine Messiah!  
The world in silence waits the day  
When hope shall sing its triumph,  
And sadness flee away.

O come, Desired of nations,  
Whom priest and prophet long foretold.  
Come break the captive's fetters,  
Redeem the long-lost fold. **[Refrain]**

O come in peace and meekness,  
For lowly will your cradle be:  
Though clothed in human weakness  
We shall your Godhead see. **[Refrain]**

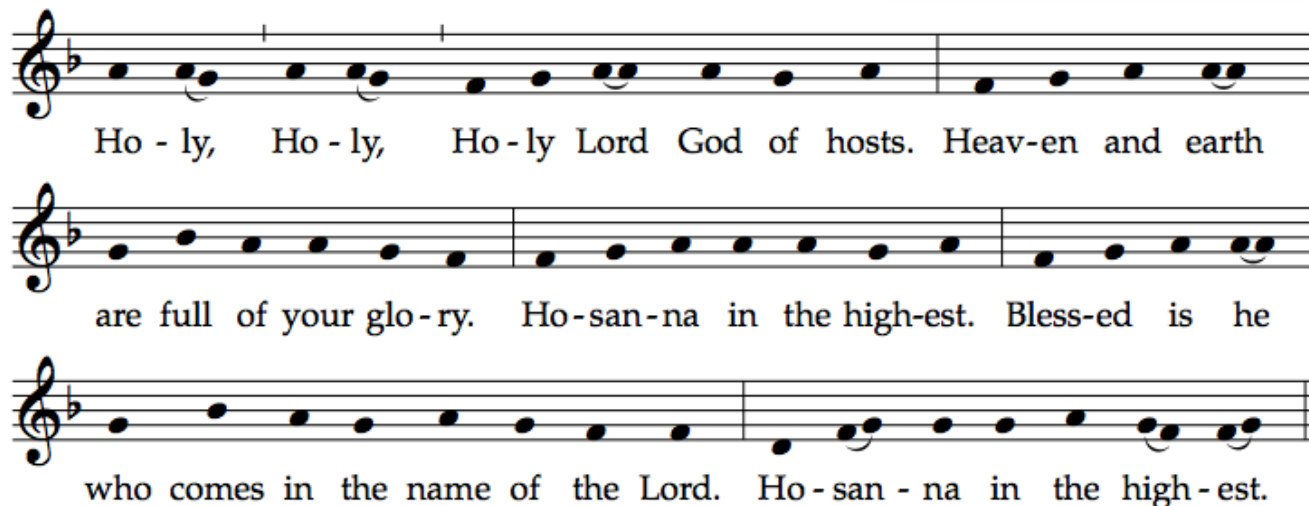
*Please stand*

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

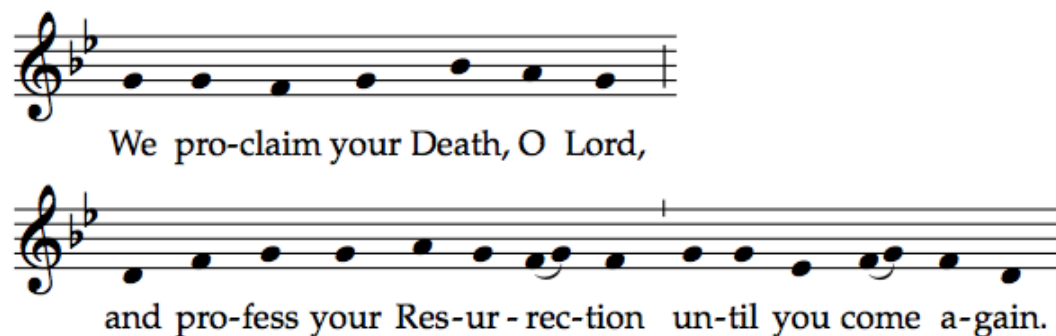


Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth  
are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he  
who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high-est.

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*Please kneel*

## EUCHARISTIC 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 |  
AT THE NAME OF JESUS

At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bow,  
ev'ry tongue confess him King of glory now.  
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation sprang at once to sight,  
all the angel faces, all the hosts of light,  
thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,  
all the heav'nly orders in their great array.

Humbled for a season to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,  
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious, when from death he passed.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue  
all that is not holy, all that is not true;  
crown him as your Captain in temptation's hour:  
let his will enfold you in its light and pow'r.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again,  
with his Father's glory, with his angel train;  
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

RECESSIONAL HYMN |  
COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit,  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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

# NOTICES

## **On Sunday 5 th December: Monthly Parish Morning Tea**

On 5 th December after the 8am Mass we will have the Parish morning Tea. Please come along as this will be the last morning tea for this year. During this morning tea we will also celebrate Fr. Angelo's birthday. Please do join us and let us celebrate it together. All are welcome.

## **On Wednesday 8 th December: Solemnity of Immaculate Conception**

On Wednesday 8 th December we will have a concelebrated Mass to celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. It is an important feast for the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Please come and join the Oblates from Western Australia and pray for their good health and for more vocations to the Oblate congregation.

## **On Sunday 12 th December: Memorial Mass for David Shelton OMI**

On Sunday 12 th December we will celebrate a special memorial Mass at 11am Mass to celebrate the second anniversary of the death of Fr. David Shelton, who with great love served in the Prison ministry for a very long period of time. He was instrumental in initiating "baking biscuits for the prisoners for Christmas." May he Rest in Peace

## **On Sunday 19 th December: Special Parish Christmas Morning Tea**

On Sunday 19 th December we will hold a special Christmas Morning Tea after the 8am Mass. On this day we will draw the prizes for the raffle tickets. All the proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets will go towards the New Sound System in

our Basilica, as it needs an upgrade. There are some amazing raffle prizes, so kindly buy as many tickets as possible and support the upgrade of our Basilica sound system. The tickets will be on sale at every Masses and in the Parish office, leading up to the event.

On this day we also will celebrate the Diamond Ordination anniversary of Fr. Colbert, who has faithfully served the Church and his people. There are many celebrations planned on this day, so kindly place this date in your diary and come along to celebrate this great day with the Basilica community and Fr. Colbert.