

The Basilica of St. Patrick  
Roman Catholic Parish of Fremantle



Mass Booklet for the 2nd Sunday of  
Advent  
December 4th/5th

# WELCOME

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We begin today our second week of our Advent journey; with love and hope in the promises of God which come to us through the Scriptures. The Prophet Baruch, who was a friend and secretary of the Prophet Jeremiah, writes in the long poem which we read today, assures us with full hope and encouragement. The Prophets both Jeremiah and Baruch lived in a very critical period of the history of the chosen people. Because the people of Israel experienced the destruction of the Jerusalem temple by Nabuchadnezzar and the inhabitants of the city and Judah were taken as prisoners to Babylon; so, one can imagine how difficult their life was. All these happened because of their disloyalty to God. But God remained faithful to the covenant he made to Abraham. So, through the Prophet God gives them hope assuring them of the New Kingdom and the New Jerusalem, which he will set up for them when the Son of Man comes among us.

To receive the Son of Man in our lives; John the Baptist gives us an invitation and instruction, how the people of God should prepare in one's life to receive the author of life, who will come among us as a child. John the Baptist went throughout the Jordan district inviting the people to repent and be ready to receive the author of life. John the Baptist proclaims it with great authority as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: "A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God" (Luke 3:4-6).

Friends, the invitation of John the Baptist is as clear as a bell. Now it is up to each person to engage this invitation of John the Baptist, to take it seriously and see how one could be in touch with one's life and see what changes one could make to make this year's Christmas as a life-changing one.

Do I have the courage to spend time with Jesus as part of my spiritual preparation to celebrate the joy of Christmas? And if you find those challenges would put me on the right track; will you be happy to do it without any hesitation? Now it is my choice to do it or not. Amen.

Fr. John Sebastian OMI  
*Rector and Parish Priest*

PRELUDE *music is played as the congregation gathers*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN | HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!  
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;  
love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.  
Before him on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go,  
and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;  
his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.  
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;  
his name shall stand forever; that name to us is love.

## 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 notation for the Penitential Rite consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The notation is divided into two parts: 'Cantor' and 'All'. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Cantor	All
Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.	Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.
Chri - ste, e - le - i - son.	Chri - ste, e - le - i - son.
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

### **Baruch 5:1-9**

*God means to show your splendour to every nation*

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress,  
put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever,  
wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you,  
put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head:  
since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven,  
since the name God gives you for ever will be,  
'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.'  
Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights  
and turn your eyes to the east:  
see your sons reassembled from west and east  
at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered  
them.  
Though they left you on foot,  
with enemies for an escort,  
now God brings them back to you  
like royal princes carried back in glory.  
For God has decreed the flattening  
of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills,  
the filling of the valleys to make the ground level  
so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.  
And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade  
for Israel at the command of God;  
for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory  
with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### **Psalms 126**

**R:** The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled  
with joy.

## THE SECOND READING

### **Philippians 1:4-6,8-11**

*May you become pure and blameless in preparation for the day of Christ*

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes; and God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths,  
all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## THE GOSPEL

### **Luke 3:1-6**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The call of John the Baptist*

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

Every valley will be filled in,  
every mountain and hill be laid low,  
winding ways will be straightened  
and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

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 |  
THE ADVENT OF OUR GOD

The advent of our God  
Shall be our theme for prayer  
Come, let us meet him on the road  
And place for Him prepare.

The everlasting Son  
Incarnate stoops to be,  
Himself the servant's form puts on  
To set His people free.

Come, Zion's daughter, rise  
To meet your lowly King,  
Nor let your faithless heart despise  
The peace He comes to bring.

As judge, on clouds of light,  
He soon will come again  
And all His scattered saints unite  
With Him on high to reign.

Before the dawning day  
Let sin be put to flight;  
No longer let the law hold sway,  
But walk in freedom's light.

All glory to the Son  
Who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever One,  
Through all eternity.

*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 |  
CREATOR OF THE STARS OF NIGHT

Creator of the stars of night,  
Thy people's everlasting light;  
Jesu, Redeemer, save us all,  
And hear Thy servants when they call.

Thou, grieving that the ancient curse  
Should doom to death an universe,  
Hast found the med'cine, full of grace,  
To save and heal a ruin'd race.

Thou cam'st, the Bridegroom of the Bride,  
As drew the world to ev'ning-tide;  
Proceeding from a Virgin shrine,  
The spotless Victim all divine.

RECESSIONAL HYMN |  
HARK! A HERALD VOICE IS CALLING:

Hark! a herald voice is calling:  
'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;  
'Cast away the dreams of darkness,  
O ye children of the day!'

Startled at the solemn warning,  
Let the earth-bound soul arise;  
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling,  
Shines upon the morning skies.

Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,  
Comes with pardon down from heaven;  
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,  
One and all to be forgiven;

So when next he comes with glory,  
Wrapping all the earth in fear,  
May he then as our defender  
Of the clouds of heaven appear.

Honour, glory, virtue, merit,  
To the Father and the Son,  
With the co-eternal Spirit,  
While unending ages run.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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

# NOTICES

## **Advent Reflection**

Advent is the journey towards an understanding of the mystery of the Christmas miracle. This year the Charism Team from the Australian Province has put together a programme for us to prepare well for the celebration of Christmas.

We began our Advent Reflection on Monday 29th November at 7pm. This programme will run every Monday at 7pm in the Parish Administration Centre leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

If you want to be part of this Spiritual preparation for Christmas, please contact the parish office on 9335 2268 (Monday to Friday).

## **Important Celebrations in December**

On Sunday 5th December: Monthly Parish Morning Tea

On 5th 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 8th December: Solemnity of Immaculate Conception**

On Wednesday 8th 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 12th December: Memorial Mass for David Shelton OMI**

On Sunday 12th 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



# NOTICES

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

On Sunday 19th 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. Please RSVP for catering purposes.

## **On Wednesday 22nd December: Second Rite of Reconciliation**

In order to celebrate the joy of Christmas, spiritual preparation is also essential. On Wednesday 22nd December at 7pm, there will be the Second Rite of Reconciliation in our Basilica. Please make use of this spiritual opportunity to prepare ourselves well and to celebrate the joy of Christmas.

## **Christmas Offerings**

Usually twice a year you are invited, as a community, to make a special effort to financially support the Priests of the Basilica. Envelopes are available in your planned giving boxes or in the pews of the Church. Your generosity is very much appreciated along with your prayers, encouragement, and blessings.

## **Friday 31st December: New Year's Eve Mass at 6pm**

On Friday 31st December 2021, we will say goodbye to 2021 and will welcome the New Year 2022. It is always a wonderful spiritual experience to say thanks to God for all that we were able to achieve as individuals and Family and to welcome the New Year 2022. The New Year's Eve Mass will be celebrated at 6pm in our Basilica.