

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Sunday 20 February 2022

Oblate Priests' at the Basilica

Fr. John Sebastian OMI (Rector & Parish Priest)
Fr Angelo Wijewickrama OMI
(Asst. Parish Priest & Hospital Chaplain)
Fr. Anthony Colbert OMI (Assistant Parish Priest)
Fr. John Archbold OMI (Assistant Parish Priest)

Daily Mass & Adoration

Monday to Saturday: 11am Adoration followed by
Angelus and Midday Mass

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 6pm Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8am, 8.15am (St Anne's, North Fremantle),
9.30am (Italian) 11am and 5pm

Confessions

First Friday of Each Month: 11am
Saturday: 9.30am, 10.30am (Italian),
11am and 4.30pm

Parish Council Members

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Safeguarding of our children in the Parish

The Archdiocese Safeguarding Project was started in 2016 by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB 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.

Masks are mandatory and must be worn inside the Basilica. Please ensure that your mask is covering your nose, mouth and chin.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,
Greetings to you all!

We continue our reflection on Jesus's sermon on the plain as presented by the evangelist Luke. Rev. Pablo T. Gadenz, a priest and an Associate Professor of Biblical Studies says that "As a whole, the Beatitudes or sermon on the plain reverse the world's understanding of true happiness, showing that it is found not in riches, gratification, entertainment, and fame, but in God." So, Jesus' sermon invites us to focus on the core of our Christian faith and be content in one's life. If we like to follow Jesus and be his true disciples, then we are invited to imbibe his teachings and embrace the challenges he presents to us through this sermon."

Jesus presents many aspects of Christian life in the sermon on the plain. Today in particular I would like to reflect with you on the golden rule: "Treat others as you would like them to treat you." It is everyone's human nature that we all like to be treated properly. But of what does this golden rule remind us? Through this the standard that Jesus proposes is one of imitating God, who himself is kind to those who are evil. The book of Psalms says, "Good and upright is the Lord; therefore, he instructs sinners in the way." (Ps 25:8). Whenever we imitate Jesus, we all become children of God and there will be a reward for those who follow the high standard that Jesus places before us.

As the Lord is merciful, kind-hearted, and forgiving, the children of God too are invited to imitate him in their daily living. How do I repay a person when I am unduly punished or persecuted in my life? A natural inclination would be to react more severely or equally to that individual. But Jesus expects something different from his sons and daughters, and to act differently to what the world would expect you to do. How many of us would act today towards an enemy as David acted, a thousand years before Christ had come to teach us mercy and forgiveness, towards his enemy (Saul) whom he had never offended?

As Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M says, "Think of the story of David's example of mercy, forgiveness and piety today. Compare what he so unjustly suffered, and how easily he could have put an end to that suffering, had his respect for God not prevented him. Compare that with your own case of unjust suffering which is not always so undeserved as your own self-esteem makes out. Perhaps, with God's grace, your piety, and the thought of your own need for mercy will enable you to be forgiving and merciful to those who offend you."

So, to be Christlike in our lives, we need to let go our selfishness and imitate the nature of Christ with which we are all created. If we always imitate Christ, then we will always intend good for others even in our adversities in life. Amen.

Fr. John Sebastian OMI
Rector & Parish Priest

Music Ministry

Alessandro Pittorino
Interim Coordinator of Music and Organist

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil: Hugh Lydon (cantor); Alessandro Pittorino (organist)
Sun 8am Gilbert Rodgers (cantor); Andrew Brown (organist)
Sun 11am and 5pm Eimear Foley (cantor); Andrew Brown (organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Star of the Sea Mass
Processional Hymn: CWB 868 Your Hand, O Lord, Has Guided
Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 681 For the in the Peace of Christ we Go
Recessional Hymn: CWB 801 Salve Regina
Organ Postlude

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful
with me.

First Reading

A reading from the First Book of Samuel 26:2,7-9,11-13,22-23
Do not lift your hand against the Lord's anointed

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

In the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul lying asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt? The Lord forbid that I should raise my hand against the Lord's anointed! But now take the spear beside his head and the pitcher of water and let us go away.' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. He called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
and all my being, bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills.
He redeems your life from destruction,
crowns you with kindness and compassion.

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful

Merciful and gracious is the Lord,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
Not according to our sins does he deal with us,
not does he requite us according to our crimes.

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful

As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he put our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion on his children,
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful

Second reading

A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 15:45-49

The first Adam became a living soul; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel reading

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Luke 6:27-38

Love your enemies

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion antiphon

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our
prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

The Apostles' 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;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father almighty;
from there he will 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. Amen.

Our Parish Prayer

O God, the creator and giver of all good things, bless our Parish and 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.

Parish Notices

Ash Wednesday Mass Times

We begin our Lenten journey on 2nd March with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. It is a day of fasting and abstinence for all Catholics between 14 and 65 years of age, except those who may be excused due to infirmity or ill health. It is a great season to take an inward journey into our lives and see what needs to be corrected so that we can enjoy the fulness of life that Christ has promised to us (Jn 10:10). We should take this time of reflection seriously and come closer to God.

On Ash Wednesday, there will be Three Masses: 9.00am, 12noon and 7pm. Please make use of this opportunity and begin our Lenten journey with the determination to always follow Jesus in our lives.

Parish Lenten Retreat 2022

“It was because of love that the Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.” Lent is a time of journeying, when we are preparing ourselves to join with Jesus on the last days of his life which led from the Last Supper to his show trial, conviction, and death by crucifixion, coming to completion three days later as the risen Christ of St Pauls’ letters.

You are invited as part of your Lenten preparation to come together for a series of one-hour prayerful evenings (*we will be using some of the meditation exercises from the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola as our guide for the journey*) where we will journey with Jesus Christ through his life to his death and resurrection.

Commencing on Monday 14 March, and continuing every Monday for five weeks (14, 21, 28 March, 4 & 11 April) in the Parish Centre at 6pm.

To register your interest please contact the Parish Office on 9335 2268, Mon to Fri 9am to 3pm or via email parishoffice@oblates.com.au. The journey is best experienced over the five weeks, however if you cannot attend all five weeks you are still welcome to be part of the journey.

Fremantle Park Concert - Sunday 6th March

We have received notification that on Sunday 6 March there will be a SummerSalt Concert on the Fremantle Park (Ellen Street, Opposite CBC) from 12noon to 9pm. They are expecting large crowds and there will be road closures and detours in place on Ord, Ellen and Parry Streets. This will also impact parking spaces around these areas on the day with possible limited number of parking spaces available. We advise that you plan and give yourself plenty of time to arrive for Masses on the day.

World Day of Prayer 2022

Many Parishioners will remember that last March we gathered in St Patrick's Basilica to pray for the people of Vanuatu and learnt more of their faith, lifestyle and needs. This year on Friday March 4, parishioners of St John's Anglican Church in Fremantle will lead us in prayer and thanksgiving for the people of ENGLAND, WALES & NORTHERN IRELAND. **The service will take place at 10 am and our St Pat's parishioners are invited to attend.** Please join us and be part of this worldwide celebration.

Mass Intentions

Sunday 20th February

8am Mass:

Julie Bok (dec'd) and Holy Souls

9.30am Italian Mass:

Gaetano & Maria Letizia (dec'd)

Maria Papparone (dec'd)

11am Mass:

James Ong & Jew Family (dec'd)

5pm Mass:

Franchesca Portelli (dec'd 1st anniversary)

Monday 21st February

Midday Mass:

Tuesday 22nd February

Midday Mass: De Sousa Family (int)

Wednesday 23rd February

Midday Mass: Francesca Fortini (dec'd)

Thursday 24th February

Midday Mass: Helen Griffith (dec'd)

Friday 25th February

Midday Mass:

Saturday 26th February

Midday Mass:

6pm Vigil Mass: Nancy Tomba (dec'd)

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy is held on Sundays at 5pm Mass during school term (20, 27 February, 6, 13, 20, 27 March and 4 April). All children aged 5 to 10 years are invited to join the Liturgy in the Children's Chapel, located in the side foyer of the Church.

Planned Giving

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. Last week's giving was 58%.

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

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 23 February:

Parish Sacramental Information Evening

Wednesday 2 March:

Ash Wednesday

Friday 4 March:

World Day Of Prayer

Sunday 6 March:

Parish Morning Tea

Monday 14 March:

Parish Lenten Retreat commences

Thursday 17 March:

St Patrick's Day