

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Sunday 27 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

Marlene Dullard (Chair)
Maria Gorman
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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 the Sermon on the plain from the Gospel of Luke, which we started listening to two Sundays ago with the Beatitudes. Jesus' words as usual are very sharp and straightforward.

Jesus mentions another interesting metaphor the- tree and its fruits. "There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

Just like a tree producing fruit that reflects its state of health or disease, a good man draws from the store of goodness in his heart, a bad man draws from his store of badness. Jesus concludes the teaching by reminding the disciple that speech is a mirror of the soul: "From the fulness of the heart the mouth speaks" (Lk 6:45). In other words, today's gospel invites us all to a life of honesty and integrity.

The Church has given this reading for us today to look into our lives and find out where I really need to correct my life and be a good Christian. Sometime or other we are all guilty of rash judgements and unjustified criticisms to a greater or lesser degree. Let us turn this criticism on ourselves rather and judge ourselves honestly so that we shall worthily live our Christian vocation and be Christlike. We cannot become saints in a week or a month but little by little, slowly, and steadily we all can do so.

Christ's message is always straightforward and calls us to action. So let us spend time with ourselves and find out how we can live the beatitudes in our lives and be good Christians to our brothers and sisters. Also do not be afraid to ask pardon from those we have wrongly judged in our lives. Amen.

Fr. John Sebastian OMI
Rector & Parish Priest

Music Ministry

Alessandro Pittorino
Interim Coordinator of Music and Organist

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil: Aquinas Schola Choir, Andrew Brown (organist)
Sun 8am & 11am: Jessica Taylor (cantor)
Sun 5pm: Tom Almeida (cantor)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Mass of St Isaac Jogues
Processional Hymn: CWB 792 Praise to the Lord
Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 758 O Breath me O Breathe of God
Recessional Hymn: CWB 801 Salve Regina
Organ Postlude

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus 27:5-8
The test of a man is in his conversation

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.
The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.
The orchard where a tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit,
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praise to your name, Most High.
To proclaim your kindness at dawn
and your faithfulness throughout the night.

Response: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

The just one shall flourish like the palm tree,
like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow.
They that are planted in the house of the Lord
shall flourish in the courts of our God.

Response: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

They shall bear fruit even in old age;
vigorous and sturdy shall they be.
Declaring how just is the Lord, my rock,
in whom there is no wrong.

Response: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Second reading

A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 15:54-58

Death is swallowed up in victory

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel reading

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Luke Gospel 6:39-45

Can the blind lead the blind?

Jesus told a parable to his disciples: 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion antiphon

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord 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.

Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in

Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of

the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one

another and to recognise Jesus, our

companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to

speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other

and a discerning heart to hear what you are

saying.

Lead your Church into a hope filled future,

that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the

journey from age to age.

Amen

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.

St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

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.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2022

Today is Project Compassion Sunday. Project Compassion is Caritas Australia's annual fundraising and awareness-raising appeal. During the six weeks of Lent, millions of Australians come together in solidarity to help end poverty, promote justice, and uphold dignity by supporting Project Compassion. This year, Project Compassion is built around the theme of ‘For All Future Generations’, which is taken from the book of Genesis.

Today, I'm asking you to support Project Compassion by taking a donation box or donation envelope pack home with you and a **special collection will be taken up on Sunday 13th March at all Masses. Thanks for your generous support.**

Mass Intentions

Sunday 27th February

8am Mass:

9.30am Italian Mass:

Gaetanina & Antonio Collalillo (dec'd)

Fr Armando Favero OMI (dec'd)

11am Mass: Leonardo Goncalves (dec'd)

Angelina Letizia (dec'd anniversary)

5pm Mass:

Monday 28th February

Midday Mass: Azevedo Family (int)

Reginald Boston (dec'd anniversary)

Tuesday 1st March

Midday Mass: Emanuele Family (int)

Wednesday 2nd March

9am Mass Julie Bok (dec'd) and Holy Souls

Midday Mass: Amadeo Lomma (dec'd)

7pm Mass: Frank Tempra (dec'd)

Thursday 3rd March

Midday Mass: Jose & Maria Garces (dec'd)

Friday 4th March

Midday Mass: Susanna De Bari (dec'd)

Saturday 6th March

Midday Mass: Jacob Bahn (dec'd)

6pm Vigil Mass: Luigi Brizzi (dec'd)

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy is held on Sundays at 5pm Mass during school term (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 52%.

Please consider joining the Planned Giving Programme. For more information contact the Parish Office. Thank you!

PLEASE NOTE: THE NEW 2022/2023 PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES HAVE BEEN DELAYED DUE TO COVID DELIVERIES FROM AUSTRALIA POST. ONCE THEY HAVE ARRIVED WE WILL DISTRIBUTE THEM. THANK YOU

Upcoming Events

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