

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year C

Sunday 27th March 2022

Oblate Priests' at the Basilica

Fr. John Sebastian OMI (Rector & Parish Priest)
Fr. Leo Mifsud OMI (Assistant 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 Archdiocesan 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!

The fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally known as Laetare Sunday (Rejoicing Sunday). This Sunday also reminds us that we are at the midpoint towards our celebration of Easter joy. During your Lenten journey, while meditating on the Word of God, you would have noticed how God never abandoned the people of Israel, though they had abandoned God. The people's abandonment of God did not bring anger on the people rather it brought them more mercy, compassion and in fact God waited for them to understand his love for them, that was God's love for his chosen people.

St. Augustine would beautifully capture the love of God saying, "God loves each of us as if there were only one of us." Yes, God's love for each one of us is personal and intimate. If one could understand this love of God, then we are on the path to seek him and thus we will be united with him. God's love for his sons and daughters never gets exhausted rather it grows daily.

In the first reading we meditate, how after forty years of wandering in the desert, Joshua, the successor of Moses, finally led the people into the promised land. They crossed the Jordan river (Which God dried up to allow them pass) near the town of Jericho. Joshua erected there twelve stones, taken from the Jordan as a monument to indicate to future generations the place where Israel entered the promised land. It is a clear proof of God's constant love, and his love reached its climax when they finally entered the promised land. In this land they are no longer slaves, but they are all free citizens. Now they have all the freedom to worship their God of Salvation who brought them out of the land of Egypt.

So, as we move towards the joy of Easter, how would you describe your Lenten journey this year to your family and friends: Did you feel the intimate friendship and the love of God in your personal lives? Though you might have abandoned God, yet did you realise his constant love for you? So, continue to acknowledge the love of God in your personal lives and try to imitate Christ in every way possible. Amen.

Fr. John Sebastian OMI
Rector & Parish Priest

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil: Aquinas Schola; Andrew Brown (organist)
Sun 8am & 11am: Sophie Rodgers (cantor); Andrew Brown (organist)
Sun 5pm: Lucinda Nichols (cantor); Andrew Brown (organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Missa Simplex
Processional Hymn: CWB 746 May this Lenten discipline
Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 692 God of Mercy and Compassion
Recessional Hymn: CWD 801 Salve Regina
Organ Postlude

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Joshua 5:9-12

The Israelites celebrate their first Passover in the Promised Land

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the Lord;
the lowly will hear me and be glad.

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Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Glorify the Lord with me,
Let us together extol his name.
I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy.
And your faces may not blush with shame.
When the afflicted man called out, the Lord heard,
and from all his distress he saved him.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading

A reading from a Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 5:17-21
God reconciled himself to us through Christ

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Reading

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Luke 15:1-3,11-32

The prodigal son

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion antiphon

You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

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

Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence,
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.
Protect them in this time of peril;
let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom.
You are Father of all;
we are brothers and sisters.
Give us the strength to live that truth in love,
choosing peace not war.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

On Sunday 3rd April: Monthly Parish Morning Tea

On 3rd April after the 8am Mass we will have the Parish Morning Tea. Please come along to meet friends and to make friends from our Basilica community.

Stations of the Cross in Lent

During the Lenten season it is a great tradition in the life of the Church to make the Stations of the Cross, and thus unite ourselves with Christ by meditating on His Passion, Death and Resurrection. So, in our Basilica, on every Friday during Lent we will make the stations of the Cross at 12.30pm. Please join us and make every effort to make this Lent a joyful preparation to celebrate the joy of Easter.

Parish Lenten Retreat 2022

"It was because of love that the Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us." 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.

The first TWO series of talks have finished now. It is still not too late to attend the remaining talks on Monday (28th 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.

Oblate Madonna Statues

The "Moments of Grace" programme that has been running since August 2021, commemorates the moment in which St Eugene, at the Oblate Madonna statue, received affirmation of his newly founded order. The Programme culminates on 15 August 2022, on the 200th anniversary of this significant moment in Oblate history. Each month, a resource is being developed to encourage us as the wider De Mazenod Family community to be more aware of the history around St Eugene, and to grow deeper in our connection with Mary.

As part of the Programme, replicas of the Oblate Madonna statue have been ordered in two sizes for distribution across the Oblate Ministries. Fr Christian Fini OMI will be presenting a larger statue to each Ministry on his visits over the coming months. Smaller statues are available for sale of \$10 from our piety stall. Thanks for all your support you give us in our missions.

Thank You: Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for LifeLink 2021

Archbishop Costelloe SDB, thanks the Fremantle Catholic Community for the generous donation of \$6,300 for the LifeLink appeal in 2021. This figure incorporates donations received directly from the Parish and through mailed donations. The total amount of donations raised in this appeal was \$688,869.26. Thank you.

Readers for the Holy Week Liturgy 2022

Dear Parishioners, I need your support especially in the ministry of the Liturgy of the Word, to proclaim the Word of God on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Stations of the Cross at 11am, Friday of the Passion of the Lord, Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday.

Kindly also note that unlike last year we require 14 readers for the Stations of the Cross at 11am alone. If you could generously give your time for all of them or some Masses during the Holy Week liturgies, please contact the Parish Office on or before 5th April and they will be in touch with you as soon as possible. Thanks for your help.

Mass Intentions

Sunday 27th March

8am Mass: Holy Souls & Julie Bok (dec'd)

9.30am Italian Mass:

Antonio Di Lello (1month dec'd), Maria Teresa Di Lello (dec'd), Maria Biella (dece'd)\$ Costantino Scarlata (dece'd)

11am Mass: Giovanni & Carmina Colacci (dece'd)

5pm Mass: Giuseppe Portelli (dece'd Anniversary) & Tina Portelli & family (Int)

Monday 28th March

Midday Mass: Giovanna Rico (Int)

Tuesday 29th March

Midday Mass: Lorry Pentridge (Int)

Wednesday 30th March

Midday Mass: Rosa Caporn (Int) and Leonardo Goncalves (dece'd)

Thursday 31st March

Midday Mass: Clarinda Santos (dece'd)

Friday 1st April

Midday Mass: Mira Ondrijich (dece'd)

Saturday 2nd April

Midday Mass: Amadeo Lomma (dece'd)

6pm Vigil Mass: Nicola Scafetta (dece'd)

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy has been cancelled for the rest of this term.

Liturgy will return in term 2. Watch this space for dates.

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.

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

2022/2023 NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SIDE FOYER OF THE CHURCH THIS WEEKEND. PLEASE COLLECT YOUR NEW ENVELOPES.

Upcoming Events

Monday 14 March to Monday 11 April:

Parish Lenten Retreat continues

Sunday 3rd April:

Parish Morning Tea

Sunday 10 April:

Palm Sunday

Wednesday 13 April:

2nd Rite Reconciliation

Thursday 14 April:

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm

Friday 15 April:

Good Friday Stations of the Cross at 11am

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3pm

Saturday 16 April:

Holy Saturday Vigil Mass at 7pm

Sunday 17 April:

Easter Sunday