

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

Second Sunday of Lent, Year C

Sunday 13th March 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)
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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!

Lent is a time given to us by the church to go into the depths of our faith journey. Every day each one faces different challenges in his or her life but what sustains us at the end is our faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus says, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you" (Lk 17:6). We should never underestimate one's faith in Christ Jesus because it can do marvellous thing to make one's life so great.

God made a pact with Abram (who later became Abraham) that his descendants would be as stars of the sky. As you know when God made this pact with Abram, he was well advanced in age and his wife Sarah too, yet he believed in the promise of God. This promise of God was ratified with a solemn pact, as was then the custom, God pledging his word with his life.

As you would know from your knowledge of scripture that when Abram was asked to leave his familiar shore, he just obeyed God without asking for any clarification. But I do not think it would be the same if you and I encounter similar situations in life. I am sure we may ask for more information and clarity about the plan that is given to us, but it was not so in the life of Abram. In fact, Abram had a very limited knowledge of God. He had a vague idea that he was God of the whole world for he could dispose of any part of it as he wished and that he was interested in the welfare of all people for he was using Abram as the means through which he would bless all nations. Yet Abram believed God's promise and continued to believe it even when its fulfilment was postponed for years.

So, Abram is a wonderful role model for all of us even after 2000 years, who truly trusted in the Lord's promise even when its result was not near at hand. Today we all live in a world of immediacy, as a result we lose our patience when our needs are not granted by God.

Lent is a time to be patient with God and oneself. No one achieves a great result in a day or so, but it involves a great amount of patience and trust in God and oneself. So, these days of our Lenten journey prepare us to deepen our faith in God and trust in God. That whatever I trust in God, is going to happen in my life. Amen

Fr. John Sebastian OMI
Rector & Parish Priest

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil: Aquinas Schola; Chris McMillan (organist)
Sun 8am & 11am: Laura Pitts (cantor); Vince Basile (organist)
Sun 5pm: Eimear Foley (cantor); Holly Broadbent (organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Missa Simplex
Processional Hymn: CWB 687 Give thanks to God our Father
Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 691 God gives his people strength
Recessional Hymn:
Organ Postlude

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Genesis 15:5-12,17-18
God enters into a Covenant with Abraham, the man of faith

Taking Abram outside, the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can.' 'Such will be your descendants,' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord,' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land,
from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?
The Lord is my life's refuge;
of whom should I be afraid?

Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Hear, O Lord, the sound of my call;
have pity on me, and answer me.
of you my heart speaks;
you my glance seeks.

Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Your presence, O Lord, I seek.
Hide not your face from me;
do not in anger repel your servant.
You are my helper: cast me not off.

Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the Lord in
the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord with courage;
be stout hearted, and wait for the Lord.

Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading

A reading from a Letter of St Paul to the Philippians 3:17-4:1

Our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes Christ to transfigure us

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Reading

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Luke 9:28-36

Jesus is transfigured before them

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion antiphon

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

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

Prayer of Consecration

We turn to you, Lord Jesus Christ, Word of God made flesh for us, and we entrust the people of Ukraine to you who once said to your disciples, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you" (Jn 14:27). Hear the cry of your people; change the hearts of those who have unleashed such suffering on the innocent; strengthen the resolve of those who are working to bring the conflict to an end; be close to those who have been driven from their homes and from their homeland; heal the wounds of mind and heart inflicted on the children; comfort the frightened and the lost; strengthen the faith of those who are bereaved; give eternal rest and joy to those who have died.

In your own agony on the cross you entrusted your mother to the beloved disciple, and entrusted him and all disciples to your mother's care (Jn 19:26). It was through Mary's faith that you, the Word made flesh, came to dwell among us. That same faith strengthened Mary as she stood at the foot of the cross. We pray that your suffering people in Ukraine may know and experience that Mary stands with them, too, in this time of their great distress. You have given Mary to us as the Mother of the Church and the Help of Christians. With great confidence in the power of her prayer, in accordance with the tradition of your Church, and in communion with our bishop and all the Holy People of God, we consecrate and entrust the people of Ukraine to Mary and ask that our prayers might be joined with hers as we come before you now in hope and in trusting faith. Hear our prayers, O Lord, and raise up champions of peace, of justice and of healing, so that the weapons of war may be silenced and the people of Ukraine may know the peace that only you can give.

Mary, Mother of the Church, Help of Christians,
Mother of the Ukrainian people, pray for us.

Project Compassion for 2022

A Special Collection for Project Compassion will be taken up at all Masses during this weekend of 12th and 13th of March 2022. Donation boxes and weekly offering envelopes for Project Compassion are also still available from the foyers of the Church this weekend. Please donate generously to bring a great change in the lives of those who are in need.

St Patrick's Day Celebration Thursday March 17, 2022

Please join us on this important day as we celebrate the Feast of our Patron Saint. After the concelebrated Mass at Midday in the Basilica there will be a light lunch in the Presbytery Carport. All are welcome to be part of this community occasion and bring along a 'plate' to share.

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 series of talks will begin on Monday 14 March, and continue every Monday for five weeks (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.

Interim Music Co-ordinator

I wish to advise that Alessandro Pittorino, Interim Music Co Ordinator and Organist to the Basilica has resigned from his position. I can ensure that we have organists and cantors in place to ensure that the music continues in the Basilica for all Masses. It has been a difficult time and I hope that you can all keep me in your prayers.

Mass Intentions

Sunday 13th March

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

9.30am Italian Mass: Padre Matteo Cantaloro OMI

11am Mass: Maria Antonia Giancaspro (dec'd)

5pm Mass: Holy Souls

Monday 14th March

Midday Mass: Josip Ercegovich (dec'd)
Filippo Chillemi (dec'd)

Tuesday 15th March

Midday Mass:

Wednesday 16th March

Midday Mass: Josephine Williams (dec'd)

Thursday 17th March

Midday Mass: Emanuele Family (int)
Mary D'Alessandro (dec'd)

Friday 18th March

Midday Mass: Maria Rico (int)

Saturday 19th March

Midday Mass: Josip Brozicevich (dec'd)

6pm Vigil Mass:

Frank, Elena & Martha Amato (dec'd)

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy is held on Sundays at 5pm Mass during school term (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 35%.

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

Monday 14 March:

Parish Lenten Retreat commences

Thursday 17 March:

St Patrick's Day

Sunday 10 April:

Palm Sunday

Wednesday 13 April:

2nd Rite Reconciliation