

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year C

Sunday 3rd April 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
Domenic Burgio
Rob De Sousa

Parish Finance Committee

Trevor Gorey (Chair)
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Parish working hours

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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!

In the first reading, the Prophet Isaiah preached a message of hope and encouragement to the Jewish people who were in the Babylonian exile. When a person is a refugee in an alien land, one can imagine how desperate and depressed that person would feel, and probably that person may also think that there is no one to free him/her from this bondage and lead them into their homeland. The people of Israel would have gone through similar experiences; and to those people the Prophet gives hope and encouragement saying, "I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals, and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises."

The season of Lent is also a great time of encouragement and hope for all of us who are God's children. God is not done with us. He gives us hope and encouragement to return to the Father, who is full of mercy and compassion, and rich in forgiveness. The Prophet says, "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" Yes, if one could manifest courage and willingness to acknowledge the power of God's love and mercy, then our salvation is near at hand and no fear can destroy us.

As we are drawing closer to the celebration of Easter (next week we begin Holy Week), could you feel the hope and encouragement during your Lenten journey from Jesus? Each one is aware of their own journeys. As we are all companions on our journey, please consider sharing your journey of hope and encouragement with your friends and families, because your witnessing life can move the hearts of others in the community.

Kindly also mark Wednesday 13 April at 7pm, in your diary. On that day we will celebrate the Second Rite of Reconciliation in our Basilica. It is a great moment of Grace where one could experience God's forgiveness and the assurances of hope and encouragement from God. Kindly make use of this opportunity to celebrate the joy of Easter 2022.

Fr. John Sebastian OMI
Rector & Parish Priest

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil: Aquinas Schola; Andrew Brown (organist)
Sun 8am, 11am & 5pm: Eimear Foley (cantor); Andrew Brown (organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Missa Simplex
Processional Hymn: CWB 791 Praise to the Holiest in the Height
Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 862 When I survey the wondrous cross
Recessional Hymn: CWD 801 Salve Regina

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Isaiah 43:16-21

See, I am doing a new deed, and I will give my chosen people drink

Thus says the Lord,
who made a way through the sea,
a path in the great waters;
who put chariots and horse in the field
and a powerful army
which lay there never to rise again,
snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past,
no need to think about what was done before.
See, I am doing a new deed,
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,
paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me,
jackals and ostriches,
because I am putting water in the wilderness
(rivers in the wild)
to give my chosen people drink.
The people I have formed for myself
will sing my praises.

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

Responsorial Psalm

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

When the Lord brought back the captives of Zion,
we were like men dreaming.
then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with rejoicing.

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

Then they said among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things for them."
the Lord has done great things for us;
we are glad indeed.

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

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the torrents in the southern desert.
those that sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.

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

Although they go forth weeping,
carrying the seed to be sown,
they shall come back rejoicing,
carrying their sheaves.

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

Second Reading

A reading from a Letter of St Paul to the Philippians 3:8-14

I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole hearts; for I am gracious and merciful.

Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Reading

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St John 8:1-11

'Let the one among you who has not sinned be the first to throw a stone'

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and do not sin any more.'

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion antiphon

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord.

Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

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

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 Three series of talks have finished now. We have two more series of talks on Monday (4th & 11th April 2022) 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” program 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.

Annual Chrism Mass in Cathedral

The Annual Chrism Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday 12 April 2022 at 7pm. If you are available, you are encouraged to join our Archbishop and the clergy in the diocese and pray for them.

Easter Offerings

Usually twice a year you are invited, as a community, to make a special effort to financially support the Priests of the Basilica. As the special season of Easter is fast approaching, you are encouraged to support the Priests during this special season of Easter. The envelopes are in the pews, so kindly use them and support your priests generously.

Mass Intentions

Sunday 3rd April

8am Mass:

Clarice Fudge (dec'd)

Edward Fernandez (dec'd)

9.30am Italian Mass:

Pasquale & Filomena Amato (dec'd)

Onofrio & Cosmo Cappelluti (dec'd)

Nicola & Giacomina Caputi (dec'd)

11am Mass:

5pm Mass: Francesca & Giuseppe Portelli (dec'd)

Monday 4th April

Midday Mass: Jacob Bahn (dec'd)

Tuesday 5th April

Midday Mass: Jose Lino (dec'd)

Wednesday 6th April

Midday Mass: Grace Chillemi (dec'd)

Thursday 7th April

Midday Mass: Clarinda Santos (dec'd)

Friday 8th April

Midday Mass: Jose & Fortunata De Abreu (dec'd)

Saturday 9th April

Midday Mass: Giuseppe Cuccovia (dec'd)

6pm Vigil Mass:

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. Last week giving was 95%.

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