

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

2nd Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday, Year C
Sunday 24th 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)
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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 Second Sunday of Easter is also called Divine Mercy Sunday. On 30th April 2000, when St. John Paul II canonized his countrywoman, Faustina, he said, "It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church, will be called 'Divine Mercy Sunday'." In brief, this Sunday invites us to contemplate the mercy of God.

One could tangibly experience the mercy and forgiveness of God through the sacrament of reconciliation. This happens when we have the courage to accept it and then we can, see how the grace and peace, guidance and support of Christ comes into our lives.

The gospel passage for this weekend begins with the narration of the first appearance of the Risen Lord to his apostles on the day of Easter. Then, it goes on to narrate the appearance of the Risen Lord to Thomas who was absent on the day of the Easter. The latter incident takes place on the eighth day of Easter (like today). Thus, the gospel text of today from John (20:19-31) really links Easter Sunday to the Octave. A very apt reading indeed to conclude the Easter Octave!

I would like to focus on the first part of the gospel passage, which describes the events that took place on the very day of the resurrection of Jesus. After his greeting of 'Peace be with you', Jesus performs three significant actions:

1) Jesus commissions them. He sends them out: "As the Father sent me, so am I sending you" (Jn 20:21).

2) After this, "He breathed on them and said: Receive the Holy Spirit" (Jn 20:22). It is interesting to note that the evangelist John does not separate the resurrection of the Lord from the descent of the Holy Spirit. In a sense, the Easter, and the 'Pentecost' (as Luke calls it in the Acts) are one: we receive the Holy Spirit when we experience the Risen Lord.

3) Finally, on the same occasion, Jesus institutes the Sacrament of Reconciliation. "If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you retain anyone's sins, they are retained" (Jn 20:23).

Let us continue to live the joy of Easter in our lives. May we also have the courage to accept and acknowledge our failures before God and seek his mercy in our lives. Amen

Fr. John Sebastian OMI

Rector & Parish Priest

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil: Eimear Foley (cantor); Andrew Brown (organist)
Sun 8am & 11am: Sophie Rodgers (cantor); Andrew Brown (organist)
Sun 5pm: Keaton Staz (cantor); Andrew Brown (organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Marty Haugen - Mass of Creation
Processional Hymn: CWB 619 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 863 Where there is charity and love
Recessional Hymn: CWD 633 By your kingly power, O risen Lord

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

**Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.**

Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.'

**Response: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love is everlasting.**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.

**Response: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love is everlasting.**

O Lord, grant us salvation;
O Lord, grant success.

Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the Lord God is our light.

**Response: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love is everlasting.**

Second Reading

A reading from Book of Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19

I was dead, and now I am to live for ever and ever

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One, I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St John 20:19-31

Eight days later, Jesus came again and stood among them

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion antiphon

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

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 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 1st May: Monthly Parish Morning Tea

On 1st May 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.

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.

Mass Intentions

Sunday 24th April

8am Mass:

Julie Bok (dec'd) and Holy Souls

9.30am Italian Mass:

Anna Pisani (dec'd 1st anniversary)

Antonia & Ignazio Ricciardi (dec'd)

11am Mass:

Savino Torelli (dec'd 1month anniversary)

Mary McCoy (recently dec'd)

5pm Mass:

Monday 25th April

Midday Mass: Irene Dos Santos (dec'd)

Tuesday 26th April

Midday Mass: Jaka & Ivan Bacich (dec'd)

Melica Prelac (dec'd)

Wednesday 27th April

Midday Mass: Filippo Chillemi (dec'd)

Thursday 28th April

Midday Mass: Phil Brown & Family (int)

Friday 29th April

Midday Mass: Lombardo (Birthday int)

John Van Der Mark (dec'd)

Saturday 30th April

Midday Mass: Leonardo Goncalves (dec'd)

6pm Vigil Mass: Marlene Dullard (int)

Chloe Hoe (int 11th Birthday)

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 53%.

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 25 April:

Anzac Day

Sunday 1 May:

Parish Morning Tea

SPPS Family Mass