

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year C

Sunday 22nd May 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

Domenic Burgio (Chair)
Marlene Dullard
Maria Gorman
Rob De Sousa
Vita Mews
Sonia La Macchia

Parish Finance Committee

Trevor Gorey (Chair)
Michael Piu
Collin Visaggio
Angie Emanuele

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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.

Regarding Masks

Masks are not mandatory; however, masks are encouraged where physical distancing is not possible if you have cold & flu symptoms, or you wish to safeguard yourself from the COVID-19 virus.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Greetings to you all!

When we study the history of the Church, one could clearly understand how the Church of God responded to its various struggles and challenges of its time. Those moments were the clear indications of the presence of the Holy Spirit in the life and ministry of the Church.

The first reading today tells us about the first general council ever held by the Church. It is called the Council of Jerusalem as it was held in that city. It had to decide what was then a very important question as regards the future of the Church. Many Jews of Jerusalem and of the whole of Palestine had become Christians. Gentiles were now flocking to the Church, outside of Palestine. The Jews were God's Chosen People of the old dispensation, and the rite of initiation into their religion was circumcision as God had prescribed for Abraham their father' (Gen. 17:9-19).

Now some of the converted Jews thought that as the Christians were the new Chosen People, circumcision should be obligatory on them also. St. Paul, Barnabas, and others denied this. The question was acute outside of Palestine only, as Gentiles did not practise circumcision. It was brought to Jerusalem to be solved by a meeting of the Apostles and elders including Paul and Barnabas. The answer of the Council was that circumcision was not necessary for salvation and should not be imposed on the Gentile converts nor should any other precepts of the Mosaic Law be binding on them except the Ten Commandments which are the universal moral law. It was a unanimous decision, which broke the non-essentials of their ancient religious traditions. How was it all possible? Because this decision was born out of the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit of God is still active and alive in the life and ministry of the Church. The Church in Australia also has taken a serious look into its life too. As a result, we are in the journey of discerning what the Holy Spirit of God is asking us to do now in its life and ministry. It is indeed a courageous journey we all go through, which is a clear indication to all of us that the Spirit of God is active and alive as it was before in its major moments of decision. We shall continue to keep all the members in the Plenary Council in our prayers that we also become ready to accept and implement what the Spirit of God is asking us to in the life and ministry of the Church in Australia. Amen.

Fr. John Sebastian OMI

Rector & Parish Priest

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil: Aquinas Schola, Chris McMillan (conductor & organist)

Sun 8am & 11am: Gilbert Rodgers (cantor); Vince Basile (organist)

5pm: Eimear Foley (cantor); Vince Basile (organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Missa Simplex

Processional Hymn: CWB740 Love Divine, all Loves Excelling

Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB743 Love is His Word

Recessional Hymn: CWB835 The Voice of God

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2,22-29

It has been decided by the Spirit and by ourselves not to burden you with any burden beyond these essentials

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

**Response: O God, let all the nations
praise you!**

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.

**Response: O God, let all the nations
praise you!**

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth.

**Response: O God, let all the nations
praise you!**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him.

**Response: O God, let all the nations
praise you!**

Second Reading

A reading from Book of Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St John 17:20-26

Father, may they be completely one

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

‘Holy Father,

I pray not only for these, but for those also who through their words will believe in me.

May they all be one.

Father, may they be one in us, as you are in me and I am in you, so that the world may believe it was you who sent me.

I have given them the glory you gave to me, that they may be one as we are one.

With me in them and you in me, may they be so completely one that the world will realise that it was you who sent me and that I have loved them as much as you loved me.

Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, so that they may always see the glory you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Father, Righteous One, the world has not known you, but I have known you, and these have known that you have sent me.

I have made your name known to them and will continue to make it known, so that the love with which you loved me may be in them,
and so that I may be in them.’

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion antiphon

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, 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.

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.

June: Parish Morning Tea

Parish Morning Tea for the month of June will be held on Sunday 5th June after the 8am Mass. Please come along and meet friends over a cuppa.

Fr. John Sebastian OMI will be away

Fr. John Sebastian will be away from 22nd May till first week in July for his annual holiday home. Please keep him in your prayers that he has a safe journey and safe return. In his absence Fr. Leo Mifsud OMI will be the Acting Parish Priest.

Monthly Senior's Morning Tea

Monthly Senior's Morning Tea is a special parish initiative to bring our wise people from our community for a special morning tea every third Monday of the Month from 10 am to 11am, to enjoy a cuppa with them and to listen to their wisdom and acknowledge their contribution to our community. It will be a regular event in the Parish each month, kindly place this event in your diary. Please do come and enjoy this social event. Our first morning tea with the seniors will be on 20th June at 10am in the Parish Hall.

CBC Family Mass

On Saturday 28th May we will welcome all the staff, students, and their families from CBC Fremantle for a special Family Mass. The college is committed to celebrate one Mass a term with the Basilica community. We warmly welcome them to our Basilica Community.

Basilica Guardians

We are looking to have the Church open more to the public after weekday Masses commencing in July 2022. We would like to keep the Church open until 3pm each weekday and would require two or three volunteers for each day.

If you were part of the Basilica Guardian team prior to COVID and would like to return to the team please contact the parish office so that we can recommence the roster. If you are a new volunteer and would like to join the team then please contact the parish office, and leave your details and availability.

Caritas Australia (Project Compassion) 2022

This year's Parish Donation to Caritas Australia was \$2985. We sincerely thank you all for your generous donations.



CATHOLIC
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Catholic Theological College

Online unit via Zoom

Teaching Meditation and Prayer

Four Saturdays:

18, 25 June; 8, 15 October

To enrol or for further information:

Undergraduate: dean@ctc.edu.au

Postgraduate: postgrad@ctc.edu.au

Mass Intentions

Sunday 22nd May

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

9.30am Italian Mass:

Gaetano & Maria Letizia (dec'd)

Cosmo Cappelluti (dec'd)

11am Mass: *Florenzo Nardi (dec'd)*

5pm Mass: *Maria Paparone (dec'd 1st anniversary)*

Monday 23rd May

Midday Mass: *Helen Griffith (dec'd)*

Tuesday 24th May

Midday Mass: *Ramsay Bogunovich (dec'd)*

Mary Catherine Hunt (dec'd)

Wednesday 25th May

Midday Mass:

Thursday 26th May

Midday Mass: *Giuseppe Cuccovia (dec'd)*

Friday 27th May

Midday Mass: *Pietro Martinelli (dec'd)*

Ignazio De Bari (dec'd)

Francesca Vinci (dec'd)

Saturday 28th May

Midday Mass: *Niksa Brozicevich (dec'd)*

6pm Vigil Mass: *Aiugo, Intan, Annya & Katrina (dec'd)*

CBC Family Mass

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy is held every Sunday at 5pm Mass during the school term. We encourage all children aged 5 to 10 years to participate during the Mass.

Children's Liturgy is held in the Children's Chapel which is located in the side foyer of the Church.

Dates for this term are:

22 & 29 May

5, 12, 19 & 26 June

Planned Giving

The Planned Giving Programme is an important part of the Parish and assists 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 61%.

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

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BSB: 086 006

A/c No: 56187 5405

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First Collection supports the Priests

EFT Second Collection Details

BSB: 086 006

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Second Collection supports the Parish

Upcoming Events

Saturday 28 May: CBC Family Mass

Sunday 5 June: Parish Morning Tea

Monday 30 May to Friday 17 June:

CBC Exams in Parish Centre

Sunday 26th June:

IONA First Holy Communion Mass at 2.30pm

Wednesday 29th June:

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