

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

Ascension of the Lord, Year C

Sunday 29th 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

Basilica Office staff

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Parish working hours

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Closed Weekends and Public Holidays

Contact

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Parish Safeguarding Officers

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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!

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension. I can remember as a child, trying to imagine the physical practicalities of the event. These days as I reflect on the scriptures I am faced on a greater mystery; i.e., the spiritual reality what has taken place in that event.

The ascension is part of the conclusion of the story. To put it into perspective we need to remember where it all began and more importantly, why.

St John's Gospel sets the scene in clear theological terms; "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, ... (Jn1: 1-3). This is the true nature of Jesus.

When he took on human form he sought out a baptism (baptism is a word which means an immersion) in order that he may fully take part in our humanness. In Philippians we read:

And being found in human form, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross.... (Phil 2:8)

In Jesus, God descended from the realms of 'glory' and took our human condition; In the Hebrew the word 'glory' indicates an importance brought about by a connectedness with God. Laying this aside, he walked among us, he taught, healed and forgave and redeemed us. He did impose this from outside of ourselves but rather transformed us from within as one like us. On the Cross as Jesus made his final act of faith in the Father, on behalf of all humanity (past, present and of the future) "Father into your hands I commend my Spirit". (Lk 23:46). Words were uttered on our behalf while we were still incapable of professing such faith in the Father. In this act of faith God, the Father is glorified and in turn the Son is glorified and because Jesus has immersed himself in the human condition, we too become part of the Glory (that connection between God and humanity). This glory is revealed as the burst of New Life we call (and celebrate) as Resurrection.

That is why Jesus' ascension is not a separation from his followers but rather an invitation for us to be taken up into the union (oneness) with the Godhead; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. And to help us understand the full meaning of this invitation and to accept its implications Jesus promises us an Advocate, a Teacher and a Comforter who will lead in into the complete truth.

There is no sadness here. The parting gift to his disciples was 'Joy'!

Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God. (Lk:24:53).

Fr Leo Mifsud OMI
Assistant Parish Priest

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil: CBC Family Family

Sun 8am, 11am & 5pm: Sophie Rodgers (cantor); Andrew Brown (organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Missa Simplex

Processional Hymn: CWB619 Alleluia, Sing Jesus

Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB695 God, your glory we have seen in your Son

Recessional Hymn: CWB799 Rejoice! The Lord is King

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles Acts 1:1-11

Jesus was lifted up while they looked on

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.

Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

God is king of all the earth,
sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne.

Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading

A reading from Book of The Ephesians 1:17-23

God made him sit at his right hand in heaven

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Luke 24:46-53

He withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

‘And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.’

Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion antiphon

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, 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.

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 Monday 20th June at 10am in the Parish Hall.*

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.



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

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Mass Intentions

Sunday 29th May

8am Mass: *Lucrezia Servillo (dec'd)*
9.30am Italian Mass: *Special intention for the sick*
11am Mass: *Hugh Keogh & Joan Hasson (dec'd)*
5pm Mass: *Evaristo Di Giosaffatte (dec'd)*
Luigi Montisci (dec'd anniversary)

Monday 30th May

Midday Mass: *Leonardo Goncavles (dec'd)*
Grace Chillemi (dec'd)

Tuesday 31st May

Midday Mass: *David James Turriff-Smith (dec'd)*
Mary Miller (dec'd)

Wednesday 1st June

Midday Mass: *Antonio Masella (dec'd)*
Filomena Faranda (dec'd)

Thursday 2nd June

Midday Mass: *Rosa & Steven Caporn (int)*
Amadeo Lomma (dec'd)
Herman Alvarez (dec'd)

Friday 3rd June

Midday Mass: *Stipe Vidovic (dec'd)*
Sr Angela Basile (dec'd)

Saturday 4th June

Midday Mass: *Jacob Bahn (dec'd)*
6pm Vigil 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:

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 56%.

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

EFT First Collection Details

BSB: 086 006

A/c No: 56187 5405

Reference: 1st Collection and your name

First Collection supports the Priests

EFT Second Collection Details

BSB: 086 006

A/c No: 48797 3085

Reference: 2nd Collection and your name

Second Collection supports the Parish

Upcoming Events

Sunday 5 June: Parish Morning Tea

Monday 30 May to Friday 17 June:

CBC Exams in Parish Centre

Monday 20 June: Senior's Morning Tea

Sunday 26th June:

IONA First Holy Communion Mass at 2.30pm

Wednesday 29th June:

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