

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Sunday 16th October, 2022

Oblate Priests' at the Basilica

Fr. John Sebastian OMI (Rector & Parish Priest)
Fr Angelo Wijewickrama OMI
(Assistant Priest & Hospital Chaplain)
Fr Giancarlo Iollo OMI
(Assistant Priest & Italian Chaplain)
Fr John Patrick John Mary OMI (Assistant Priest)
Fr. Anthony Colbert OMI (Assistant Priest)
Fr. John Archbold OMI (Assistant Priest)

Church Opening Hours

Monday to Friday 9am to 3pm
(Basilica Guardians Permitting)

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)	Maria Gorman
Marlene Dullard	Sonia La Macchia
Rob De Sousa	Vita Mews

Parish Finance Committee

Trevor Gorey (Chair)
Michael Piu
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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!

The liturgy of the word encourages today to ask these following questions: When I pray, do I persevere in my prayer? When I pray, do I trust in God?

Both Moses and the widow in today's Gospel story teach us how we should pray with trusting Faith and perseverance. The historical background to the liturgy of the word will help us to understand how one should persevere in the journey of our prayer life.

The context of the first reading is Joshua was fighting the battle against the Amalekites. At that time, Israel's resources were inadequate, and their morale was at a low ebb. The Amalekites waged war on Israel, and Israel had no choice but to fight back. Staff in hand, Moses stood on top of the mountain overlooking the battleground. He was praying fervently for Israel with raised, outstretched arms. As he grew weary, his two assistants, Aaron and Hur, seated him on a rock and propped up his arms. "As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight, but when he let his hands rest, Amalek had the better of the fight." When we join the army with Jesus, who prayed for us with outstretched arms on the cross, we will surely win the battle with our own Amalekites: the temptations and evil tendencies in our lives.

Let us now look at the background to the gospel. When Luke wrote this Gospel, the Parousia or Second Coming of Jesus had been delayed beyond what the early Church had expected. In addition, the Church was experiencing persecution from both the Jews and the Romans. The persecuted early Christians were finding it increasingly difficult to maintain their Faith.

Hence, today's Gospel lesson addresses the issues of Faith in difficult times. The word of God reassures the disciples that God is listening to our persistent prayers and will grant them justice and vindicate their Faith in the end. When we persevere in our prayers the blessing will surely follow. We are invited to always pray to our heavenly father and not to lose our hearts.

Even though there seems to be lots of uncertainties in our lives, I am sure perseverance in prayer and trust in God will help us to go ahead in our lives. This is the real story of my eldest brother Arockiasamy. He was a civil engineer. He started to work for the state government, soon after his graduation. He did very well. But his luck did not continue for a long time. Due to job reduction in the government 300 engineers lost their jobs. My brother was one among them. All the engineers felt that it is not fair, so they filed a case, but most of them did not persevere in this legal procedure. My brother continued in this and after 22 years of perseverance he won the case and went to the job he loved. I could see how he did not give up on this. There were difficulties but he carried it through trusting in God. He always began his day with praying the scripture. I am sure you will have your own stories to share. I think some sharing of our daily faith experience will bring others back to faith or will inspire them to embrace the faith. So let us always remember that our perseverance in prayer will bring fruits and blessings in our lives.

Fr. John Sebastian OMI
Rector & Parish Priest

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil: Emma Oorschot (cantor), Vince Basile (organist)
Sun 8am: Gilbert Rodgers (cantor), Vince Basile (organist)
Sun 11am: Gilbert Rodgers (cantor), Vince Basile (organist)
Sun 5pm: Lucinda Nicholls (cantor), Michael Peters (organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Paul Mason - Mass Shalom
Processional Hymn: CWB 767 O God, Our Help in Ages Past
Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 743 Love is his word
Recessional Hymn: CWB 681 Forth in the peace of Christ we go

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 16: 6, 8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words.

Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First reading Exodus 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus

As long as Moses kept his arm raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 120(121)

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains;
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard.

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.

By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night.

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.

The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever.

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Second reading 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy

The man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Heb 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading Luke 18:1-8

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."

And the Lord said 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to be God Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 32: 18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Parish Notices

Monthly Senior's Morning Tea

Monthly Senior's Morning Tea is a special parish initiative to bring our seniors together to share a cuppa and a chat. The Seniors morning tea is held every third Monday of each month in the Parish Hall from 10am to 11am. The Next Senior's Morning Tea will be held on Monday 17 October at 10am in the Parish Centre.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a wonderful opportunity for those who seek to embrace the faith of the Catholic Church and a great avenue for those who wish to deepen their faith in Jesus Christ.

If you know anyone willing to take up this journey, please encourage them to come for the information evening on 19th October 2022 at 7pm, in the Parish centre. For further information please contact the Parish Office, Mon to Fri 9am to 3pm on 9335 2268.

Triduum for the Blessing of the Fleet.

On Tuesday 18th to Thursday 20th October Fr. Giancarlo Iollo OMI will lead the Triduum Mass in Italian at 7.30pm to pray and to prepare ourselves to celebrate the Blessing of the Fleet on Sunday 23rd October.

Blessing of the Fleet: Mass and procession

Mass and procession for the Blessing of the Fleet will be held on Sunday 24th October at 9.30am, Monsignor Michael Keating, will lead the Italian Mass, for the Blessing of the Fleet.

The procession will start at 2pm, from the Basilica of St. Patrick and go to the fishing harbour through the streets of Fremantle, to bless the boats and pray for the safety of the fishermen and for a good harvest from the sea. It will be followed by benediction at the Basilica. Please come along to celebrate this long-standing tradition of our Fremantle community.

Please note that evening Mass for this Sunday will be held at 6pm.

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.

November Mass Offering Envelopes

November is the month when we remember our deceased family and friends by offering a Mass for them. Envelopes are on the pews and in the side foyers of the Church and the Parish Office. Envelopes can be placed on the collection plate or handed to the parish office.

All Saints and All Souls Day Masses in The Basilica

All Saints Day Tuesday 1 November: Mass Midday

All Souls Day Wednesday 2 November: Masses 9am, Midday and 7pm

The Oblate Story in Australia

From 1850 the Benedictines provided pastoral care for Fremantle Catholics until 1867 when they were replaced by diocesan clergy. The local Baptismal Register from 1852 indicates that sacraments were administered in 'St. Patrick's Church', evidently a make-shift edifice. It was not until 1860 that the Catholics, now numbering about 250, erected a lime-stone Church dedicated to St. Patrick. By this time they had also built a presbytery and in 1855 welcomed the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Apparition.

In 1893 Fr William Ring OMI, a friend of Bishop Mathew Gibney of Perth, arranged for the Oblates to come to Western Australia. After some initial planning difficulties due to poor communications, the Oblates duly arrived in 1894. The Provincial of the British Province, Matthew Gaughren accompanied two younger priests, Roger Hennessy and Daniel O'Ryan, both aged 27. The Provincial remained as Parish Priest of Fremantle for the first year, a clear indication of the Oblate commitment. Daniel O'Ryan's surviving letters offer glimpses of the scene: Catholics were 'for the most part poor working people' and their Church was 'liable to be blown away during any storm'. He pictures small scattered clusters of Catholics in Coogee, Hope Valley and Rottne Island. Closer to the centre North Fremantle and Beaconsfield needed Churches. The mission was challenging enough for the three Oblates, yet it also had its limitations: it was described in the Founder's Journal as being to 'attend to the spiritual wants of the Catholics between Fremantle and Claremont.' There was no mention of evangelization of the whole colony or any outreach to the Aborigines. It was to remain a distant appendage to the home province and for many a 19th century Oblate it did not seem especially 'missionary' like their brothers labouring among Eskimos or Zulus. Yet every pastoral care has a 'missionary' quality about it. Fremantle was no exception. Not only was the church in a sad state, but their (apparently handsome) residence needed urgent repairs and was barely furnished. We are fortunate to have a long letter from a parishioner, Mrs. J. Townsend, giving a warm appreciation of the three Oblates: they were 'young men – all Irishmen – good preachers – strong active men – who have made things boom here . . . Fr Gaughren delivered a course of sermons on Catholic Doctrine. I had a summary made of these and had them published in the Daily Times.' These Oblates were certainly not lacking in missionary zeal. When the Provincial returned home his place was taken by Fr Thomas Ryan, then aged 37. Fr Ryan is to be credited with the vision and energy to commence the present Church, though circumstances prevented its completion. Designed by Michael Cavanagh, it is a fine local example of the revival of gothic architecture so popular in the nineteenth century. The beauty of a Church and its furnishings has always been a means of imparting a sense of the beauty of the Catholic faith and the beauty of the unseen God.

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Mass Intentions

Sunday 16th October

8am Mass:

Mauro Salvemini (dec'd)

Daniel Stephenson (dec'd)

9.30am Italian Mass:

Gaetano & Maria Letizia (dec'd)

Intentions of Ursuline Lay Association Prayer Group

Cosmo Cappelluti (dec'd)

11am Mass:

Ante Borzic (dec'd) and Savino Torelli (dec'd)

5pm Mass:

Dominic Portelli (dec'd)

Cheree Teagle (dec'd 3rd anniversary)

Monday 17th October

Midday Mass: Intentions of the Oblate Priests

Tuesday 18th October

Midday Mass: Frank, Elena & Martha Amato (dec'd)

Wednesday 19th October

Midday Mass: Emanuele Family (int)

Thursday 20th October

Midday Mass: James Ong & Jew Family (dec'd)

Friday 21st October

Midday Mass: Leonardo Goncalves (dec'd)

Saturday 22nd October

Midday Mass:

Lovre Tesija (dec'd)

Melissa & Troy (Wedding Day Intention)

6pm Vigil Mass:

Jose & Maria Garces (dec'd)

Ursuline Sisters 70th Anniversary

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 47%.

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: 066 107

A/c No: 0080 0216

Reference: 2nd Collection and your name

Second Collection supports the Parish

Upcoming Events

Sunday 16 October

SPPS Family Mass

Monday 17 October to Thursday 20 October

Aquinas Retreats

Tuesday 18 October to Thursday 20 October

Blessing of the Fleet Triduum

Friday 21 October

CBC Graduation Mass

Saturday 22 October

Ursuline Sister's 70th Anniversary

Sunday 23 October

Blessing of the Fleet Mass, Procession and Benediction

Tuesday 25 October

First Reconciliation Parish Candidates

Wednesday 26 October

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