

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

# Basilica of St. Patrick

The First Sunday of Advent, *Year A*  
*Sunday 27th November, 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  
Collin Visaggio

## Basilica Office staff

Angie Emanuele (Parish Manager)  
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## Parish working hours

Monday to Friday (9am to 3pm)  
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,

*This reflection is taken from Fr. Richard Rohr's book "Preparing for Christmas: Daily Meditations for Advent."*

"Come, Lord Jesus," the Advent mantra, means that all of Christian history has to live out of a kind of deliberate emptiness, a kind of chosen non-fulfilment. Perfect fullness is always to come, and we do not need to demand it now. This keeps the field of life wide open and especially open to grace and to a future created by God rather than ourselves. This is exactly what it means to be "awake," as the Gospel urges us! We can also use other a words for Advent: aware, alive, attentive, alert, awake are all appropriate! Advent is, above all else, a call to full consciousness and a forewarning about the high price of consciousness.

When we demand satisfaction of one another, when we demand any completion to history on our terms, when we demand that our anxiety or any dissatisfaction be taken away, saying as it were, "Why weren't you this for me? Why didn't life do that for me?" we are refusing to say, "Come, Lord Jesus." We are refusing to hold out for the full picture that is always given by God.

"Come, Lord Jesus" is a leap into the kind of freedom and surrender that is rightly called the virtue of hope. The theological virtue of hope is the patient and trustful willingness to live without closure, without resolution, and still be content and even happy because our Satisfaction is now at another level, and our Source is beyond ourselves. We are able to trust that he will come again, just as Jesus has come into our past, into our private dilemmas and into our suffering world. Our Christian past then becomes our Christian prologue, and "Come, Lord Jesus" is not a cry of desperation but an assured shout of cosmic hope.

Kindly reflect during this time: What expectations and demands of life can you let go of so that you can be more prepared for the coming of Jesus?

Fr. John Sebastian OMI  
Rector & Parish Priest

# Music Ministry

## Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil: Aquinas Schola (Conductor: Hugh Lydon)

Andrew Brown (organist)

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

5pm: Sophie Rodgers (cantor), Michael Peters (organist)

## Hymns

Mass Setting: Missa Simplex

Processional Hymn: CWB 763 O come, O come Emanuel

Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 657 Come, O Long Expected Jesus

Recessional Hymn: CWB 835 The voice of God

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 24: 1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.

In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.

Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

### First reading Isaiah 2:1-5

A reading from the book of prophet Isaiah

*The Lord gathers all nations together into the eternal peace of God's kingdom*

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.’

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

### Responsorial Psalm 121(122):1-2,4-5,6-9

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say:

‘Let us go to God’s house.’

And now our feet are standing

within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel’s law it is,

there to praise the Lord’s name.

There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:

‘Peace be to your homes!

May peace reign in your walls,

in your palaces, peace!’

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

For love of my brethren and friends

I say: ‘Peace upon you!’

For love of the house of the Lord

I will ask for your good.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord

### Second reading Romans 13:11-14

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans

*Our salvation is near*

You know ‘the time’ has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

## Gospel Matthew 24:37-44

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

*The Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to be God Lord Jesus Christ

## Communion Antiphon Ps 84: 13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

## Parish Notices

Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday 28th November for Fr John Archbold's Funeral and will also be closed from Midday on Monday 5th December.

### St John's Advent Carol Service

Parishioners are invited to attend the St John's Advent Carol Service this Sunday 27 November at 7pm at St John's Anglican Church, Fremantle.

### Parish Morning Tea

In December there will be two parish morning teas. The first being on Sunday 4th December and the last morning tea being the Christmas and end of year morning tea on Sunday 18 December. Both morning teas are held after the 8am Mass in the Presbytery Carport. All Welcome.

### 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. The Next Senior's Morning Tea, will be held on Monday 19 December, 10am in the Parish Centre.

### First Sunday of Advent Wreath Prayer

Priest: Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world come that we may have life in its fullness.

All: Come and let your light shine forth in our lives.

Priest: Lord Jesus, you are the Flower from the root of Jesse, the sign of salvation for all.

All: Come and let your light shine forth in our lives.

Priest: Lord Jesus, you were heralded by all the prophets as the one who would save the people from their sins.

All: Come and let your light shine forth in our lives.

Let us pray:

Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love and our minds are searching for the light of your Son. Increase our longing for Christ our saviour and increase our strength of will for doing good, that the day of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence, where he lives and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit our God for ever and ever.

All: 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.

### Prayer For the Assembly

O God, you revealed yourself in Christ Jesus  
as loving, merciful, and just.  
Guide our Bishops of Oceania  
as they meet together  
to further Pope Francis' call to become a  
listening Church.  
Open their hearts to the voice of the  
Holy Spirit,  
that they might truly discern and  
faithfully serve the needs of  
your People and your World.  
Colour our way of life and give witness to  
your presence among us.  
You who live and reign, God,  
for ever and ever. 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.

## Advent Retreat 2022

*"It was because of love that the Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us."*

Advent can be a time of waiting with joyful excitement and intense anticipation, knowing that in a few short weeks two thousand years ago Jesus, the Word become a human being, will be born. Not as a prince to a royal family but to poor Jewish parents in a stable among domesticated animals.

This Advent journey is best experienced over the four weeks, however if you cannot attend all four weeks you are welcome to attend when you can. We will be using some of the meditation practices based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.

John Auer will be the retreat leader who has been leading retreats nearly two decades, in Australia and in England. He is also a member of a CLC group using Ignatian prayer practices, meeting fortnightly in Claremont.

The retreat starts on Mondays 28th November and thereafter on 5th, 12th and 19th December at 6pm at St. Patrick's Basilica Fremantle Parish Centre. There is no charge.

**To register your interest: call the parish office on 9335 2268 Mon to Fri 9am to 3pm or email [parishoffice2@iinet.net.au](mailto:parishoffice2@iinet.net.au).**

## Handel's Messiah Concert

Handel's great Christmas oratorio will be performed in Baroque style by the exclusive Perth Chamber Singers in the beautiful stone Basilica of St Patrick, Fremantle. Paul Wright will expertly lead the Perth Baroque Players, and esteemed choral specialist Margaret Pride will conduct the full ensemble with elegance and brilliance. Solos will be sung by members of the chamber choir who are young and upcoming professional vocalists, as was the custom during Handel's time. This will be Perth's first fully professional Christmas performance of Messiah. It promises to be a musically scintillating performance as well as a moving Christmas and spiritual experience.

DATE: Friday 23 December 2022 7:30 PM

TICKETS: \$15-\$89

BOOKINGS: [www.trybooking.com/CCZQQ](http://www.trybooking.com/CCZQQ)

ENQUIRIES: [mcalyn@it.net.au](mailto:mcalyn@it.net.au)

*Christmas Carols by Candlelight in the Basilica*

Come along and enjoy an evening of music and carols in the Basilica on Friday 16 December at 7.30pm with Andrew Brown (organist), Emma Oorschot (conductor), the Choir of St Elizabeth and the Basilica Cantors.

Entry Fee by donation. All Welcome

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday 27th November

#### 8am Mass:

Robert Griffith (int)

#### 9.30am Italian Mass:

Intentions for the Italian Mass will be read out during the Mass.

#### 11am Mass:

Holy Souls

#### 5pm Mass:

Deceased members of the Natoli & Portelli Families

### Monday 28th November

Midday Mass: Holy Souls

### Tuesday 29th November

Midday Mass: Holy Souls

Robert Stahlmann (dec'd)

### Wednesday 30th November

Midday Mass: Holy Souls

Leonardo Goncalves (dec'd)

### Thursday 1st December

Midday Mass: Claudia (int)

Margaret Lobo (int)

### Friday 2nd December

Midday Mass: Manuel Perreira (dec'd)

Amadeo Lomma (dec'd)

### Saturday 3rd December

Midday Mass:

6pm Vigil Mass:

## 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 52%.

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

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## Upcoming Events

### Sunday 27 November

First Sunday in Advent

### Monday 28 November

Parish Advent Program Begins  
Fr John Archbold's Funeral

### Thursday 1 December

St Patrick's Community Support Centre  
50th Anniversary

### Friday 2 December

CBC Final Mass in Basilica

### Saturday 3 December

Catechism Class First Communion

### Sunday 4 December

Parish Morning Tea

### Friday 9 December

SPPS Graduation Mass

### Friday 16 December

Carols by Candlelight in the Basilica

### Sunday 18 December

Christmas Parish Morning Tea