

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

The Nativity of the Lord, *Year A*
Sunday 25th December, 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)

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

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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,

Every newborn child is a wonder, a mystery, and a gift of God. No matter whether the family is rich or poor, whether the child is the firstborn or the latest in the long line, all who gather round the newborn child are moved with joy, smiles on their faces, some may cry out of joy, laugh, bring a gift, and wish happiness and peace for the little one. For us the Child Jesus is a sign of love, hope and faith in the future.

Yes, the birth of the Child Jesus is a powerful reminder of God's continuous love for His people, whom he created in his own image and likeness. The love of God can never run out, which we witness in the history of our salvation. The letter to the Hebrew says, "God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is."

Though there were difficulties in life, the assurance of God's love through His Son Jesus enabled everyone to carry out their daily tasks. Every year when we come to celebrate the Birth of Child Jesus does not mean that we lived our life (from the previous Christmas to the present Christmas) without any issues. No, we lived our lives, because we experienced his love, and compassion through so many people in our lives.

Mother Teresa once visited a person who lived in a basement room. It was in a terrible state of neglect. There was no light in the room. And he merely opened the blinds. While talking to him she started to clean and tidy the room. At first, he protested: "leave it alone." But she went ahead anyway. As she cleaned under a pile of rubbish, she found an oil lamp covered with dust. She cleaned it and she said to him: you have got a beautiful lamp here. How come you never light it?' 'Why should I light it?' he replied. 'No one ever comes to see me.' Will you promise to light it if one of my sisters comes to see you?' 'Yes,' he replied. 'If I hear a human voice, I will light the lamp.' Mother Teresa's nuns began to visit him regularly. Things gradually improved for him. Every time the sisters came to visit him, he had the lamp lighted. Then one day he said to them, 'Sisters, I will be able to manage on my own from now on. But do me a favour. Tell that first sister who came to see me that the light she lit in my life is still burning.'

The real Christmas celebration will be: "Am I able to share the love of Christ with others?" Let us share our life, love and bring light in the life of others, and in the world. Wishing you all a joyous Christmas. God bless! Amen.

Fr. John Sebastian OMI
Rector & Parish Priest

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sun 8am: Dennis Nixon (cantor), Andrew Brown (organist)

11am: Dennis Nixon & Esther Jong (cantors),
Andrew Brown (organist)

5pm: Esther Jong (cantor), Andrew Brown (organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Marty Haugen - Mass of Creation

Processional Hymn: CWB 728 Joy to the World

Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 622 Angels we have heard on high

Recessional Hymn: CWB 704 Hark the Herald Angels Sing

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Is 9: 5

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us;
his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder,
and his name will be called Messenger of great
counsel.

First reading Isaiah 52:7-10

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Rejoice, for the Lord is consoling his people

How beautiful on the mountains,
are the feet of one who brings good news,
who heralds peace, brings happiness,
proclaims salvation,
and tells Zion,
'Your God is king!'

Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices,
they shout for joy together,
for they see the Lord face to face,
as he returns to Zion.

Break into shouts of joy together,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord is consoling his people,
redeeming Jerusalem.

The Lord bares his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 97(98):1-6

**All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power
of God.**

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation.

**All the ends of the earth have seen the saving
power of God.**

The Lord has made known his salvation;
he has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel.

**All the ends of the earth have seen the saving
power of God.**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
ring out your joy.

**All the ends of the earth have seen the saving
power of God.**

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp
with the sound of music.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord.

**All the ends of the earth have seen the saving
power of God.**

Second reading Hebrews 1:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

God has spoken to us through his Son

At various times in the past and in various different
ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the
prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has
spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has
appointed to inherit everything and through whom he
made everything there is. He is the radiant light of
God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature,
sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and
now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has
gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of
divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as
the title which he has inherited is higher than their
own name.

God has never said to any angel: You are my Son,
today I have become your father; or: I will be a father
to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the
First-Born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of
God worship him.

The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A hallowed day has dawned upon us.

Come, you nations, worship the Lord,
for today a great light has shone down upon the earth.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 1:1-18

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word:

and the Word was with God

and the Word was God.

He was with God in the beginning.

Through him all things came to be,
not one thing had its being but through him.

All that came to be had life in him

and that life was the light of men,

a light that shines in the dark,

a light that darkness could not overpower.

A man came, sent by God.

His name was John.

He came as a witness,

as a witness to speak for the light,

so that everyone might believe through him.

He was not the light,

only a witness to speak for the light.

The Word was the true light

that enlightens all men;

and he was coming into the world.

He was in the world

that had its being through him,

and the world did not know him.

He came to his own domain

and his own people did not accept him.

But to all who did accept him

he gave power to become children of God,

to all who believe in the name of him

who was born not out of human stock

or urge of the flesh

or will of man

but of God himself.

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.

The Word was made flesh,
he lived among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father,
full of grace and truth.

John appears as his witness. He proclaims:

‘This is the one of whom I said:

He who comes after me ranks before me

because he existed before me.’

Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received –

yes, grace in return for grace,

since, though the Law was given through Moses,

grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ.

No one has ever seen God;

it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father’s heart,

who has made him known.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to be God Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 97: 3

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Parish Notices

Christmas Offerings

Usually twice a year you are invited, as a community, to make a special effort to financially support the Priests of the Basilica. Envelopes are available in your planned giving boxes or in the pews of the Church. Your generosity is very much appreciated along with your prayers, encouragement, and blessings.

Parish Office Opening Hours Christmas & New Year

Monday 26 December to Monday 2 January 2023

CLOSED

*We wish all our Parishioners and their families a very Joyous and Holy Christmas
and Safe & Healthy New Year!*

NEW YEAR TIMETABLE

Saturday 31st December

11am Adoration followed by 12pm Angelus and Mass

6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 1 January, 2023

Basilica Masses: 8am, 9.30am (Italian), 11am and 5pm

St Anne's Church: 8.15am Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday 25th December

8am Mass:

Julie Bok (dec'd) and Holy Souls
Salvatore Monaco (dec'd)

9.30am Italian Mass:

Gaetano & Maria Letizia (dec'd)
Rosina & Eugenio Ferraro (dec'd)
Teresina & Filippo Colaccino (dec'd)
Antonio Di Filippo (dec'd 9th anniversary)

11am Mass:

All Souls in Purgatory

5pm Mass:

Monday 26th December

Midday Mass: Bogdan Dominski (dec'd)

Tuesday 27th December

Midday Mass:

Wednesday 28th December

Midday Mass:

Thursday 29th December

Midday Mass: Pasqualina & Pietro Tempa (dec'd)

Friday 30th December

Midday Mass: Leonardo Goncalves (dec'd)

Saturday 31st December

Midday Mass: Rene Papineau (dec'd)

6pm Vigil Mass: Ante Borzic (dec'd)

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 70%.

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

Saturday 31st December

New Year's Eve

Sunday 1st December

New Year's Day