

# Basilica of St. Patrick

Christmas Eve - Saturday 24th December, 2022  
*6.30pm (St Anne's), 8.30pm Vigil Mass and Midnight Mass*

## 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

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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

# 8.30pm Vigil Mass

## Music Ministry

### Organists & Cantors

Sat 8pm Carols & 8.30pm Mass: Basilica Chamber Choir  
Andrew Brown (organist)

### Hymns

Mass Setting: Marty Haugen - Mass of Creation  
Processional Hymn: CWB 782 Once in Royal David's City  
Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 803 Silent Night  
Recessional Hymn: CWB 704 Hark the Herald Angels Sing

## The Liturgy of the Word

### First reading Isaiah 62:1-5

**A reading from the Prophet Isaiah**  
*The bridegroom rejoices in his bride*

About Zion I will not be silent,  
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,  
until her integrity shines out like the dawn  
and her salvation flames like a torch.

The nations then will see your integrity,  
all the kings your glory,  
and you will be called by a new name,  
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.  
You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of  
the Lord,  
a princely diadem in the hand of your God;

no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',  
nor your land 'Abandoned',  
but you shall be called 'My Delight'  
and your land 'The Wedded';  
for the Lord takes delight in you  
and your land will have its wedding.

Like a young man marrying a virgin,  
so will the one who built you wed you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,  
so will your God rejoice in you.

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

### Responsorial Psalm 88(89);4-5,16-17,27,29

**For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn to David my servant:  
I will establish your dynasty for ever  
and set up your throne through all ages.'  
**For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,  
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,  
who find their joy every day in your name,  
who make your justice the source of their bliss.  
**For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

He will say to me: "You are my father,  
my God, the rock who saves me."  
I will keep my love for him always;  
with him my covenant shall endure.'  
**For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

### Second reading Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**  
*Paul's witness to Christ, the son of David*

When Paul reached Antioch in Pisidia, he stood up in  
the synagogue, held up a hand for silence and began to  
speak:

'Men of Israel, and fearers of God, listen! The God of  
our nation Israel chose our ancestors, and made our  
people great when they were living as foreigners in  
Egypt; then by divine power he led them out.

"Then he made David their king, of whom he  
approved in these words, "I have selected David son of  
Jesse, a man after my own heart, who will carry out my  
whole purpose." To keep his promise, God has raised  
up for Israel one of David's descendants, Jesus, as  
Saviour, whose coming was heralded by John when he  
proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the whole  
people of Israel. Before John ended his career he said,  
"I am not the one you imagine me to be; that one is  
coming after me and I am not fit to undo his sandal."

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

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Tomorrow there will be an end to the sin of the world  
and the saviour of the world will be our King.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel Matthew 1:18-25

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.  
**All: And with your spirit.**  
Celebrant: A reading from the holy Gospel according  
to Matthew  
**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

## *How Jesus Christ came to be born*

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph; being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son  
and they will call him Emmanuel,

a name which means 'God-is-with-us.' When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home and, though he had not had intercourse with her, she gave birth to a son; and he named him Jesus.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to be God Lord Jesus Christ

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## Midnight Mass

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## Music Ministry

### Organist & Cantor

Sat 11.30pm Carols & Midnight Mass: Dennis Nixon (cantor)  
Vince Basile (organist)

### Hymns

Mass Setting: Marty Haugen - Mass of Creation  
Processional Hymn: CWB 760 O Come all Ye Faithful  
Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 803 Silent Night  
Recessional Hymn: CWB 704 Hark the Herald Angels Sing

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## The Liturgy of the Word

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### First reading Isaiah 9:1-7

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah  
*A Son is given to us*

The people that walked in darkness  
has seen a great light;  
on those who live in a land of deep shadow  
a light has shone.  
You have made their gladness greater,  
you have made their joy increase;  
they rejoice in your presence  
as men rejoice at harvest time,  
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him,  
the bar across his shoulders,  
the rod of his oppressor,  
these you break as on the day of Midian.

For all the footgear of battle,  
every cloak rolled in blood,  
is burnt, and consumed by fire.

For there is a child born for us,  
a son given to us  
and dominion is laid on his shoulders;  
and this is the name they give him:  
Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father,  
Prince-of-Peace.

Wide is his dominion  
in a peace that has no end,  
for the throne of David  
and for his royal power,  
which he establishes and makes secure  
in justice and integrity.  
From this time onwards and for ever,  
the jealous love of the Lord of Hosts will do this.

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

### Responsorial Psalm 95(96):1-3,11-13

Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
O sing to the Lord, bless his name.

Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

Proclaim his help day by day,  
tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the peoples.

Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad,  
let the sea and all within it thunder praise,  
let the land and all it bears rejoice,  
all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
at the presence of the Lord for he comes,  
he comes to rule the earth.  
**Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.**

With justice he will rule the world,  
he will judge the peoples with his truth.  
**Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.**

## Second reading Titus 2:11-14

**A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Titus 2:11-14**

*God's grace has been revealed to the whole human race*

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation Lk2:10-11

Alleluia, alleluia!

I Proclaim to you good news of great joy,  
today a Saviour is born for us, Christ the Lord.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel Lk2:1-14

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 2:1-14

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

*'In the town of David a saviour has been born to you'*

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census – the first – took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn.

In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing: 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to men who enjoy his favour.'

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## 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.