

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

The Fourth Sunday of Advent, *Year A*
Sunday 18th 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)
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Parish working hours

Monday to Friday (9am to 3pm)
Closed Weekends and Public Holidays

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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,

Today we begin the 4th week of our Advent journey: this spiritual journey draws us closer to the celebration of Christmas; God becoming Man. During this four week journey, the word of God guided us and showed us how different people played their roles in the history of our salvation. Today one such person is St. Joseph, how he plays his part in the plan of salvation.

When we go deeper into the gospel passage, which we just we heard it, will help us to understand the faith journey, the cooperation, and the personal integrity of St. Joseph in the plan of God.

In fact, this Gospel passage could be called a second Annunciation. At the first Annunciation, Mary said "yes" to the angel. Now, Joseph's "yes" was needed to fulfil the plan of God.

When Joseph learns that Mary was expecting a baby, it really shook him. Legally he could have denounced her publicly. Yet he didn't. He was ready to let the whole matter drop quietly, as if to give Mary the benefit of the doubt. What a great virtue this is: to think the best of others!

When the angel told Joseph about the plan of God, then Joseph committed his life to the plan of God. When we go through the books of the gospels, we will find that on three occasions God's message was given to Joseph through his angels and how he acted upon them. Today's gospel records the first of the three occasions on which an angel appears to Joseph in a dream. In each instance, the angel calls Joseph to action and Joseph obeys.

- In this first instance, the angel commands Joseph to take Mary as his wife.
- In Mt 2:13, the angel will tell Joseph to take the mother and child to Egypt to escape Herod's wrath.
- In Mt 2:19, the angel will, at the death of Herod, tell Joseph to return to Israel.

While talking about the plan of God in each one's life, this is how Mother Teresa of Calcutta, used to tell her sisters, "Remember the work is not ours and we must not spoil it. This would be a great injustice to God because the work is his."

St. Teresa of Lisieux once said in her diary that since I was three, I never refused doing God's will, so when I go to heaven God has to do all that I am asking. This clearly brings to us her total availability to God's plan.

Friends, God has got definite plans for all of us, so let us discern and co-operate with the plan of God as St. Joseph and Mary did in their lives. And ask for forgiveness for the times we have judged others wrongly. Amen.

Fr. John Sebastian OMI
Rector & Parish Priest

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil: Emma Oorschot (cantor), Andrew Brown (organist)
Sun 8am & 11am: Bonnie de la Hunty (cantor), Andrew Brown (organist)
5pm: Gilbert Rodgers (cantor), Lynne Langford (organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Missa Simplex
Processional Hymn: CWB 657 Come, O long expected Jesus
Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 816 The coming of our Lord
Recessional Hymn: CWB 763 O come, O come Emanuel

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Is 45: 8

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

First reading Isaiah 7:10-14

A reading from the book of Prophet Isaiah
The maiden is with child

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David:
are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men
without trying the patience of my God, too?
The Lord himself, therefore,
will give you a sign.
It is this: the maiden is with child
and will soon give birth to a son
whom she will call Immanuel,
a name which means "God-is-with-us."

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 23(24):1-6

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm.

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things.

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

Second reading Romans 1:1-7

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the
Romans

*Our apostolic mission is to preach the obedience of faith
to all pagan nations*

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been
called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to
preach the Good News that God promised long ago
through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God who,
according to the human nature he took was a
descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our
Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of
holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of
God in all his power through his resurrection from
the dead. Through him we received grace and our
apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith
to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are
one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus
Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in
Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Matt 1:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

A virgin will give birth to a son;
His name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 1:18-24

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to be God Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon Is 7: 14

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Parish Notices

Parish Morning Tea

Join us on Sunday 18 December for our Christmas parish morning tea, which will be held after the 8am Mass in the Presbytery Carport. All Welcome.

Second Rite of Reconciliation

To celebrate the joy of Christmas, spiritual preparation is also essential. 2nd Rite of Reconciliation will be held on Wednesday 21st December at 7pm, in the Basilica.

Monthly Senior's Light Lunch

The last Senior's Morning Tea for 2022 will be held on Monday 19 December but will be held after the Midday Mass and will be a light lunch in the Parish Centre.

Final Monday - Advent Retreat 2022

The final session of the Advent Retreat will be held on Monday 19th December at 6pm at St. Patrick's Basilica Fremantle Parish Centre.

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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent Wreath Prayer

Priest: Lord Jesus, the Angel Gabriel announced your coming to the Virgin Mary.

All: Come and lead us to the heavenly joy with your angels and saints.

Priest: Lord Jesus, the angels sang at your birth of the peace given to all people who enjoy God's favour.

All: Come and lead us to the heavenly joy with your angels and saints.

Priest: Lord Jesus, the angel came to strengthen you in the garden in your time of need.

All: Come and lead us to the heavenly joy with your angels and saints.

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.

National Oblate Youth Encounter

It's been a long time coming, but we are very excited to announce that the National Oblate Youth Encounter will be back in January 2023!

The National Oblate Youth Encounter is an event that brings together young people from around Australia who wish to share their Catholic faith in tandem with the Charism of St Eugene de Mazenod. It will be a great chance to grow in faith and reflect, as well as sharing plenty of fun with other young people. NOYE provides a balance of prayer, workshops, open-forums, liturgy, and community time.

The theme for this year's camp will be "Created in the Image and Likeness of God..." We invite young people (year 12 - 30 years old) to come and explore this theme whilst sharing the charism of the Oblates.

WHEN: Thurs 5th – Sun 8th January, 2023

WHERE: Mazenod College, Victoria

COST: Free

Registration is now open via our website: <https://bit.ly/NOYE2023>

For more info contact: Emma Rice erice@oblates.com.au 0422705230

World Youth Day 2023

From 20th July to 10th August 2023 Oblate Youth Australia will be travelling to Lisbon, Portugal for the World Youth Day Pilgrimage. We are planning to join with Bishop Mark Edwards and the Wagga Diocese on pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Lisbon for WYD before finishing our trip in Aix-En-Provence – the birthplace of our founder St Eugene de Mazenod.

The indicative cost for WYD has been quoted at \$9930 and this includes airfares, accommodation, registration for WYD, tours and most meals. Please note that this is only an indicative quote.

We are now taking expressions of interest for the pilgrimage, and you can find more information & a detailed itinerary by visiting: <https://bit.ly/OYAWYD23>

If you have questions or need more info please contact:

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Parish Office Opening Hours Christmas & New Year

Friday 23 December

OPEN 9am to 1pm

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!

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR TIMETABLE

Saturday 24 December

6pm Children's Mass (5.30pm carols)

8.30pm Mass (8pm carols)

Midnight Mass (11.30pm carols)

St Anne's Church: 6.30pm Mass (6.15pm carols)

Sunday 25 December

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

St Anne's Church: 8.15am Mass

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 18th December

8am Mass:

9.30am Italian Mass:

Onofrio & Cosmo Cappelluti (dec'd)

Concetta & Teodosio Pacella (dec'd)

Americo Di Tullio (dec'd)

11am Mass:

5pm Mass:

Franchesca Portelli (dec'd)

Monday 19th December

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

Tuesday 20th December

Midday Mass: James Adam Turriff-Smith (dec'd)

Nicole Di Menna (dec'd)

Wednesday 21st December

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

Thursday 22nd December

Midday Mass: Bogdan Dominski (dec'd)

Friday 23rd December

Midday Mass: Lucy Rojnic (dec'd)

Saturday 24th December

Midday Mass: Eduardo & Filomena Masella (dec'd)

6pm Children's Mass:

8.30pm Mass: Intentions of the Basilica Staff

Midnight Mass: Unity & Peace

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

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EFT Second Collection Details

BSB: 066 107

A/c No: 0080 0216

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Upcoming Events

Sunday 18 December
Christmas Parish Morning Tea

Wednesday 21 December
2nd Rite Reconciliation

Friday 23 December
Handel's Messiah Concert

Saturday 24 December
Christmas Eve

Sunday 25 December
Christmas Day