

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

The Second Sunday of Advent, Year A
Sunday 4th 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

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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,

During these four weeks of our advent journey, we will constantly listen to the prophecies of the great Isaiah, who gives hope to the chosen people of God. God made this promise to them: "I shall be your God and you shall be my people." But the chosen people forgot about it and did what their hearts pleased them to do, which resulted in exile and in slavery.

The images that the Prophet uses in his prophecy are extremely contradictory in nature to one another such as, "The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf, and lion feed together, with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand." Yes, it is one of the iconic images of the Kingdom of God, in which all creatures live in peace with one another.

It is said that St. Francis of Assisi once addressed the wolf, in the following manner. "Brother Wolf, since you are willing to make and keep this peace pact, I promise you that I will have the people of this town give you food every day as long as you live, so that you will never again suffer from hunger, for I know that whatever evil you have been doing was done because of the urge of hunger. But, my Brother Wolf, since I am obtaining such a favour for you, I want you to promise me that you will never hurt any animal or man. Will you promise me that?" ... And as St. Francis held out his hand to receive the pledge, the wolf also raised its front paw and meekly and gently put it in St. Francis's hand as a sign that it was giving its pledge.... From that day, the wolf and the people kept the pact which St. Francis made.

This story is a reminder to all of us how each one needs to live in perfect harmony with our brothers and sisters. St. Francis of Assisi once said that remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received – fading symbols of honour, trappings of power - but only what you have given: a full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage.

So, as we prepare to celebrate the joy of Christmas, let us make any amendments needed in our lives, so that this Christmas will be a joyful one. Amen

Fr. John Sebastian OMI
Rector & Parish Priest

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil: Emma Oorschot (cantor), Andrew Brown (organist)
Sun 8am & 11am: Eimear Foley (cantor), Michael Peters (organist)
5pm: Denis Nixon (cantor), Andrew Brown (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 780 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Is 30: 19, 30

O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
in the joy of your heart.

First reading Isaiah 11:1-10

A reading from the book of Prophet Isaiah
A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,
a scion thrusts from his roots:
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,
a spirit of wisdom and insight,
a spirit of counsel and power,
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.
(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)
He does not judge by appearances,
he gives no verdict on hearsay,
but judges the wretched with integrity,
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.
His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless,
his sentences bring death to the wicked.
Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,
faithfulness the belt about his hips.
The wolf lives with the lamb,
the panther lies down with the kid,
calf and lion feed together,
with a little boy to lead them.
The cow and the bear make friends,
their young lie down together.
The lion eats straw like the ox.
The infant plays over the cobra's hole;
into the viper's lair
the young child puts his hand.
They do no hurt, no harm,
on all my holy mountain,
for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters swell the sea.
That day, the root of Jesse
shall stand as a signal to the peoples.
It will be sought out by the nations
and its home will be glorious.

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

Responsorial Psalm 71(72):1-2,7-8,12-13,17
Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace
for ever.

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement.

**Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace
for ever.**

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds.

**Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace
for ever.**

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor.

**Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace
for ever.**

May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name.

**Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace
for ever.**

Second reading Romans 15:4-9

A reading from the Second Letter of St Paul to the
Romans
Christ is the saviour of all men

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures
was meant to teach us something about hope from the
examples scripture gives of how people who did not
give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us
when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant
with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus,
so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing to your name.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Lk3:4,6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight,
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

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.

The one who follows me will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire
In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to be God Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon Bar 5: 5; 4: 36

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Parish Notices

Please Note: The Parish Office will be closing at Midday on Monday 5th December.

Second Sunday of Advent Wreath Prayer

Priest: Lord Jesus, you are the Saviour of Israel, Emmanuel the God who is with us.

All: Come and lead us to share your gift of peace.

Priest: Lord Jesus, you are one who fulfilled the promise of Micah that out of Bethlehem of Judah, the least of the clans of Israel would be from the one who is to rule over Israel.

All: Come and lead us to share your gift of peace.

Priest: Lord Jesus, you are the one who leads the faithful remnant of Israel to the fulfilment of the promise.

All: Come and lead us to share your gift of peace.

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.

Parish Morning Tea

Join us this Sunday 4 December for our parish morning and on Sunday 18 December for our Christmas parish morning tea. 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.

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.

Retreat held on the following Mondays 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.

Second Rite of Reconciliation

To celebrate the joy of Christmas, spiritual preparation is also essential. On Wednesday 21st December at 7pm, there will be the Second Rite of Reconciliation in our Basilica. Please make use of this spiritual opportunity to prepare ourselves well and to celebrate the joy of Christmas.

Solemnity of Immaculate Conception

On Thursday 8th December we will have a concelebrated Mass to celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. It is an important feast for the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Please come and join the Oblates from Western Australia and pray for their good health and for more vocations to the Oblate congregation.

On Monday 12th December: Memorial Mass for David Shelton OMI

On Monday 12th December we will celebrate a memorial Mass at 12pm Mass to celebrate the third anniversary of the death of Fr. David Shelton, who with great love served in the Prison ministry for a very long period of time. He was instrumental in initiating "baking biscuits for the prisoners for Christmas." May he Rest in Peace.

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.

Mary's Dream

This weekend you will find copies of Mary's Dream in the side foyers of the Church, please pick up a copy and take the time to read through it and perhaps action some of the items mentioned.

Christmas Carols by Candlelight in the Basilica

Come along and enjoy an evening of music, readings 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 4th December

8am Mass: For the People

9.30am Italian Mass:

Pasquale & Filomena Amato (dec'd)

Giuseppina & Carmelo Catania (dec'd)

Giuseppe Pugliese (dec'd)

ANFE Group Fremantle (int)

11am Mass:

5pm Mass:

Natoli Family (int)

Monday 5th December

Midday Mass:

Tuesday 6th December

Midday Mass:

Wednesday 7th December

Midday Mass: Lina Cassetta (dec'd)

Joseph Nathan (dec'd)

Thursday 8th December

Midday Mass: Jose & Fortunata De Abreu (dec'd)

Manjula (int)

Friday 9th December

Midday Mass:

Saturday 10th December

Midday Mass: Clarice Fudge (dec'd)

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 84%.

Please consider joining the Planned Giving Programme. For more information contact the Parish Office. Thank you!

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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

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Upcoming Events

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

Wednesday 21 December

2nd Rite Reconciliation

Friday 23 December

Handel's Messiah Concert