

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

# Basilica of St. Patrick

The Third Sunday of Advent, Year A  
*Sunday 11th 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

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## 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,

Welcome to the third week in our Advent journey. Advent is a great reminder for all of us to think about the love of God in our lives and it is also a great time to prepare ourselves to celebrate the joy of Christmas. Today's Mass begins with the opening antiphon: "Gaudete in Domino semper," i.e., "Rejoice in the Lord always."

The third Sunday of Advent is also known Gaudete Sunday, which means rejoicing Sunday. This Sunday reminds us that we are getting nearer to the joy of Christmas. So, every believer should happily prepare to celebrate this day.

Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord God tries to stir up in his exiled children the hope of their return to Israel by assuring them of His saving power in their lives. He reminds them that it was through their disloyalty to Him that they had lost their liberty, had been taken as slaves to Babylon and had lived there in servitude for sixty years (598-538 BC).

The Jews were finally set free by Cyrus (who had captured Babylon), and were allowed to return to their native land, rebuild the Temple and serve their God once more as His Chosen People. Through the prophet, Yahweh assures the exiles that He will lead them back to their land in this second exodus (6th century B.C.), as He led their ancestors from Egypt to the Promised Land in the first exodus (13th century BC).

The Lord God says that He is going to do three things for them:

- 1) He will transform the wasteland lying between their land of exile and Israel into a new Garden of Eden to facilitate their journey.
- 2) The weak and the sick will be strengthened for the journey.
- 3) They will reach their destination singing and crowned with glory.

The assurance of this second exodus is chosen for Advent, because both Exodus events foreshadow the coming of the Messiah.

Friends, our loving God gives us his assurances that He will not abandon us rather he will see that the purpose of our lives will come into fulfillment. As God gives us his hope and safety in our lives, let us also continue to support one another around this time. Let us help those who have nothing, so that we shall continue to live the message of the Gospel in a practical way. Amen.

Fr. John Sebastian OMI  
Rector & Parish Priest

# Music Ministry

## Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil: Gilbert Rodgers (cantor), Vince Basile (organist)  
Sun 8am & 11am: Sophie Rodgers (cantor), Andrew Brown (organist)  
5pm: Eimear Foley (cantor), Michael Peters (organist)

## Hymns

Mass Setting: Missa Simplex  
Processional Hymn: CWB 658 Come, O Jesus, come, O Lord  
Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 657 Come, O Long Expected Jesus  
Recessional Hymn: CWB 816 The Coming of Our Lord

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Entrance Antiphon Phil 4: 4-5

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.  
Indeed, the Lord is near.

### First reading Isaiah 35:1-6,10

A reading from the book of Prophet Isaiah  
*God himself is coming to save you*

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult,  
let the wasteland rejoice and bloom,  
let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil,  
let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it,  
the splendour of Carmel and Sharon;  
they shall see the glory of the Lord,  
the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands,  
steady all trembling knees  
and say to all faint hearts,  
'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming,  
vengeance is coming,  
the retribution of God;  
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
the ears of the deaf unsealed,  
then the lame shall leap like a deer  
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy  
for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy,  
everlasting joy on their faces;  
joy and gladness will go with them  
and sorrow and lament be ended.

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

### Responsorial Psalm 145(146):6-10

Lord, come and save us.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free,  
Lord, come and save us.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger  
and upholds the widow and orphan.

Lord, come and save us.

It is the Lord who loves the just  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age.

Lord, come and save us.

### Second reading James 5:7-10

A reading from the Letter of St. James  
*Do not lose heart; the Lord's coming will be soon*

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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

### Gospel Acclamation Isaiah 61:1 (Luke 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel Matthew 11:2-11

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.

*'A greater than John the Baptist has never been seen'*

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says:

'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you.

'I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to be God Lord Jesus Christ

### Communion Antiphon Cf. Is 35: 4

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

## Parish Notices

### Message from Fr Christian Fini OMI, Provincial

Fr Christian Fini, Provincial of the Australian Province wishes to announce the following changes to the Fremantle Parish commencing from 17th April 2023.

Fr John Sebastian will be moving to Dernancourt, SA to take up the position of Parish Priest of St Pius X Parish. He will be replaced in Fremantle by Fr Slawek Plonka. He is currently Parish Priest in Eagle Vale, NSW.

Fr Angelo Wijewickrama will move to St Mary Star of the Sea in Sorrento, VIC as Assistant Parish Priest.

Fr Giancarlo Iollo has been appointed Assistant Parish Priest and Italian Chaplain to the Fremantle Parish for the next three years.

Fr John Patrick John Mary will continue his ministry in Fremantle.

We wish Frs John Sebastian & Angelo all the very best in their new parishes and we wish Frs Giancarlo & Patrick all the very best for their continued ministry in Fremantle.

### 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.

### Third Sunday of Advent Wreath Prayer

**Priest:** Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep.

**All: Come and lead us to the eternal life you promise.**

**Priest:** Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who knows his flock and calls each one by name.

**All: Come and lead us to the eternal life you promise.**

**Priest:** Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd ready to search out and look for the lost sheep.

**All: Come and lead us to the eternal life you promise.**

### 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.

## 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. May he Rest in Peace.

## Special Leaving Collection for Ukraine

The Catholic community in Australia has been asked to support the Ukrainian people through a special Advent collection. This Sunday, at all Masses, we will be taking up a leaving collection to help the needs of Ukrainian people. Please be generous.

## 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.

## 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 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.

## 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.

## *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

## 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 11th December

#### 8am Mass:

Julie Bok (dec'd) and Holy Souls

#### 9.30am Italian Mass:

#### 11am Mass:

Sebastian Calalesina (dec'd)

#### 5pm Mass:

Pasquale De Gennaro (dec'd)

### Monday 12th December

Midday Mass: Fr David Shelton OMI (dec'd)

### Tuesday 13th December

Midday Mass: Cesar Rolar (dec'd)

Michael Van Der Lei (dec'd)

### Wednesday 14th December

Midday Mass: Mario Pires (dec'd)

Gloria Iannello (dec'd)

### Thursday 15th December

Midday Mass: Jan Melich (dec'd)

### Friday 16th December

Midday Mass:

### Saturday 17th December

Midday Mass:

6pm Vigil Mass:

Salvatore Monaco (dec'd)

Deceased members of the Pietroniro & Monaco Families

## 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 49%.

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

Reference: 2nd Collection and your name

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## Upcoming Events

### 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