

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Sunday 29th January, 2023

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,

The first reading taken from the Prophet Zephaniah begins with these words: "Seek the Lord, all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord."

The Prophet Zephaniah was one of twelve minor prophets. He spoke to the Chosen people of God to choose the path of God. The Prophet Zephaniah preached during the days before King Josiah (640-609) and introduced a religious reform into Judah.

As we know from the knowledge of Scripture that the primary role of a Prophet is to be the mouthpiece of God. In the history of our Salvation, Prophets always played an important role to direct the chosen people of God to seek and to follow the plan of God in their lives, but they were not faithful and went about their own ways.

Under Manasseh and Amon (687-640), Yahweh was abandoned and almost forgotten by the leaders of the Chosen people and even by many of the ordinary people. When the day of God's punishment comes, a remnant, a small percentage of people, would survive the day of punishment if they continued to be humble and obedient to God's commands. It is this section of Zephaniah's prophecy that we read today. So, the Prophet appeals to these remnant people to keep persevering in what they do: "Seek the Lord, all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord." So, as we share in God's nature let us strive our best to be a person of humility, obedience, and promoter of justice in the world.

The gospel passage today talks about the beatitudes of Jesus according to the version of St. Matthew, the evangelist. As Moses proclaimed the Old Law on a mountain so Christ announces the New Laws on a mountain. Jesus started with these words: "Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak." These words stress the importance of the declarations he made to the people. Through this Jesus teaches the real meaning of life and what has the highest value. Blessedness is not about power, or wealth. According to Jesus blessedness is about an attitude of gentleness, compassion, and mercy.

So, let our Christian lives radiate the challenge that Jesus made to us more than two thousand years ago in his Beatitudes. Through our words and deeds, let us be Christ like in our daily Christian living. Amen.

Fr. John Sebastian OMI
Rector & Parish Priest

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil Mass: Emma Oorschot (cantor),
Andrew Brown (organist)

8am & 11am: Sophie Rodgers (cantor), Andrew Brown (organist)
5pm: Sophie Rodgers (cantor), Michael Peters (organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Paul Mason - Mass Shalom
Processional Hymn: CWB 611 All the Earth Proclaim the Lord
Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 802 Seek, O Seek the Lord
Recessional Hymn: CWB 835 The Voice of God

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Ps 105: 47

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

First reading Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13

A reading from the Prophet Zephaniah

In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people

Seek the Lord,
all you, the humble of the earth,
who obey his commands.
Seek integrity,
seek humility:
you may perhaps find shelter
on the day of the anger of the Lord.

In your midst I will leave
a humble and lowly people,
and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in
the name of the Lord.

They will do no wrong,
will tell no lies;
and the perjured tongue will no longer
be found in their mouths.
But they will be able to graze and rest
with no one to disturb them.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 145(146):6-10

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

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.

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

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.

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

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.

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Second reading 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, to shame the wise

Take yourselves for instance, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 5:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;
your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12a

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.

How happy are the poor in spirit

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

‘How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.’

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to be God Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 30: 17-18

Let your face shine on your servant.

Save me in your merciful love.

O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

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.

Parish Notices

Parish Morning Tea

The first Parish Morning Tea for 2023 will be held on Sunday 5th February after the 8am Mass in the Presbytery Carport. All welcome to attend.

Senior's Morning Tea

The first Senior's Morning Tea for 2023 will be held on Monday 20th February at 10am in the parish centre. All Senior's welcome.

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:

Emma Rice: erice@oblates.com.au 0422705230.

Ash Wednesday 22nd February, 2023

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses in the Basilica on Ash Wednesday.

Masses will be held at 9am, Midday and 7pm.

PREP (Parish Religious Education Program)

This year the Fremantle Catholic Parish of St Patrick's Basilica will offer the PREProgram for all Catholic children who attend non-Catholic Schools. This program incorporates Religious Education along with Sacramental Preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. Classes will commence in February and will continue through out the whole year. Sacramental Enrolment Mass will be held on Sunday 12 February at 5pm and the Parent Information & Formation Evening will be held on Thursday 16 February at 6pm in the Parish Centre. For more information contact the Parish Office on 9335 2268 (Mon to Fri, 9am to 3pm).

Mass Intentions

Sunday 29th January

8am Mass: Angelica Salvemini (dec'd)
Peter Verity (dec'd)

9.30am Italian Mass:

11am Mass:

5pm Mass: Antonietta Digiosaffatte (dec'd)

Monday 30th January

Midday Mass: Leonardo Goncalves (dec'd)
Dorothy Martin (dec'd)
Jose De Faria (dec'd)

Tuesday 31st January

Midday Mass:

Wednesday 1st February

Midday Mass: Bryan Dwyer (dec'd)

Thursday 2nd February

Midday Mass: Corrado Cassetta (dec'd)
Amedeo Lomma (dec'd)

Friday 3rd February

Midday Mass: Epifania Marigondon (dec'd)
Jonathan Teves (dec'd)

Saturday 4th February

Midday Mass:
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 62%.

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

Coming Events

Sunday 5th February

Parish Morning Tea

Sunday 12 February

SPPS Welcoming & Sacrament Enrolment Mass

Thursday 16 February

Sacrament Enrolment & Formation Evening

Monday 20 February

Senior's Morning Tea