

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

The Epiphany of the Lord, Year A

Sunday 8th 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

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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,

Holy Mother Church celebrates today the Feast of the Epiphany. The word 'epiphany' comes from Greek, meaning, a 'showing' or 'manifestation'. Originally the word Epiphany referred to the visit of a king to the people of his provinces.

The Epiphany story highlights two important truths. First of all, it reveals the royal messiahship of Jesus and secondly, of God's revelation to the Gentiles.

The evangelist Matthew talks about these three wise men, who are central to the feast of the Epiphany. They were pagans who did not know anything about the true God of the Jews. Yet that God revealed to them the birth of the king, whom he had promised to the Jews.

These three men came in search of the newly born King. When they found Him, they worshiped him and paid their homage by offering him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Today, when we go on a journey, there are many things we think about. When we go to an unknown place immediately we look at the road maps, or now the easily available thing is the GPS, which gives us the direction to the desired destination.

To these three men the star in the sky was their GPS, which led them to the Child Jesus. For them the Star was their symbol of hope, of joy and of peace. To them, the star was but a small reflection of the fullness of the Light of the world that awaited them at the end of their journey.

Today's gospel finishes by saying that they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod and returned to their own country by a different way.

Yes, dear friends, when the star appeared in heaven, they were very joyful and after paying their homage to the newborn baby Jesus, they went back to their country by a different way. It only tells us that when we meet God and experience God in our lives, life is not going to be the same; rather our lives will be transformed.

God always guides us daily through various signs. If we could pay attention to them then there will be much newness in one's life and thus, we will move away from our former way of life and start to live in Christ.

As we begin this New Year, let us pay attention to the hope and guidance that God gives to each one of us throughout this New Year.

I wish you and your families a happy New Year 2023. May this year be filled with God's blessings in our lives.

Fr. John Sebastian OMI
Rector & Parish Priest

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil Mass: Dennis Nixon (cantor), Andrew Brown (organist)

8am & 11am: Gilbert Rodgers (cantor), Vince Basile (organist)

5pm: Bonnie de la Hunty (cantor), Andrew Brown (organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Paul Mason - Mass Shalom

Processional Hymn: CWB 760 O Come all ye Faithful

Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 772 O Little Town of Bethlehem

Recessional Hymn: CWB 8222 The First Nowell

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Mal 3: 1; 1 Chr 29: 12

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and
dominion.

First reading Isaiah 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Above you the glory of the Lord appears

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,
though night still covers the earth
and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises
and above you his glory appears.
The nations come to your light
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:
all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away
and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart throbbing and full;
since the riches of the sea will flow to you,
the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you,
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense
and singing the praise of the Lord.

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

Responsorial Psalm 71(72):1-2,7-8,10-13

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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.

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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.

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him.

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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.

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second reading Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

It has now been revealed that pagans share the same inheritance

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Jesus Christ, through the gospel.

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

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

The visit of the Magi

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,
for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to be God Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon Cf. Mt 2: 2

We have seen his star in the East,
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

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

Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed on Friday 13th January until Friday 20th January, 2023. Please email parishofficel@iinet.net.au if anything urgent or see one of the priests.

Parish Morning Tea and Senior's Morning Tea

There is no Parish Morning Tea or Senior's Morning Tea in January. February dates will be advised soon.

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.

Music Festival on Fremantle Park

Please be aware that on the weekend of 7/8 January, 2023 the Fremantle Park will host the Music Festival. Streets will be closed Ord Street between Ellen and Finnerty Streets. Expect delays in traffic and parking restrictions.

Basilica Guardians

We are urgently seeking Guardians for Wednesdays and Friday, 1pm to 3pm weekly. If you can assist please contact the Parish Office on 9335 2268.

Mass Intentions

Sunday 8th January

8am Mass:

9.30am Italian Mass:

11am Mass:

Fortunata & Jose De Abreu (dec'd)

5pm Mass:

Monday 9th January

Midday Mass: Ambrogio Family (dec'd)

Tuesday 10th January

Midday Mass:

Wednesday 11th January

Midday Mass: Emily & Charles Hepburn (dec'd)

Pasquale De Gennaro (dec'd)

Thursday 12th January

Midday Mass: Michael Van Der Lei (dec'd)

Friday 13th January

Midday Mass: Eileen (int)

Saturday 14th January

Midday Mass: Mario Pires (dec'd)

6pm Vigil Mass: For the People

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 100%. Thank You!

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

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BSB: 086 006

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EFT Second Collection Details

BSB: 066 107

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