

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Sunday 12th February, 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
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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,

We continue our reflection on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. In the Sermon on the Mount, we have various sayings of Christ spoken on different occasions. Matthew in his systematic manner, has gathered these saying into one continuous discourse, thus it makes it easier for his readers, who were Jewish converts, to grasp the new order of salvation as inaugurated by Christ.

The people knew the ten commandments, but they knew them as their rabbis had taught them. These rabbis, for the most part Pharisees, put all the stress on the letter of the law and on its external observance. But Christ's opening statement in today's gospel tells us that 'I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. Thus, Jesus wants his disciples to be different and clearly states how he wants his disciples to be following the spirit of the law.

In the last Sunday Gospel, we meditated on the two images: 'salt of the earth' and 'light of the world'. In today's gospel passage—with three concrete injunctions—show how one must live, to be salt of the earth and light of the world. These commands must be seen in the light of what Jesus says a little earlier: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil" (Mt 5:17).

Jesus prefaces each of the three teachings with the sentence: "You have heard that it was said You must not kill; You must not commit adultery, you must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord But I say to you" (Mt 5:21-22, 27-28, 33-34) stressing that the ancient order has passed away and a new order is being ushered in—based not on the love of law, but on the law of love. Hence, Jesus deals with internals not just externals, the spirit of the law and not the letter. By Jesus' standards, one can judge oneself as righteousness, godly and good not by merely stating that one has not broken some law or the other, but by what inner motive and prime purpose one has either done, or not done, some action or the other.

To live as members of God's kingdom, we need to do more. True disciples need to cultivate the inner attitudes and dispositions that transform the heart and build up love, such as the kind of patience, meekness, purity, and mercy that Jesus teaches in the Sermon on the Mount.

Fr. John Sebastian OMI
Rector & Parish Priest

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil Mass: Aquinas Schola (Conductor: Hugh Lydon)
Michael Peters (Organist)
8am & 11am: Eimear Foley (Cantor), Vince Basile (Organist)
5pm: Tom Allan (Cantor), Michael Peters (Organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Paul Mason - Mass Shalom
Processional Hymn: CWB619 Alleluia Sing to Jesus
Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB615 A new commandment I give unto you
Recessional Hymn: CWB640 Christ is made the sure foundation

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 30: 3-4

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First reading Ecclesiasticus 15:16-21

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus
God predestined wisdom to be for our glory before the ages began

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,
to behave faithfully is within your power.
He has set fire and water before you;
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.
Man has life and death before him;
whichever a man likes better will be given him.
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is almighty and all-seeing.
His eyes are on those who fear him,
he notes every action of man.
He never commanded anyone to be godless,
he has given no one permission to sin.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118(119):1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!

They are happy who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts.

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes.

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may see
the wonders of your law.

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart.

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Second reading 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

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

God predestined wisdom to be for our glory before the ages began

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation cf Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of
the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 5:17-37

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.

You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors; but I say this to you

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, not one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to be God Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 77: 29-30

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Parish Notices

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.

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.

Papal Approval of the Constitutions and Rules on February 17, 2023

Pope Leo XII formally approved, The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate Constitutions and Rules on February 17, 1826. The General Chapter of 1826 decided that "the anniversary of the confirmation of the Institute and the approval of the Constitutions and Rules by our Holy Father, Pope Leo XII, will be celebrated each year on February 17."

You are all welcome to join the Oblates in WA and the Oblates around the World through the Concelebrated Holy Eucharist at Midday on Friday 17th February to pray for all the members of the congregation especially for our good health and also for more vocation to the Priesthood and religious life.

Notre Dame Academic Commencement Mass

This year the Basilica will host the Notre Dame Academic Commencement Mass on Friday 17 February at 10.30am, Mass will be led by Monsignor Michael Keating and Concelebrated with fellow Oblates.

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).

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.

Project Compassion for 2023: *For All Future Generations*

Project Compassion Sunday will be held on Sunday 19th February. During that weekend Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes will be available in the side foyer of the church. On the weekend of 25th/26th February we will have a Special Collection for Project Compassion at all Masses.

This years theme is *For All Future Generations*, it reminds us that what we do today can have an impact for *All Future Generations*. This message invites us to step up for those who do not have the essential resources they need for their survival and those whose needs at this time are far beyond ours.

World Day of Prayer 2023

This years World Day of Prayer will be celebrated on Friday 3rd March and its theme is Taiwan. All Parishioners are invited to join the **World Day of Prayer celebrations on Friday 3rd March at 10am at the Wesley Uniting Church, 4 Cantonment Street, Fremantle.** For more info please contact the Wesley Uniting Church on 9335 1775. All Welcome to attend.

Catholic Worship Hymn Books

We are looking at upgrading our congregation Catholic Worship Hymn Books (green books) with the new version and are seeking donations to assist the parish with the purchase of 150 new books at a cost of \$32 per book plus freight. Direct Deposit donations can be deposited into **BSB: 086 006 A/C No: 48794 3085 using your name and hymn book donation as reference.** If you would like more information please contact Angie in the Parish Office. All donations no matter how big or small will assist and be greatly appreciated.

Lenten Retreat

Once again John Auer will host a Lenten Retreat commencing on Monday 6th March to Monday 27th March commencing at 6pm in the Parish Centre. The Retreat will journey with Jesus Christ through his life to his death and resurrection. Please register with the Parish Office on 9335 2268 or email parishoffice2@iinet.net.au.

Mass Intentions

Sunday 12th February

8am Mass: Cecil Saverimutto (dec'd)
Souls in Purgatory

9.30am Italian Mass:

Intentions of the Ursuline Lay Association Prayer Group

Andrea Pellegrino (dec'd)

11am Mass:

Maria Antonia Giancaspro (dec'd 1st anniversary)

Filomena Valente (dec'd)

5pm Mass:

Antonio, Giuseppina & Little Francesca Natoli (dec'd)

Monday 13th February

Midday Mass: Cecil Saverimutto (dec'd)
Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday 14th February

Midday Mass: Mario Pires (dec'd)

Percy Reid (dec'd)

Cecil Saverimutto (dec'd)

Wednesday 15th February

Midday Mass: Stella Swaris (dec'd 10th anniversary)

Cecil Saverimutto (dec'd)

Rizzo Family (dec'd)

Thursday 16th February

Midday Mass: Cecil Saverimutto (dec'd)

Clare Ferguson-Smith (dec'd)

Friday 17th February

Midday Mass: Emanuele Family (int)

Cecil Saverimutto (dec'd)

Anna Amedeo (dec'd)

Saturday 18th February

Midday Mass: Jack & Jean Davies (dec'd)

Cecil Saverimutto (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 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

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 12 February

SPPS Welcoming & Sacrament Enrolment Mass

Thursday 16 February

Sacrament Enrolment & Formation Evening

Friday 17 February

Notre Dame Academic Commencement Mass

Sunday 19 February

Project Compassion Sunday

Monday 20 February

Senior's Morning Tea