

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Sunday 19th February, 2023

Oblate Priests' at the Basilica

Fr. John Sebastian OMI (Rector & Parish Priest)

Fr Angela 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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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,

Greetings to you all!

We continue our reflection on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Through his sermon Jesus continues to challenge his listeners and invites them to imitate him saying 'be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.' This was often interpreted in the first century as a call to separate oneself from all that is unholy: sin, sinners, the Gentiles, and so on. Jesus, however, calls his disciples to imitate God by being perfect in love. His love for us is perfect and selfless. The teachings of Jesus can be daunting for his original audience because Jesus proposes something contrary to what the world was proposing and practicing at that time.

Jesus says, "You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." How do you feel about this challenging message of Christ?

On Veterans Day of November 1996, Phan Thi Kim Phuc, now 33, came to the black granite Vietnam Veterans Memorial as a wife and mother, to tell several thousand spectators that she forgives those who bombed her village and that she has put the past behind her. Kim Phuc placed a wreath at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington and delivered a short speech. When Kim Phuc was only 9 years old, her picture was taken by an Associated Press photographer, and it stirred the conscience of the world. Moments after the picture was taken, Kim Phuc lost consciousness and was taken to a hospital by the photographer, Nick Ut, who later won a Pulitzer Prize for the photo. Her village had just been hit by a napalm bomb attack by the South Vietnamese air force, sponsored by the USA air force. Her two cousins were killed instantly. Kim Phuc's clothes were burned off her. In the photograph, this little girl was running, naked, in pain and terror. In front of the wall inscribed with the names of more than 58,000 U.S. war dead, Kim Phuc said that she was focused on the future. Speaking to a hushed crowd in Washington, she made the following statement: "I have suffered a lot from my physical and emotional pain. Sometimes I thought I could not live, but God saved my life and gave me Faith and Hope. If I could talk face to face with the pilot who dropped the bomb, I would tell him we cannot change history, but we should try to do things for the present and in the future to promote peace." No retaliation!

Friends, if you want to win the world, win people with your genuine love, forgiveness, kindness, and compassion. Unforgiveness cannot bring fullness to a person, but true forgiveness can. Amen.

Fr. John Sebastian OMI

Rector & Parish Priest

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil Mass: Aquinas Schola (Conductor: Hugh Lydon)
Andrew Brown (Organist)
8am & 11am: Sophie Rodgers (Cantor), Vince Basile (Organist)
5pm: Bonnie de la Hunty (Cantor), Michael Peters (Organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Paul Mason - Mass Shalom
Processional Hymn: CWB789 Praise My Soul The King of Heaven
Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB793 Make me a channel of your peace
Recessional Hymn: CWB721 In Christ there is no east or west

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Ps 12: 6

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

First reading Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18

A reading from the book of Leviticus
You must love your neighbour as yourself

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them:

“Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

“You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.”

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 102(103):1-4,8,10,12-13

The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.

The Lord is kind and merciful.

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.

The Lord is kind and merciful.

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.

The Lord is kind and merciful.

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him.

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second reading 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

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

You belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are; or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation 1 John 2:5

Alleluia, alleluia!
Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 5:38-48

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.

Love your enemies

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to be God Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon Ps 9: 2-3

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

Parish Notices

New Email Addresses for Parish Office

Please note changes to email addresses for the the parish office:-

Angie's new email address: parishoffice@fremantlestpatricks.org.au

Stefani's new email address: secretary@fremantlestpatricks.org.au

Project Compassion for 2023: For All Future Generations

This Sunday we celebrate Project Compassion Sunday. During this 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.

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.

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.

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.

Project Compassion Sunday Prayer

God of all generations,
We thank you for those who have gone before us,
Especially those who have cared for your earth.
and who inspire us to help respect your creation
and contribute to its healing.
We thank you for those with whom we share our
lives today,
Especially those who work for justice and peace.
May we welcome the opportunity that Lent brings
To walk more closely with you,
Especially through fasting almsgiving and prayer.
We thank you for the challenge of the future.
May the cross of Jesus remind us that only finds the
way forward.
As we work with big hearts, may we join with Mary
in her hope.
That from now on all generations will experience
The great things you will do through us.
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Stations of the Cross

Commencing Friday 24th February and continuing every Friday until Good Friday there will be Stations of the Cross in English after the midday Mass, and Stations in Italian at 7pm.

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.

Save the date for St Patrick's Day Celebration: Thursday 16th March at 7pm

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to invite you all for a concelebrated **Vigil Mass to celebrate our patron St. Patrick on Thursday 16th at 7pm**

This will give us the opportunity to welcome the other 25 Oblates in Australia who will be in Fremantle for a conference.

Fr. Christian Fini will be the principle celebrant and homilist.

So kindly mark this date in your diary.

Light supper will be served in the Presbytery Carport after Mass.

RSVP is essential to the Parish office, before Monday 13 March.

St. Patrick's Day Concert

Dear Parishioners, you are all welcome to the St. Patrick's Day concert on Friday 17th March at 7.30pm. It will be a great day to honour and celebrate our Patron Saint Patrick. The entry is by donation. Your generous donation will help us in the music ministry of the Basilica of St. Patrick.

Turkey-Syria Earthquake Disaster Leaving Collection

A leaving collection for those who have been affected by the 7.8 magnitude earthquake in Turkey and Syria, will be taken up on the weekend of the 4th and 5th March. Your generous donation means that Caritas partners in Turkey and Syria can respond swiftly to support the survivors of this unimaginable tragedy.

Mass Intentions

Sunday 19th February

8am Mass: Cecil Saverimutto (dec'd)

9.30am Italian Mass:

Gaetano & Maria Letizia (dec'd)

Domenica & Vincenzo Conte (dec'd)

Gaetanina & Antonio Colalillo (dec'd)

Matthew James Simpson (dec'd)

Americo Di Tullio (dec'd)

11am Mass: Frank, Elena & Martha Amato (dec'd)

5pm Mass:

Franchesca Portelli (dec'd 2nd anniversary)

Monday 20th February

Midday Mass: James Ong & Jew Family (dec'd)

Cecil Saverimutto (dec'd)

Tuesday 21st February

Midday Mass: Luigi Gizzarone (dec'd)

Cecil Saverimutto (dec'd)

Wednesday 22nd February

9am Mass: Tony Amedeo (dec'd)

Luciano Berini (dec'd 1st anniversary)

Midday Mass: Cecil Saverimutto (dec'd)

Domenico Amedeo (dec'd)

7pm Mass: Amedeo Family (dec'd)

Thursday 23rd February

Midday Mass: Cecil Saverimutto (dec'd)

In Honour of all Saints

Friday 24th February

Midday Mass: Cecil Saverimutto (dec'd)

Saturday 25th February

Midday Mass: Cecil Saverimutto (dec'd)

6pm Vigil Mass: Antonio & Matilda Jardim (dec'd)

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 58%.

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 19 February

Project Compassion Sunday

Monday 20 February

Senior's Morning Tea

Wednesday 22 February

Ash Wednesday

Friday 3 March

World Day of Prayer

Monday 6 March

Lenten Retreat Commences