

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

The First Sunday of Lent, Year A
Sunday 26th 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
Collin Visaggio

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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!

Today we begin our first Sunday in this grace filled season of Lent. The Lenten season is a powerful reminder to every baptised members; how one should be willing to walk with Jesus as he walked his way to Calvary. Jesus embraced the will of his father willingly and remained committed till his death on the cross. Similarly, we too should have the same courage and willingness to embrace this season of grace, so that we move closer to Jesus and win the many battles of our temptations as Jesus won at the start of his public ministry.

No human person is free of any temptations in life. The book of Genesis reminds us that our first parents: Adam and Eve experienced temptations in life. The serpent knew how to create desire in the human heart, so it said to the woman: 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So, she took some of its fruit and ate it.' (Gen 3:4-7).

As the saying goes: "All that glitters is not gold" so also all that delights our eyes not necessarily lead us to a life of happiness. All of us need to stay awake to discern what is good or bad and find out more diligently whether what we witness with our sight offers us life or death.

When the devil showed the kingdoms of the world and promised to give them to Jesus if he fell at Satan's feet and worshipped him. But Jesus strongly rebuked Satan and said 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God and serve him alone.' Each time the devil made his suggestion, Jesus unsheathed "the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Eph 6:17). It was his knowledge of Scripture and his commitment to live by its message that aided him in the fight. For this reason, familiarity with Scripture should be an essential part of Christian formation. It is a powerful weapon for the struggles of the spiritual life."

When Jesus faced his temptation in the desert, he could have vanquished the tempter with his divine might, but this was not his chosen approach. Instead, Jesus faced his trial in a human way, in full solidarity with humanity. He never ceased to be the Son of God, and yet he won the battle as a man.'

So, when faced with difficulties and temptations in life, let us take refuge in God's revealed world. The letter to the Hebrews says, "Because he himself was tested through what he suffered; he is able to help those who are being tested" (Heb 2:18). These words invite us to turn to Jesus for grace and inner strength in times of need. 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: Esther Jong (Cantor), Andrew Brown (Organist)
5pm: Emma Oorschot (Cantor), Michael Peters (Organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Missa Simplex
Processional Hymn: CWB746 May this Lenten discipline
Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB793 Make me a channel of your peace
Recessional Hymn: CWB799 Rejoice, the Lord is King!

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 90: 15-16

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

First reading Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis
The Creation, and the sin of our first parents

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

Now the serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death."' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

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

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 50(51):3-6,12-14,17

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done.
Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.
Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.
Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second reading Romans 5:12,17-19

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

However great the number of sins committed, grace was even greater

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

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

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel Matthew 4:1-11

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 temptation in the wilderness

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge,
and they will support you on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

Priest: **The Gospel of the Lord.**

All: **Praise to be God Lord Jesus Christ**

Communion Antiphon Mt 4: 4

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Parish Notices

The new 23/24 Planned Giving Envelopes are available
in the side foyer this weekend for collection.

Please pick up your envelopes!

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.

Project Compassion for 2023: For All Future Generations

This weekend a Special Collection for Project Compassion will be taken up at all Masses.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday until Good Friday there will be Stations of the Cross in English after the midday Mass, and Stations in Italian at 7pm. Please Note: there will be no Stations of the Cross in Italian on Friday 16 March.

World Day of Prayer 2023

This year's 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.

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.

Parish Morning Tea

The next parish morning tea will be held on Sunday 5th March after the 8am Mass in the Presbytery carport. All Welcome.

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 Saint 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 the music ministry of the Basilica of St. Patrick.

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, **so far \$1235 has been donated, Thank You!**

Mass Intentions

Sunday 26th February

8am Mass: Giuseppe Camporeale (dec'd)
Carlo Pruiti (dec'd)

9.30am Italian Mass:

Antonio Dilello (dec'd anniversary)

Antonio & Nicola Marrone (dec'd)

11am Mass: Cecil Saverimutto (dec'd)
Helen Griffith (dec'd)

5pm Mass: Nancy Tomba (dec'd)
Olive Wilkinson (dec'd 1st anniv.)

Monday 27th February

Midday Mass: Reginald Boston (Dec'd)

Peter Larard (dec'd)

Cecil Saverimutto (dec'd)

Tuesday 28th February

Midday Mass: Leonardo Goncalves (dec'd)

Fortunata & Jose De Abreu (dec'd)

Cecil Saverimutto (dec'd)

Wednesday 1st March

Midday Cecil Saverimutto (dec'd)

Lombardi Family (int)

Thursday 2nd March

Midday Mass: Amedeo Lomma (dec'd)

Cecil Saverimutto (dec'd)

Friday 3rd March

Midday Mass: Cecil Saverimutto (dec'd)

Saturday 4th March

Midday Mass: Cecil Saverimutto (dec'd)

6pm Vigil Mass: Luigi Brizzi (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 56%.

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

Friday 3 March

World Day of Prayer

Weekend 4/5 March

Special Collection at all Masses for Earthquake victims in Turkey & Syria

Monday 6 March

Lenten Retreat Commences

Thursday 16 March

St Patrick's Day Mass

Friday 17 March

St Patrick's Day Concert