

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

The Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year A
Sunday 26th March, 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

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Contact

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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!

The gospel readings of the previous two Sundays focussed on water (Jn 4) and light (Jn 9). Today our focus is on life (Jn 11). The elements of water, light and life, simply point us to Christ, who is the source of all.

When everything goes well in life there is no problem in expressing our belief in God, but when things are different to what we expect then there come crises in one's faith journey. The raising of Lazarus from death brings out clearly how Jesus invited both Martha and Mary to believe in Him as the source of their lives.

Today's Gospel reminds us that we all need friends, even Jesus needed one. In the village of Bethany Jesus had three very special friends namely Martha, Mary, and their brother Lazarus. Their house always remained open to him.

When we go deeper into this story of raising Lazarus from death, we can clearly see how Martha, Mary and Lazarus appreciated their friendship with Jesus and vice versa. Their request to come and pay a visit to his ill brother Lazarus tells us clearly how close they were to Jesus.

When Lazarus got sick, they sent an urgent message to him saying, "Lord the man you love is ill." Their hope was that he would drop everything and come and cure him. But surprisingly Jesus did not drop everything and rush to the bedside of his dying friend. Instead, he stayed on where he was for two whole days. We don't know why. His delay in coming must have been heartbroken for the sisters. Right in front of their eyes their brother's life was ebbing away and the one they believed could do something about it wasn't there.

The Gospel shows us how Martha and Mary were deeply saddened by the death of their beloved brother. Of the two, Mary seems to have been the worst affected. She wouldn't even leave the house. While they had sympathetic people around them, the one they most wanted to be with them was not there, that is Jesus their friend.

I am sure all of us would have gone through the experience of Martha and Mary, when something bad happened in our lives, especially to the one whom we loved most, we feel that God has abandoned us.

So, what can we do? We must imitate Martha. The story presents her as a model of faith. In her hour of grief, she ran to the Lord and poured out her sorrow to him. And when Jesus challenged her to believe, she made a wonderful profession of faith: "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into the world."

When we suffer it seems as though God is absent. But when we pray, we come to realize that God is not absent, but is present in our suffering. 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 & 1am: Esther Jong (Cantor), Andrew Brown (Organist)

5pm: Dennis Nixon (Cantor), Michael Peters (Organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Missa Simplex

Processional Hymn: CWB776 O Sacred Head, Surrounded

Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB862 When I survey the Wondrous Cross

Recessional Hymn: CWB696 Godhead here in hiding

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 42: 1-2

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

First reading Ezekiel 37:12-14

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 129(130)

With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,

Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my pleading.

With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,

Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness:

for this we revere you.

With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

My soul is waiting for the Lord.

I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord

more than watchman for daybreak.

(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.)

With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

Because with the Lord there is mercy

and fullness of redemption,

Israel indeed he will redeem

from all its iniquity.

With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

Second reading Romans 8:8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 11:25. 26

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;

whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel John 11:1-45

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

I am the resurrection and the life

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' The disciples said, 'Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?' Jesus replied:

'Are there not twelve hours in the day?

A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling

because he has the light of this world to see by;

but if he walks at night he stumbles,

because there is no light to guide him.'

He said that and then added, 'Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.' The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by 'rest' he meant 'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly, 'Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.' Then Thomas – known as the Twin – said to the other disciples, 'Let us go too, and die with him.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,

and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, 'The Master is here and wants to see you.' Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

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.

Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone.

Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.
I knew indeed that you always hear me,
but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me,
so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to be God Lord Jesus Christ

Parish Notices

Stations of the Cross continue every Friday until Good Friday. English Stations after the midday Mass and Stations in Italian at 7pm.

Holy Week and Easter Mass Timetable

Copies of the Holy Week and Easter Mass timetables in English and Italian are available in the side foyers of the Church this weekend. Pick up a copy.

Holy Water Bottles

Thank you to everyone who assisted with the filling of the Holy Water bottles, they are already now for blessing at Easter Vigil.

Lenten Retreat

The last session for the Lenten Retreat will be held on Monday 27th March at 6pm to 7pm in the Parish Centre.

Farewell for Frs John Sebastian & Angelo Wijewickrama

Parishioners and Friends are invited to the Farewell Mass and Light Lunch for Frs John Sebastian and Angelo Wijewickrama on Sunday 2 April. We will commence with a concelebrated Mass at 11am followed by light lunch in the parish centre. All welcome to attend but please RSVP before Tuesday 28 March for catering purposes.

Phone 9335 2268 or email parishoffice@fremantlestpatricks.org.au. There will be **NO** Parish Morning Tea on Sunday 2nd April after the 8am Mass due to the Farewell Celebrations for Frs John Sebastian and Angelo at 11am.

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

To prepare ourselves for Holy Week and the Easter Liturgies the Parish will have the Second Rite of Reconciliation on **WEDNESDAY 5TH APRIL AT 7PM**. All Welcome.

Easter Offerings

Usually twice a year you are invited, as a community, to make a special effort to financially support the Priests of the Basilica. As the special season of Easter is fast approaching, you are encouraged to support the Priests during this special season of Easter. The envelopes are in the pews, so kindly use them and support your priests generously.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 25th March

6pm Vigil Mass: Cesar Ralar (dec'd)

Sunday 26th March

8am Mass: Helen Griffith (dec'd)

9.30am Italian Mass:

Giuseppe Paratore (dec'd)

Antonio Dilello (dec'd)

Nicola & Giacomina Caputi (dec'd)

Fr Rodney Williams (dec'd)

Americo Di Tullio (dec'd)

Nicola Di Menna (dec'd)

11am Mass: Czeslaw Kwiatkowski (dec'd)

5pm Mass: Giuseppe Portelli (dec'd)

Monday 27th March

Midday Mass: Giovanni & Carmina Colacci (dec'd)

Tuesday 28th March

Midday Mass: Maria, Peri & Vicki Simich (Dec'd)

Wednesday 29th March

Midday Mass: Rosa Caporn (int Birthday)

Thursday 30th March

Midday Mass: Leonardo Goncalves (dec'd)

Friday 31st March

Midday Mass: John O'Connor (int)

Saturday 1st April

Midday Mass: Lombardi Family (int)

6pm Vigil Mass: Judith Rebelo & Family (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 55%.

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 2 April

Frs Sebastian & Angelo Farewell

Wednesday 5 April

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Thursday 6 April

Holy Thursday

Friday 7 April

Good Friday

Saturday 8 April

Holy Saturday

Sunday 9 April

Easter Sunday