

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

The Third Sunday of Lent, Year A
Sunday 12th 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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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!

The kernel of God's desire to deliver the people of Israel from their slavery in Egypt becomes clear in the call of Moses. God (Yahweh) was very much aware of their present situation, so he wanted his servant Moses to go and be part of his salvific plan. God addressed Moses saying, "The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt" (Exo: 3: 9-10).

As they were on their journey towards the Promised Land, they experienced thirst, which is indeed a human need especially when you are on a long journey and that too in a desert area. When the people of Israel experienced their need to quench their thirst, they immediately complained saying: 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?'. This complaint shows how quick they were to forget the marvellous encounter of God they had so far and how quick they were to doubt the presence of God in their journey. All the past favours, all the days of good health and prosperity, are immediately forgotten, because these past benefits were rarely or never attributed to God with any real sincerity. The people of Israel failed to understand the presence of God in their journey toward the Promised Land, and thus they were short of understanding God's love and his plan.

Now, Moses had to face these present issues with the people, who were together on the journey towards the Promised Land. So, he approaches God saying, "How am I to deal with this people?" he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' I am sure, when you and I face issues in life, we would have raised more questions as Moses did in the desert.

The leadership qualities of Moses give us more motivations and guidelines, as what one should do, during the moments of crisis. Moses turned immediately to God and wanted his assistance and presence to deal with the situations of his life. He did it because he knew God would help him to face situations in life. In other words, he trusted in God, which the people of Israel failed to do. So, when faced with difficulties let us be firm in our faith, hope and trust in God.

Thomas Merton says, "You do not need to know precisely what is happening, or exactly where it is all going. What you need is to recognize the possibilities and challenges offered by the present moment, and to embrace them with courage, faith, and hope." 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: Eimear Foley (Cantor), Vince Basile (Organist)
5pm: Sophie Rodgers (Cantor), Michael Peters (Organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Missa Simplex
Processional Hymn: CWB746 May this Lenten discipline
Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB631 Bread of the world in mercy broken
Recessional Hymn: CWB634 By your Priestly power, O risen Lord

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 24: 15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

First reading Exodus 17:3-7

A reading from the book of Exodus

Strike the rock, and water will flow from it

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?'

Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' the Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us:
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second reading Romans 5:1-2,5-8

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The love of God has been poured into our hearts

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. And this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation cf John 4:42. 15

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel John 4:5-16,19-26,39-42

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.

A spring of water welling up to eternal life

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.'

Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know: for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – **in fact it is here already** – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to be Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

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 Mazonod, 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

On the weekend of the 18th/19th March we will welcome Fr Slawek Plonka OMI, new Parish Priest of Fremantle, who will be visiting prior to taking up his role in July, 2023. Fr Slawek will be concelebrating at all Masses during that weekend.

Holy Water Bottles

We are seeking some volunteers who can spare some time on Wednesday 22 and Thursday 24 March to help us fill the mini Holy Water Bottles for Easter. If you can assist please come to the Parish Centre from 9am to 12noon on either day to help.

Lenten Retreat

The Lenten Retreat continues on the following Mondays 13th, 20th and 27th March at 6pm to 7pm in the Parish Centre. Please register with the Parish Office on 9335 2268 or email parishoffice@fremantlestpatricks.org.au.

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

Come and join for a 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.

Senior's Morning Tea

The next Senior's Morning Tea will be held on Monday 20th March at 10am in the Parish Centre. All Senior's Welcome.

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.

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 \$1632 has been donated, Thank You!**

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday 11th March

6pm Vigil Mass: Andrea Pellegrino (dec'd 1month)

Sunday 12th March

8am Mass: Cecil Saverimutto (dec'd)

9.30am Italian Mass:

Maria & Sebastiano Scilipoti (dec'd)

11am Mass: Savino Torelli (Dec'd)

Giuseppina Lupis (dec'd)

5pm Mass: Maria Teresa Caputo (dec'd)

Monday 13th March

Midday Mass: Cecil Saverimutto (dec'd)

Michael Van Der Lei (dec'd)

Tuesday 14th March

Midday Mass: Mario Pires (dec'd)

Cecil Saverimutto (dec'd)

Josip Ercegovic (dec'd)

Wednesday 15th March

Midday Mass: Cecil Saverimutto (dec'd)

Paul Bosch (int)

Thursday 16th March

Midday Mass: Cecil Saverimutto (dec'd)

Czeslaw Kwiatkowski (dec'd)

Friday 17th March

Midday Mass: Cecil Saverimutto (dec'd)

Liliana Da Silva (dec'd)

Anna Amedeo (dec'd)

Saturday 18th March

Midday Mass: Cecil Saverimutto (dec'd)

Josephine Williams (dec'd)

6pm Vigil Mass: Elena & Martha (dec'd anniv.)

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

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EFT Second Collection Details

BSB: 066 107

A/c No: 0080 0216

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Coming Events

Thursday 16 March

St Patrick's Day Mass

Friday 17 March

St Patrick's Day Concert

Sunday 19 March

Visiting Organist Concert

Monday 20 March

Senior's Morning Tea

Sunday 2 April

Frs Sebastian & Angelo Farewell