

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

# Basilica of St. Patrick

The Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year A  
Sunday 19th 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

## Parish Finance Committee

Collin Visaggio (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!

The below reflection is from Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

Today's first reading describes the selection and anointing of King David. The Israelites, ever since their liberation from Egypt and their entry into the Promised Land, lived more or less as separate tribes. They had no central government. When one of the twelve tribes was in danger from a neighbouring pagan nation, God raised up a leader, called a "Judge," who led the tribe to victory in most cases. Samuel was the last of these Judges, and towards the end of his life he had more or less succeeded in forming a loose confederation among the twelve tribes. But the people were displeased with the lack of unity and political security. The pagan nations which surrounded them were ruled by kings, who led them to battle and who organized their territories on a sound, political basis.

The Israelites therefore appealed to Samuel to give them a king with a hereditary kingship, and thus secure national government and a guarantee of survival. Saul, on the advice of God, yielded, if reluctantly, to their request. Saul was appointed the first king of all Israel (1030 B.C.), but though successful in many battles, he offended God, and the kingship was taken from him and his descendants.

David, a shepherd boy of Bethlehem, was privately anointed king, at God's command, to replace Saul. His dynasty lasted 500 years (until the Babylonian exile), and his direct descendants survived until the promised Messiah, the Son of Mary and adopted son of Joseph, finally came, and changed the Chosen People of the Old Testament - the Israelites - into the new people of God which comprised the people of all nations.

The selection of David, an unimportant shepherd-boy of little Bethlehem, as second King of Israel, was an event which happened over 3,000 years ago, and may at first sight appear to be of little importance for us Christians of the 21st century. Yet it has many important lessons to teach us. First and foremost, it shows us how little years and centuries mean to God in his eternal plans. In choosing David he was choosing the royal ancestor of the King of Kings, a thousand years before he came on earth. The day he sent Samuel to Bethlehem, he was planning in advance for you and for me. His thoughts were on us from eternity.

The choice of David, the least likely of Jesse's sons, is another lesson for us, a lesson to make us humble by admitting our limitations. The whole book of a person's life is open before God; we can see only the cover and the title. In that book, together with his good deeds, God saw the very serious offences David would commit against him in later years, but he also saw his sincere repentance - he still chose David, a consolation surely and an encouragement for all of us sinners, provided our repentance (like David's) is sincere.

As we move closer to the celebration of Easter, let us make every effort to amend our lives, to live as worthy sons and daughters of God. 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: Bonnie de la Hunty (Cantor), Vince Basile (Organist)  
11am: Sophie Rodgers (Cantor), Vince Basile (Organist)  
5pm: Bonnie de la Hunty (Cantor), Michael Peters (Organist)

## Hymns

Mass Setting: Missa Simplex  
Processional Hymn: CWB833 The Lord's my Shepherd  
Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB830 The Lord is my Shepherd  
Recessional Hymn: CWB740 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Entrance Antiphon Cf. Is 66: 10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

### First reading 1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13

A reading from the first book of Samuel

*David is anointed by Samuel*

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him: God does not see as man sees: man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

### Responsorial Psalm

#### Psalm 22(23)

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

### Second reading Ephesians 5:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

*Anything exposed by the light will turn into light*

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,  
rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation John 8:12

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will have the light of life.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

## Gospel John 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38

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.**

*The blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored*

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man, and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

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

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

## Communion Antiphon

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed,  
I saw and I believed in God.

## 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.

# Parish Notices

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

This weekend we 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 this weekend.

## Holy Water Bottles

We are seeking some volunteers who can spare some time on Wednesday 23 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 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](mailto:parishoffice@fremantlestpatricks.org.au).

## 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](mailto:parishoffice@fremantlestpatricks.org.au).

## Parish Morning Tea

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 2nd Rite of Reconciliation on **WEDNESDAY 5TH APRIL AT 7PM.** All Welcome.

## Holy Thursday Mass 7pm

We are seeking volunteers for the Washing of the Feet during the Holy Thursday Mass at 7pm. If you can assist please contact the Parish Office on 9335 2268.

## 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!**

## Archbishop's Lifelink Appeal 2023

The Fremantle Parish raised \$8,803.20 towards this years Archbishop's Lifelink Appeal. The total amount raised throughout the Archdiocese was \$686,266.21.

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday 18th March

6pm Vigil Mass:

Elena & Martha Amato (dec'd anniv.)

## Sunday 19th March

8am Mass: Josip Brozicevich (dec'd)

9.30am Italian Mass:

Gaetano & Maria Letizia (dec'd)

Giuseppina La Pegna (dec'd)

Nicola Rizzi (dec'd)

Luciano Pini (dec'd)

Elia Giugliani (dec'd)

11am Mass: James Ong & Jew Family (dec'd)

Cecil Saverimutto (dec'd)

5pm Mass: Josephine Pantano (dec'd)

## Monday 20th March

Midday Mass: Cecil Saverimutto (dec'd)

Tony Amedeo (dec'd)

## Tuesday 21st March

Midday Mass: Vica & Ante Ercegovic (dec'd)

## Wednesday 22nd March

Midday Mass: Calogero Vinci (dec'd 14th anniv.)

Domenico Amedeo (dec'd)

## Thursday 23rd March

Midday Mass: Luke Ukalovich (int)

Holy Souls

## Friday 24th March

Midday Mass: Family Nunzia Rizzo (dec'd)

Joseph Norman (dec'd)

## Saturday 25th March

Midday Mass: Robyn Janice Anderson (dec'd)

Family Amedeo (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 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 March

Visiting Organist Concert

## Monday 20 March

Senior's Morning Tea

## Sunday 2 April

Frs Sebastian & Angelo Farewell

## Wednesday 5 April

2nd Rite of Reconciliation