

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

The Second Sunday of Lent, Year A
Sunday 5th 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

Trevor Gorey

Basilica Office staff

Angie Emanuele (Parish Manager)

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Stefani Boschman (Parish Secretary)

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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 Evangelist John captures the pure intention of God saying, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." (Jn 3:16). This pure act of God's love started when God called Abram to leave his country and go to a place which he gave them, with a promise: 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.'

The call of Abram is a powerful reminder about God's tender love and mercy to all his sons and daughters. Abram was a pagan when God called him. At the time of his call, he was living in Haran in northern Mesopotamia; his father Thare had come there from 'Ur of the Chaldees.' God convinced him that he alone was the true God, and that he alone should be served.

So, the call of Abraham shows how God sets in motion the future for his chosen people Israel. As we know from the knowledge of our Scripture that the chosen people did not remain committed to the plan of God. They did whatever pleased them, but God remained committed to his plan. So, we need to thank the Lord for his infinite love.

As you can imagine it would not have been an easy task for Abraham to leave his familiar shores and setup a home among 'strangers.' But Abraham did it because he truly believed in the promise God made to him.

So, the 40 days of our Lenten journey should be a powerful reminder to all of us about the love, mercy, and compassion of God in everyone's personal life. If I do not have the courage and trust like Abraham had, we cannot enjoy the blessings of God as Abraham enjoyed in his life. Every walk of life brings with it, various challenges but when it is done with trust in God's love and his promises, then it will be a remarkable journey for each one of us.

Let us spend these days of our Lenten journey reflecting on God's personal love for each one of us. No one can bring real change in the world unless I truly love my brothers and sisters. "Love is our true destiny. We do not find the meaning of life by ourselves alone - we find it with another." Says Thomas Merton. Amen.

Fr. John Sebastian OMI
Rector & Parish Priest

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil Mass: Tom Allan (Cantor)

8am: Emma Oorschot (Cantor)

11am: St Elizabeth of the Trinity Choir, Emma Oorschot (Conductor)

5pm: Sophie Hamer (Cantor)

Andrew Brown (Organist for all Masses)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Missa Simplex

Processional Hymn: CWB746 May this Lenten discipline

Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB757 O Bless the Lord My Soul

Recessional Hymn: CWB733 Lord be my vision

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 26: 8-9

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

First reading 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis

All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth

shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 32(33):4-5,18-20,22

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful

and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right

and fills the earth with his love.

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.

The Lord is our help and our shield.

May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Second reading 2 Timothy 1:8-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

God calls and enlightens us

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Matthew 17:1-9

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.

His face shone like the sun

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to be God Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon Mt 17: 5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Parish Notices

The new 23/24 Planned Giving Envelopes are available in the side foyer this weekend for collection. Please pick up your envelopes!

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.

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 this weekend 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Fr Christian Fini OMI, Provincial

Fr Fini wishes to announce that Fr Matthew Raj OMI will join the Fremantle Parish from 18th April as interim Parish Priest. He will be in residence until Fr Slawek Plonka OMI arrives in July. Let us all make Fr Matthew welcomed when he arrives.

Liturgical Formation and Renewal

The Archbishop launched a very promising program for liturgical formation and renewal for the archdiocese churches in Perth. The aim is to awaken in us a renewed love for and awareness of the extraordinary gift we have in the Eucharist in the Mass, there will be four videos released over the next four weeks of lent. See the link below:-

https://perthcatholic.org.au/News__Events-News-2023-February-Week_4-The_gift_of_the_Eucharist_the_focus_for_new_liturgical_formation_and_renewal_program.htm?latest_news=yes

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 \$1400 has been donated, Thank You!

Mass Intentions

Sunday 5th March

8am Mass: Susanna De Bari (dec'd)
Julie Bok (dec'd) & Holy Souls

9.30am Italian Mass:

Pasquale & Filomena Amato (dec'd)

11am Mass: Cecil Saverimutto (dec'd)

5pm Mass: Xin ai Guo & Shuji He (dec'd)

Monday 6th March

Midday Mass: Cecil Saverimutto (dec'd)

Tuesday 7th March

Midday Mass: Cecil Saverimutto (dec'd)

Wednesday 8th March

Midday Mass: Cecil Saverimutto (dec'd)

Jose & Fortunata De Abreu (dec'd)

Thursday 9th March

Midday Mass: Cecil Saverimutto (dec'd)

Friday 10th March

Midday Mass:

Cecil Saverimutto (dec'd)

Intentions of the Lay Association of the Ursuline Sisters Prayer Group

John Goncalves (dec'd)

Saturday 11th March

Midday Mass: Cecil Saverimutto (dec'd)

Pasquale De Gennaro (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 62%.

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

Weekend 4/5 March

A Leaving 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

Sunday 19 March

Visiting Organist Concert

Monday 20 March

Senior's Morning Tea