

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

# Basilica of St. Patrick

3rd Sunday of Easter, Year A

*Sunday 23rd April, 2023*

## **Oblate Priests' at the Basilica**

Fr. Matthew Raj (interim Rector & Parish Priest)  
Fr Giancarlo Iollo OMI  
(Assistant Priest & Italian Chaplain)  
Fr John Patrick John Mary OMI  
(Assistant Priest & Hospital Chaplain)  
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 (Acting Chair)	Sonia La Macchia
Rob De Sousa	Vita Mews

## **Parish Finance Committee**

Collin Visaggio (Chair)  
Trevor Gorey  
Michael Piu

## **Basilica Office staff**

Angie Emanuele (Parish Manager)  
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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!

I would like to begin with the following questions: What do we do when we're depressed? What's our temptation when our dreams are shattered? Generally we walk towards human consolation, or towards something which will alleviate the hurt or soothe our wounded hearts.

The gospel talks about two disciples, who walk away from Jerusalem, after the death of Jesus. They felt that their hopes had been vanished and could not see for themselves any ray of hope in their lives. As a result with dispirited hearts they walked away from Jerusalem towards Emmaus on Easter Sunday morning, unaware that Jesus had risen from the dead.

The evangelist Luke says, "on the morning of the Resurrection "two disciples were walking away from Jerusalem toward Emmaus, a village some seven miles away, their faces downcast." Every word is pregnant with meaning: For Luke, "Jerusalem" is more than a city. For him, it means the church, it means our faith-dream, and it means the place where Jesus was crucified (the place of pain, betrayal, crucified dreams, humiliation, and shame). So, when the disciples walked away from Jerusalem it means: they were leaving the church, leaving their faith dream, and walking away from the place where they felt that dream had ended in shame.

The gospel also says that they were walking towards "Emmaus". What is "Emmaus"? Scholars tell us that there were several places called Emmaus, but they suspect that the one referred to here was a Roman Spa, a resort of sorts, a place of human consolation. Thus, these disciples were doing what we invariably do when we get hurt, walk away from the hurt towards human consolation, towards something which will take the pain away or at least distract us from it.

Yes, it is human nature to seek for human consolation, nothing wrong in doing it. At the same time let us also learn from Jesus as to what happened to him before his death on the cross. When Jesus went into the Garden of Gethsemane to pray he tells his disciples: "Watch!" They're supposed to learn something by watching him. As Jesus went to his Father to seek his presence during his moments of difficulties, let us also learn in our lives that we can go to Jesus and thus ask for his presence and guidance when life throws us various challenges and thus find him in our lives. Amen.

**Fr. Mathew Raj OMI**  
**Acting Parish Priest/Rector**

# Music Ministry

## Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil: Eimear Foley (Cantor), Andrew Brown (Organist)  
Sun 8am & 11am: Sophie Rogers (Cantor), Vince Basile (Organist)  
5pm Mass: Eimear Foley (Cantor), Michael Peters (Organist)

## Hymns

Mass Setting: Paul Mason - Mass Shalom  
Processional Hymn: CWB 619 Alleluia Sing to Jesus  
Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 845 This Joyful Eastertide  
Recessional Hymn: CWB 671 Easter Glory Fills the Sky

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 65: 1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

### First Reading

#### Acts of the Apostles Acts 2:14,22-33

#### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to this*

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,  
for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.  
So my heart was glad  
and my tongue cried out with joy;  
my body, too, will rest in the hope  
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades  
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.  
You have made known the way of life to me,  
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

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

### Responsorial Psalm

#### Psalm 15(16):1-2,5,7-11

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.'

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,  
who even at night directs my heart.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay.

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever.

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

## Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

*Your ransom was paid in the precious blood of Christ*

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation cf Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:

make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

## Gospel Reading Luke 24:13-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*They recognised him at the breaking of bread*

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

## The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have

mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

## The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,

the Father almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the Only Begotten Son of God,

born of the Father before all ages.

God from God,

Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from

heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the

Virgin Mary,

and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried,

and rose again on the third day

in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory

to judge the living and the dead

and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is adored and

glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins

and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. 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.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Communion Antiphon Lk 24: 35

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

## Parish Notices

### Fr Mathew Raj OMI

We welcome Fr Mathew Raj OMI who will be acting Parish Priest over the next three months. Please make Fr Mathew feel welcome and please introduce yourself to him.

### Parish Morning Tea

The next Parish Morning Tea will be held on Sunday 7th May after the 8am Mass. All welcome to attend.

### Our Lady of Fatima

The nine day Novena in honour of Our Lady of Fatima will commence on Thursday 4th May until Friday 12th May. See noticeboards and leaflets which are available in the side foyer of the Church this weekend. This year Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 13th May at 6pm with candlelight procession through the Basilica and School Grounds followed by Benediction in the Basilica. Please join us as we honour Our Lady.

### Project Compassion Donations

Please return your Project Compassion donations either via the Parish Office or via the collection plate at the weekend Masses. Donation need to be in before the end of April.

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday 22nd April

6pm Vigil Mass: Vincenzo Vitelli (dec'd)  
Sally Debrincat (dec'd)

### Sunday 23rd April

8am Mass: Sr Maureen Moynihan (dec'd)

9.30am Italian Mass:

Def. Giacomo Collica

Def. Pauline Belviso

Def. Americo Di Tullio

11am Mass:

5pm Mass:

### Monday 24th April

Midday Mass:

### Tuesday 25th April

Midday Mass: Robbie & Rosealie (int)

### Wednesday 26th April

Midday Mass: Helen Griffith (dec'd)

### Thursday 27th April

Midday Mass:

### Friday 28th April

Midday Mass: Filippo Chillemi (dec'd)

### Saturday 29th April

Midday Mass: John Vandermark (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 57%.

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

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## Upcoming Events

### Tuesday 25th April

Anzac Day

### Thursday 4th May to Friday 12th May

Our Lady of Fatima Novena

### Sunday 7th May

Parish Morning Tea

### Saturday 13th May

Our Lady of Fatima Mass, Procession & Benediction

### Sunday 14th May

Mother's Day