## 47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160 Basilica of St. Patrick 4th Sunday of Easter, Year A Sunday 30th 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) Marlene Dullard (Acting Chair) Rob De Sousa

Maria Gorman ) Sonia La Macchia Vita Mews

#### Parish Finance Committee

Collin Visaggio (Chair) Trevor Gorey Michael Piu

#### **Basilica Office staff**

Angie Emanuele (Parish Manager) email: parishmanager@fremantlestpatricks.org.au Stefani Boschman (Parish Secretary) email: secretary@fremantlestpatricks.org.au

#### Parish working hours

Monday to Friday (9am to 3pm) Closed Weekends and Public Holidays

#### Contact

Office phone number: (08) 9335 2268 Email: parishoffice@fremantlestpatricks.org.au Website: http://fremantlestpatricks.org.au Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On this fourth Sunday of Easter, we celebrate the feast of Christ, our good shepherd who willingly laid down his life for his flock. For many of us today who live in cities we don't often see many shepherds herding their sheep to market! The language and images in the gospel can seem a bit strange to us today and may even be outside our experience altogether. We celebrate our shepherd because he loves and cares for us in all circumstances. He is willing to lead all who follow and obey him to the spring of eternal life.

Today's first reading narrates how the apostles continued to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. Peter stands up with the eleven apostles and addresses the crowd, declaring that the events they are witnessing are the fulfilment of prophecy. Then he preaches about Jesus Christ, calling on the crowd to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of their sins, leading to the conversion and baptism of about three thousand people. This shows that Christ came for the salvation of all nations and offers us salvation and protection through the good news.

In our second reading, Peter exhorts Christians to endure suffering patiently, even when it is unjust, because Christ himself suffered for their sake and left them an example to follow. Peter emphasizes that Christ's suffering was redemptive, and that through his wounds, believers are healed and brought back to God, who is like a shepherd caring for his sheep. Through his son Jesus Christ, God is ready to lead us to the spring of eternal salvation. His mercy, love, and salvation do not discriminate, and his kingdom is thrown opened to all.

Today's gospel is precise. However, it bears a compelling message for all of us that when a shepherd calls a sheep, the sheep recognises the voice and responds. Just as the shepherd knows the sheep, the sheep knows and trusts the shepherd. The shepherd guides and protects the sheep. The sheep go where the shepherd leads them.

We are not sheep! But the Lord knows and loves each of us as individuals. The Prophet Isaiah has a beautiful image of this in Isaiah 49:16 he writes, 'I have called you by your name, you are mine, do not be afraid. You are precious to me and I love you.' If a shepherd cares for his sheep with great love and devotion, how much more does Jesus' love and care for each of us? Jesus does not force us to listen to his voice when he calls us. He invites us to follow him freely. The choice whether or not to respond is ours. We may take our time in responding, but Jesus will never stop calling us by our name; he will wait until we do respond.

Parish Safeguarding OfficersMary Davis 0409 115 191Lynn Tomlinson 0424 243 224

#### 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.

As we continue our journey through Easter in preparation for the celebration of Pentecost, may each of us realise how deeply and personally Jesus loves us. When Jesus calls us by our name, may we answer in faith, gratitude and gratefulness. May we follow where he leads us.

God Bless Fr. Mathew Raj OMI Interim Rector/Parish Priest

## Music Ministry

#### Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil: Emma Oorschot (Cantor), Andrew Brown (Organist) Sun 8am & 11am: Eimear Foley (Cantor), Michael Peters (Orangist) 5pm Mass: Tom Allan (Cantor), Andrew Brown (Organist)

#### <u>Hymns</u>

Mass Setting: Paul Mason - Mass Shalom Processional Hymn: CWB 804 Shepherds of Souls Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 830 The Lord is my Shepherd Recessional Hymn: CWB 755 Now thank we all our God

The Liturgy of the Word	
Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 32: 5-6	Responsorial Psalm
The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;	Psalm 22(23)
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made,	
alleluia.	The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall
	want.
First Reading	The Lord is my shepherd;
Acts of the Apostles 2:14,36-41	there is nothing I shall want.
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles	Fresh and green are the pastures
'God has made him both Lord and Christ'	where he gives me repose.
	Near restful waters he leads me,
On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the	to revive my drooping spirit.
Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice:	The Lord is my shappend, there is nothing I shall
'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God	The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord	want.
and Christ.'	He guides me along the right path;
Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to	he is true to his name.
Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?'	If I should walk in the valley of darkness
'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of	no evil would I fear.
you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for	You are there with your crook and your staff;
the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the	with these you give me comfort.
gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is	The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall
for you and your children, and for all those who are	want.
far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will	
call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time	You have prepared a banquet for me
using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save	in the sight of my foes.
yourselves from this perverse generation.' They	My head you have anointed with oil;

were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God. 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: 1 Peter 2:20-25

A reading from the first letter of St Peter You have come back to the shepherd of your souls

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

## **Gospel Acclamation John 10:14**

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

### Gospel Reading John 10:1-10 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Gospel St John I am the gate of the sheepfold

Jesus said:

'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come

#### <u>The Gloria</u>

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 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.

are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

The gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **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.

### **Communion Antiphon**

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

# Parish Notices

#### **Basilica Guardian URGENTLY Required**

We require a Basilica Guardian who can fill in on Fridays from 28-05-2023 till 05-07-2023 from 1pm to 3pm. If you can assist please contact the parish Office asap.

#### 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. Donations need to be in before the end of April.

#### High Voltage Music Event - Sunday 7 May

Remember that on Sunday 7 May there will be some road closures due to the High Voltage Event. Although these road closures do not directly affect access to the Basilica, other than Parry Street from South Terrace, there will be however large volume of cars and parking maybe affected closer to the Basilica. Please plan ahead.

## Mass Intentions

Saturday 29th April 6pm Vigil Mass: James (int) Sunday 30th April 8am Mass: Winto Family (int) 9.30am Italian Mass: 11am Mass: Leonardo Goncalves (dec'd) 5pm Mass: Chloe Hoe (int Birthday) Giuseppe Portelli (dec'd) Monday 1st May Midday Mass: Libera Gizzarone (dec'd) **Special Intention Tuesday 2nd May** Midday Mass: Amedeo Lomma (dec'd) Josip Brozicevich (dec'd) Wednesday 3rd May Midday Mass: Robert Griffith (int) Thursday 4th May Midday Mass: Christina Omodei (dec'd) Friday 5th May Midday Mass: Richard Williams (dec'd) Saturday 6th May Midday Mass: Italia Zara (dec'd) 6pm Vigil Mass: Antonio Garces (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 53%.

Please consider joining the Planned Giving Programme. For more information contact the Parish Office. Thank you!

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EFT Second Collection Details BSB: 066 107 A/c No: 0080 0216 Reference: 2nd Collection and your name Second Collection supports the Parish

#### National Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week is from the 15th -21st May 2023. This year the theme for Volunteer week is 'The Change Makers'. The annual Volunteer Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Sunday 14th May 2023 at 11.00am.

## Upcoming Events

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