

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

5th Sunday of Easter, Year A

Sunday 7th May, 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)

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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 brothers and sisters in Christ,

From time to time, we all experience fears, worries, and anxieties. Because we are prone to fear, anxiety, and worry, it is no wonder that several hundred times the Bible advises us not to worry. Why does the Bible keep telling us not to worry? Because our faith is weak and instead of looking at God, too often we look at the problems. If we prayed more, I'm sure we would see God sending us help from somewhere. If we try to live without Jesus, life will not go nearly as well as when we have Jesus at the centre of our lives. We can overcome problems better with Jesus in our lives than without Jesus. If we turn our backs on Jesus, how can we expect to succeed? Focus on Jesus and not on the problems. When we have problems, turn to Jesus who is always waiting for us.

In the Gospel today, Jesus teaches His disciples, assuring them that He will prepare a place for them in His Father's house and declaring Himself as the way, the truth, and the life. He also tells them that those who believe in Him will do greater works than He has done and promises to send them the Holy Spirit to guide them.

The first reading takes us back into the early days of the Church when a problem seems to have arisen. Back in those days the Government did not look out for widows and orphans or other needy people. It seems already some provision had been made to take care of widows, but in this case, it was only for those who were of Jewish descent. Converts from Greek speaking people were being neglected. This caused a problem and was brought to the attention of the Apostles. Certainly, under Divine inspiration they instituted the order of the Diaconate to help in this matter. The Church has always referred to this passage as a Scriptural basis and proof of the establishment of the diaconate as part of Sacred Orders. Today would be a good day to thank all those who work quietly behind the scenes so that our lives are comfortable.

The second reading taken from the first Letter of Peter introduces a new metaphor – living stones. The verses invite the Christians to come to Jesus the living stone. By coming to him who is rejected by the mortals, the Christians themselves become like stones and they can let themselves be built into a spiritual household. By participating and sharing in the life of Jesus, the Church becomes a new household. In this way, the Christians also become a corporate body of priests forming a holy priesthood offering their lives of faith and love to God as spiritual sacrifices. The Christians as the chosen people using four titles of Israel from the Old Testament namely a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation and God's own people. These titles indicate the unique dignity of the Christians. May God give us the grace to recognise and cherish our gifts and talents and use them to reveal God in and through our lives.

God Bless

Fr. Mathew Raj OMI

Interim Rector/Parish Priest

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil: Aquinas Schola (Conductor: Hugh Lydon)
Andrew Brown (Organist)

Sun 8am & 11am: Josh Adams (Cantor), Michael Peters (Organist)
5pm Mass: Sophie Hamer (Cantor), Vince Basile (Organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Paul Mason - Mass Shalom

Processional Hymn: CWB640 Christ is made the sure foundation

Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB656 Come, my way, my truth, my life

Recessional Hymn: CWB731 Let the Earth Rejoice and Sing,
Alleluia

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 6:1-7

Acts of the Apostles

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They elected seven men full of the Holy Spirit

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 32(33):1-2,4-5,18-19

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

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.

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

For 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.

Second reading 1 Peter 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Christ is the living stone, chosen by God and precious to him

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed.

That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading John 14:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Gospel St John

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father’s house;
if there were not, I should have told you.

I am going now to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,

I shall return to take you with me;

so that where I am

you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.’

Thomas said, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?’ Jesus said:

‘I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him.’

Philip said, ‘Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.’ ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip,’ said Jesus to him ‘and you still do not know me?’

‘To have seen me is to have seen the Father,

so how can you say, “Let us see the Father”?’

Do you not believe

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:

it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;

believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

I tell you most solemnly,

whoever believes in me

will perform the same works as I do myself,

he will perform even greater works,

because I am going to the Father.’

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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 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.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Jn 15: 1, 5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Parish Notices

Parish Morning Tea

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

Senior's Morning Tea

The next Parish Senior's Morning Tea will be held on Monday 15th May at 10am in the Parish Centre. All Senior's welcome.

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.

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.

Ignatian Spirituality for Busy People

Fr Tony Lusvardi, a Jesuit Priest from the United States will be with us for 6 weeks from 13th May to 23rd June. Fr Tony will be offering a First Spiritual Exercises Retreat In Daily Life and One off Ignatian Prayer Experience. Both events will be held at John XXIII College, Mount Claremont and further information including details of dates and times may be found at: Ignatian Spirituality of Western Australia (ignatianspiritualitywa.com.au), see also noticeboard in foyers of church.

Up and coming Concerts in the Basilica

See the noticeboard in the foyers of the Church for Organ Concerts which will be coming to the Basilica during May, June and July.

The Funeral Mass for Kenneth Douglas will be held on Friday 12th May at 2pm in the Basilica. Kenneth was a parishioners of St Patricks and a collector at the 6pm Vigil Mass. May He Rest In Peace.

We wish to advise that due to an evaluation of the Parish, a restructure of the parish offices' operations has resulted and as such, the role of Parish Secretary has been made redundant. Stefanie Boschman's final day with the Basilica of St Patrick is Friday 12th of May, 2023. We wish to sincerely thank Stefanie for her 12 years of loyal service to the Parish and Oblates in Fremantle, we wish her all the very best for the future and we will keep her in our prayers.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 6th May

6pm Vigil Mass: Antonio Garces (dec'd)
Gilmour Family (int)

Sunday 7th May

8am Mass: Julie Bok (dec'd) and Holy Souls
9.30am Italian Mass:

Def. Nicola e Giacomina Caputi

Def. Vincenzo Vitelli

11am Mass: Frank Amato (dec'd)
Xinai Guo (dec'd)

5pm Mass:

Monday 8th May

Midday Mass: Muriel Reid (dec'd)
Fortunata & Jose De Abreu (dec'd)

Tuesday 9th May

Midday Mass:

Wednesday 10th May

Midday Mass: John Goncalves (dec'd)

Thursday 11th May

Midday Mass: Pasquale De Gennaro (dec'd)

Friday 12th May

Midday Mass: Marie Diana (Birthday int)

Saturday 13th May

Midday Mass: Xinai Guo (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 59%.

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

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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