

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

6th Sunday of Easter, Year A

Sunday 14th 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)
Trevor Gorey
Michael Piu

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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,

Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. As we approach the feast of Pentecost, the Church invites us to celebrate the coming of the Advocate. She calls us to celebrate the Spirit of truth who strengthens us in the proclamation of the good news. The message we bear is not false, rather, it comes from the Advocate.

Our first reading is a continuation of the frantic efforts the disciples of Christ are making in order to bear testimony to the risen Lord. Philip goes to Samaria and preaches the word of God to the people, performing many miraculous signs and healings, which resulted in many people believing and being baptized. Peter and John arrive in Samaria and prayed for the new believers, laying their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. Through their efforts, the Samaritans received their Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. On this day, Peter performed his episcopal function by laying hands upon the new converts. The Samaritans needed the Holy Spirit as much as we do today because, it is the Holy Spirit that strengthens and makes one a true soldier of Christ. He helps us to bear witness to the truth without fear: "You have not received the Spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of sonship.

In the second reading, Peter instructs believers to always be ready to give a defence of their faith with gentleness and respect, even in the face of persecution. He then reminds them of the example of Christ, who suffered and died for our sins, but was raised to life by the power of God.

In today's gospel, Jesus promises us the Holy Spirit, the Advocate. However, He gives a condition for receiving the Advocate: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." When we do this, he adds: "I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you forever, that spirit of truth...I will not leave you orphans." What is this commandment that we must keep in order to receive the Spirit of truth? It is: "Go into the whole world and preach the good news to all creation (Mk 16:15). It is also, a command to love both God, and our neighbour (Luke 10:25-27). When we do this, we are certainly preaching the good news of truth. The advocate will come to strengthen us in the way of truth. He will also come to confirm that indeed, we are sons of God. How much does Jesus love us? This much [stretching out arms]. He stretched out his arms on the cross and died for us. Never be afraid to turn to Jesus for mercy after sinning; Jesus is always waiting to forgive us and restore us again. So, let us pray: Come, O Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. Alleluia, Alleluia

God Bless

Fr. Mathew Raj OMI
Interim Parish Priest/Rector

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

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

Hymns

Mass Setting: Paul Mason - Mass Shalom
Processional Hymn: CWB 659 Come Our Almighty King
Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB615 A New Commandment
Recessional Hymn: CWB 618 All Creatures of our God and King

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Is 48: 20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 8:5-8,14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 65(66):1-7,16,20

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men.

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might.

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me.

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second reading 1 Peter 4:13-16

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ

If you can have some share in the sufferings of Christ, be glad, because you will enjoy a much greater gladness when his glory is revealed. It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ, because it means that you have the Spirit of glory, the Spirit of God resting on you. None of you should ever deserve to suffer for being a murderer, a thief, a criminal or an informer; but if anyone of you should suffer for being a Christian, then he is not to be ashamed of it; he should thank God that he has been called one.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading John 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Gospel St John

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth
whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,
because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me,
because I live and you will live.

On that day you will understand that I am in my Father
and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them
will be one who loves me;
and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,
and I shall love him and show myself to him.’

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon Jn 14: 15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

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.

Parish Notices

Mother's Day Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, I come to You today lifting up mothers everywhere in the world. I pray that You would give them the strength to meet the demands of motherhood. May You give them the wisdom to raise their children according to Your Word. Father, give them the courage to stand up for what is right, even when it's hard. Most of all, I pray that they would know Your love for them. May they experience the joys of being a mother and that Mother's Day would be a memorable day for them. In Jesus' name, I pray, Amen.

We wish all Mother's a very Happy Mother's Day!

Adoration and Mass - Monday 15th May

There will be no Adoration on Monday 15th May at 11am due to a very big funeral which will finish at 11.30am. Please also note that the carpark will be full until after the Funeral is finished so please keep that in mind when coming to the midday Mass.

Senior's Morning Tea

The next Parish Senior's Morning Tea which was scheduled for Monday 15th May has been moved to Monday 22nd May at 10am in the Parish Centre. All Senior's welcome.

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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 13th May

6pm Vigil Mass:

Sunday 14th May

8am Mass: Zofia & Edward Tyszedci (dec'd)

9.30am Italian Mass:

Pasquale & Filomena Amato (dec'd)

Intentions for the Lay Assoc. Prayer Group of the Ursuline Sisters

Clementina Pruiti (dec'd)

11am Mass: Stefani (int)

5pm Mass: Giuseppina Natoli (dec'd)
Franchesca Portelli (dec'd)

Monday 15th May

Midday Mass: Mario Pires (dec'd)

Sam (int good health)

Tuesday 16th May

Midday Mass: Rosalia & Vince Miragliotta (dec'd)

Wednesday 17th May

Midday Mass: Lombardo Family (dec'd)

Thursday 18th May

Midday Mass: Xinai Guo (dec'd)

Friday 19th May

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

Saturday 20th May

Midday Mass: Aquilino Family (dec'd)

6pm Vigil Mass: Amelia Jardim (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 92%.

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

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Upcoming Events

Sunday 14th May

Mother's Day

Monday 22 May

Senior's Morning Tea

Sunday 28th May

Organ Concert

Sunday 4th June

Confirmation Mass