

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

The Ascension of the Lord, Year A

Sunday 21st May, 2023

Oblate Priests' at the Basilica

Fr. Matthew Raj (interim Parish Priest & Rector)
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

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 brothers and sisters,

We end our Easter celebrations with the Ascension of the Lord. He had to go so as to send the Holy Spirit and begin the Church. But he is with us still as Risen Lord in our midst ensuring the Church's triumph over evil until he comes again at the end of the world. Today's readings very well portray that the Spirit will guide the entire world. The last words of Jesus are the clear instruction for each one of us that we should strive to build his kingdom on earth. As Christians we are entrusted with a mission of bringing God's kingdom on earth by spreading joy, peace and harmony with one another.

Jesus had gone; but he had not abandoned us, as he himself had promised. If Jesus had continued to stay on in that incarnate form forever, he would have remained in Jerusalem, Judea and the surroundings. But Jesus went up to the Father and thus he has begun to stay with everyone worldwide. As Jesus promises in the gospel today. I shall be with you till the end of times. To be with us, Jesus had to go; he went and that is what we celebrate today- the Ascension.

St. Paul through his letter assures us that the "spirit of wisdom and perception be upon you". This spirit of Christ who is in us invite us to build his kingdom on earth. This Spirit of Christ which we received through our baptism and confirmation are calling us to bring it into the fulfilment by living out our Christian call. The first reading also tells us that when the spirit of the Lord is fully alive, we will be able to live a good life.

Today's feast gives an open invitation for us to continue the will by inspiring people to know more about Jesus. The spirit will help us to live a life with zeal and mission and give witness to the people through our life. We should be able to die to self and rise in Jesus Christ. Then we will be able to say as St. Paul said: "It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me" (Gal: 2:20). So, as we celebrate the ascension of the lord it is very good that we introspect and see whether the spirit of the Lord is really active in us or not. We are invited to make our community and society where we live a heaven. May the spirit who dwells in us enable us to be constructive.

God Bless

Fr. Mathew Raj OMI

Interim Parish Priest/Rector

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

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

8am Mass: Sophie Hamer (Cantor), Andrew Brown (Organist)

11am Mass: Basilica Choir (Conductor: Aishah Chadwick-Stumpf)
Andrew Brown (Organist)

5pm Mass: Sophie Hamer (cantor), Michael Peters (Organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Paul Taylor – Mass of St Francis

Processional Hymn: CWB 619 Alleluia, sing to Jesus

Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 801 Salve Regina

Recessional Hymn: CWB 799 Rejoice, the Lord is King!

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Acts 1: 11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

First Reading Acts Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Jesus was lifted up while they looked on

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 46(47):2-3,6-9

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

God is king of all the earth,
sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second reading Ephesians 1:17-23

A reading from the Ephesians

God made him sit at his right hand in heaven

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading Matthew 28:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Gospel St Matthew

Go and make disciples of all nations

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon Mt 28: 20

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, 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

Our Lady of Fatima Mass and Procession

Last Saturday 13th May, we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, and in true tradition the Portuguese and parish communities came together to honour Our Lady of Fatima. We celebrated a concelebrated Mass led by Fr Mathew Raj and he was joined by fellow Oblates, at the conclusion of Mass we processed through the grounds of the Basilica and School and returned to the Basilica for Benediction. Thank You to all those who attended and to all those who assisted and coordinated the event.

Senior's Morning Tea

The next Parish Senior's Morning Tea will be held on Monday 22nd May at 10am in the Parish Centre. All Senior's welcome.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

The Parish will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 4th June at 2.30pm Mass which will be led this year by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe. Please keep the Candidates, their families, teachers and catechists in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Holy Spirit.

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.

Sacred Heart Sodality Members and Friends

To celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart, Mass will be celebrated on Friday 16 June at Midday in the Basilica, followed by a shared lunch in the Presbytery Carport. Please bring a plate to share.

Invitation from the Scots' Presbyterian Church, Fremantle

Parishioners are invited to "At Home" on Monday 19th June, 2023 at 10.15am at the Scots' Presbyterian Church, 90 South Terrace, Fremantle. Guest Speaker is Peter Warren from Mukti. Please RSVP to the Parish Office on 9335 2268 before 12th June, 2023. All Welcome.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 20th May

6pm Vigil Mass: Amelia Jardim (dec'd)
Joseph Egan (dec'd 2nd anniv.)

Sunday 21st May

8am Mass: Miroslav Hromek (int)
9.30am Italian Mass:
Gaetano & Maria Letizia (dec'd)
Cosmo Cappelluti (dec'd)
Americo Di Tullio (dec'd)
Maria Papparone (dec'd 2nd anniversary)
11am Mass: Jan Melich (dec'd)
5pm Mass: Gaetano Franchina (dec'd)
Florenzo Nardi (dec'd)
Vittorio Natoli (int Birthday)

Monday 22nd May

Midday Mass: Maria, Ante & Ivko Separovich (dec'd)

Tuesday 23rd May

Midday Mass: Marek Wlodarczyk (dec'd)

Wednesday 24th May

Midday Mass: Mary Catherine Hunt (dec'd)

Thursday 25th May

Midday Mass: Giuseppe Cuccovia (dec'd)

Friday 26th May

Midday Mass: Helen Griffith (dec'd)
Filippo Chillemo (dec'd)

Saturday 27th May

Midday Mass: Pietro Martinelli (dec'd)
Niksa Brozicevich (dec'd)
6pm Vigil Mass: Francesca Vinci (dec'd)
Clementina De Jesus (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 58%.

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

Monday 22 May
Senior's Morning Tea

Sunday 28th May
Organ Concert

Sunday 4th June
Confirmation Mass