

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Sunday 16th July, 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 in Christ,

I wish to take this opportunity to thank and appreciate all of you as I move on to my next assignment in ministry. You are a wonderful community of family and faith, and I treasure each of you. Even as I go forth to my new assignment, I will always hold you all in my heart, especially at the altar of God.

Today through the readings we are invited to be good soil, we must be productive. The word challenges us towards this change. It is left to us, to our personal freedom and to our yearning for perfection, to make solid resolutions and follow it up with concrete actions. Most of the time, we may fail but that is not the reason for discouragement, as long as we are ready, willing and earnest about starting all over again. The gift of life that God offers us, grants us innumerable opportunities to germinate, to grow and to produce fruit. All that we need to do is stay receptive, grow perceptive and live productive.

God Bless

Fr Mathewraj
Interim Parish Priest/Rector

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Over the next few weeks, the Gospel readings will consist of the entire 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel, a lengthy teaching discourse.

Throughout this discourse, Jesus will offer several parables to illustrate for his listeners what he means by the kingdom of heaven. He begins with the parable of the Sower, which appears rather straightforward—of course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil.

Jesus then explains his use of parables. Jesus seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium—the parable—models the point of the parable of the Sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit.

To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the Sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit. (Source: *Loyola Press*)

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

6pm Vigil Mass: Bonnie de la Hunty (Cantor),
Andrew Brown (Organist)

8am & 11am Mass: Bonnie de la Hunty (Cantor),
Vince Basile (Organist)

5pm Mass: Bonnie de la Hunty (Cantor), Michael Peters (Organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Paul Taylor - Mass of St Francis

Processional Hymn: CWB 802 Seek, O seek the Lord

Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 718 I am the bread of life

Recessional Hymn: CWB 702 Holy Father, God of Might

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 16:15

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

First Reading Isaiah 55:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The word that goes out from my mouth does not return to me empty

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.

Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain.

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows;
you level it, soften it with showers;
you bless its growth.

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows.

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing.

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Second reading Romans 8:18-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation 1S3:9,Jn6:68

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading Matthew 13:1-23

A reading from the Gospel according to St Matthew

A sower went out to sow

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied, 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand,
see and see again, but not perceive.
For the heart of this nation has grown coarse,
their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes,
for fear they should see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their heart,
and be converted
and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

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. Ps 83: 4-5

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

Parish Notices

Seniors Morning Tea

The next Seniors Morning Tea will be held on Monday 17th July at 10am in the Parish Hall. All seniors welcome.

Fr Mathew Raj OMI

On Monday 17th July we will farewell our current Interim Parish Priest, Fr Mathew. Thank You Fr Mathew for being with us over the past three months, we have come to enjoy your homilies and your company. We wish you all the very best in your future and hopefully we can see you again in Fremantle.

Welcome Fr Slawek Plonka OMI

From Monday 17th July we will welcome our new Parish Priest, Fr Slawek. We hope that he will enjoy his new position here in Fremantle and we look forward to meeting him and working with him.

Works around the Basilica

You have probably noticed over the past few days scaffolding being erected on the right hand side of the Basilica. The scaffolding is required so that we can do some repairs to guttering on that side of the Basilica which was damaged in the last heavy weather. Please be careful in the carpark and when walking near that side of the Basilica and be mindful of workers in that area.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 15th July

6pm Vigil Mass:

Ewa Kawiakowski (int. good health)

Grace Marshall (int, Birthday & Anniversary)

Sunday 16th July

8am Mass: Jan & Wladyslawa Waczak (dec'd)

Nathan Verity (dec'd)

9.30am Italian Mass:

Gaetano & Maria Letizia (dec'd)

Decio & Maria-Antonietta (dec'd Puglia, Italy)

11am Mass: Piero Consani Rossi (Dec'd)

Jonathan Erick Rodriguez (dec'd)

5pm Mass: Natale Ricciardi (dec'd anniversary)

Monday 17th July

Midday Mass: Frank, Elena & Martha Amato (dec'd)

Tuesday 18th July

Midday Mass: Anne Emery (int. speedy recovery)

Wednesday 19th July

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

Thursday 20th July

Midday Mass: Emilia Cuccovia (dec'd)

Friday 21st July

Midday Mass: Emanuele Family (int)

Saturday 22nd July

Midday Mass:

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 37%.

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

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BSB: 086 006

A/c No: 56187 5405

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EFT Second Collection Details

BSB: 066 107

A/c No: 0080 0216

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Second Collection supports the Parish

Upcoming Events

Monday 17 July
Seniors Morning Tea