

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Sunday 30th July, 2023

Oblate Priests' at the Basilica

Fr Slawek Plonka OMI (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,

Today's Gospel concludes three weeks of readings from the 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel. Throughout these three weeks we have heard Jesus teaching crowds about the kingdom of heaven, and we have heard Jesus interpret some of his teachings for the disciples. In this week's Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables.

The first two parables describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

The third parable that Jesus proposes in today's Gospel is different from the first two, but it is reminiscent of the parable of the sower heard in last week's Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

Today's Gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the kingdom of heaven. Here a metaphor is offered: this scribe is like the head of a household who "brings from his storeroom both the new and the old." The scribes referred to here are experts of Mosaic law. It is possible that Jesus is here instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish law with respect to Jesus' "new" teaching. Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of heaven does not replace the Jewish tradition; it interprets it in a different light. (*source Loyola Press*)

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

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

8am & 11am Mass: Eimear Foley (Cantor), Andrew Brown (Organist)

5pm Mass: Morgan Davies (Cantor), Michael Peters (Organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Paul Taylor - Mass of St Francis

Processional Hymn: CWB 792 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 722 In Faith and Hope and Love

Recessional Hymn: CWB 863 Where there is charity and love

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 67: 6-7, 36

God is in his holy place,

God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading 1 Kings 3:5,7-12

A reading from the first book of Kings

Solomon chooses the gift of wisdom

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118(119):57,72,76-77,127-130

Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold.

Lord, I love your commands.

Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come and I shall live
for your law is my delight.

Lord, I love your commands.

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold,
why I rule my life by your precepts,
and hate false ways.

Lord, I love your commands.

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple.

Lord, I love your commands.

Second reading Romans 8:28-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Those he called, he justified

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation of Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading Matthew 13:44-52

A reading from the Gospel according to St Matthew

He sells everything he owns and buys the field

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon Ps 102: 2

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

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

Parish Morning Tea

The next Parish Morning Tea will be celebrated on Sunday 6th August, 2023 after the 8am Mass in the presbytery carport. All Welcome.

Catholic Mission Appeal

Next weekend (5th & 6th August) we will be asking for your prayers & generous response to this year's Catholic Mission Appeal. You will be helping our medical missionaries provide life-saving healthcare to the vulnerable in East Timor & throughout the world. Francis Leong, Director of Catholic Missions will speak at all Masses. Please give generously by using the appeal envelope provided, or going online at www.catholicmission.org.au/timor. If you are keen to know what's involved in becoming a volunteer for Catholic Mission please email Francis Leong at director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au for the details.

Installation of new Parish Priest

Please join us on Sunday 13th August at 11am Mass, when the Archbishop of Perth's delegate, Very Rev Fr Peter Whitely, Vicar General, will lead the Concelebrated Mass and install Fr Slawek Plonka OMI as the new Parish Priest of The Basilica of St Patrick, Fremantle. Tea and Coffee will be served after the Mass in the Parish Centre.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Tuesday 15th August we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (a holy day of obligation). Masses will be held in the Basilica at Midday and 7pm in the evening.

Seniors' Morning Tea

The next Seniors' Morning Tea will be held on Monday 21st August, 2023 at 10am in the parish centre. All seniors' welcome.

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 29th July

6pm Vigil Mass: For the People

Sunday 30th July

8am Mass: Paul Apap (dec'd)

9.30am Italian Mass:

Rosetta Occhiuto (dec'd)

Pietro Pozzato (dec'd)

Giovina & Concenzaio D'Alessandro (dec'd)

11am Mass: Leonardo Goncalves (dec'd)

Fr Gaetano Nanni OMI (dec'd)

5pm Mass: Giuseppina Natoli (dec'd anniv.)

Monday 31st July

Midday Mass: Julie Bok (dec'd) and Holy Souls

Tuesday 1st August

Midday Mass:

Wednesday 2nd August

Midday Mass: Amedeo Lomma (dec'd)

Thursday 3rd August

Midday Mass:

Friday 4th August

Midday Mass: Emanuele Family (int)

Saturday 5th August

Midday Mass: Richard Williams (dec'd)

Giovanna Di Dio (int)

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 88%.

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

Reference: 2nd Collection and your name

Second Collection supports the Parish

Upcoming Events

Weekend 5th/6th August

Catholic Mission Appeal

Sunday 6th August

Parish Morning Tea

Sunday 13th August

Installation of Parish Priest

Tuesday 15th August

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary