

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

# Basilica of St. Patrick

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

### *Sunday 13th August, 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 directly follows last week's account of Jesus feeding a crowd of more than 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. For the sake of the crowds, Jesus had postponed his time of solitude. Now, at last, Jesus finds some time for quiet and prayer. He sends his disciples ahead of him by boat, dismisses the crowds, and then withdraws to the mountain to pray.

The disciples do not fare well. They struggle to weather the wind and waves, making little progress in their journey. We are reminded of a previous story in Chapter 8 of Matthew's Gospel, when Jesus calms the seas. This time, however, Jesus does not calm the seas, and the disciples do not express fear until they see Jesus walking toward them on the water. In this story it is not the storm that is feared but the sight of Jesus before them, whom they mistake for a ghost.

Clues like these suggest that this story is about the disciples' growing understanding of the identity of Jesus. In continuity with last week's Gospel about the feeding of the multitude, today's Gospel is also about what the disciples' faith in Jesus will enable them to do. In last week's Gospel, when the disciples see the crowds, they ask Jesus to send the crowds away. Jesus turns the situation around, telling the disciples to feed the crowd with the provisions that they have. Both of these Gospels tell us much about ministry.

Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. He is not a ghost. The impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus. He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus grants this request. Peter's fear and doubt overtake him, however, once he is walking on the water. Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, Matthew reports that the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God.

Faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done. Peter walks on water. The five loaves and two fish feed a multitude of people. The disciples can and will participate in the work of the kingdom of heaven. When Peter fears and doubts the person of Jesus, however, he falters. Peter's example teaches us that true Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah, God's only Son. *(Source: Loyola Press)*

# Music Ministry

## Organists & Cantors

**6pm Vigil Mass:** Aquinas Schola (Conductor: Hugh Lydon),  
Michael Peters (Organist)

**8am & 11am Mass:** Gilbert Rodgers (Cantor), Vince Basile (Organist)

**5pm Mass:** Sophie Hamer (Cantor), Andrew Brown (Organist)

## Hymns

**Mass Setting:** Paul Taylor - Mass of St Francis  
**Processional Hymn:** CWB 229 All Glory, Praise and Honour

**Thanksgiving Hymn:** CWB685 Gift of Finest Wheat  
**Recessional Hymn:** CWB 767 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 73: 20, 19, 22, 23

Look to your covenant, O Lord,  
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.  
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,  
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

### First Reading 1 Kings 19:9,11-13

A reading from the first book of Kings

*The Lord was not in the wind, or the earthquake, or the fire*

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, ‘Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.’ Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm 84(85):9-14

**Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace.  
His help is near for those who fear him  
and his glory will dwell in our land.

**Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from heaven.

**Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.**

The Lord will make us prosper  
and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him  
and peace shall follow his steps.

**Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.**

### Second reading Romans 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*I would willingly be condemned if it could help my brothers*

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation Ps 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I hope in the Lord,  
I trust in his word.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel Reading Matthew 14:22-33

**A reading from the Gospel according to St Matthew**

*Jesus walks on the water*

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Communion Antiphon Ps 147: 12, 14

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,  
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

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# Parish Notices

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### Installation of new Parish Priest

Please join us this 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.

### 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.



**The Sacrament on First Communion**

On Saturday 19th August the children from St Patrick's Primary School will celebrate the Sacrament of First Communion at the 6pm Mass. Please keep these candidates, their families and teachers in your prayers.

**Oblates Retreat - 20 August to 26 August**

The Oblates will be on Retreat in Melbourne from Sunday 20th August to Saturday 26th August. Masses on Sunday 20th August will be celebrated by Fr Francis Ughanze and Mons. Michael Keating. **Unfortunately the 8.15am Mass at St Anne's will be cancelled for that weekend.** Masses during the week will be celebrated by Fr Anthony Colbert. The Oblates will be back to celebrate Masses on Sunday 27th August, 2023. Let us keep all the Oblates from the Australian Province in our prayers during their Retreat.

**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.

**Parish Morning Tea**

The next parish morning tea will be held on Sunday 3rd September, 2023 after the 8am Mass in the presbytery carport. All Welcome.

**Annual Father's Day Hot Rod Show**

Every year the St Patrick's Primary School hold their Father's Day Hot Rod Show. This year it will be held on Sunday 3rd September, 2023, from 8am to 3pm. Please plan ahead as there will be excess cars around the Basilica and parking maybe a problem.

**Pasta Night Fundraiser (see below)**



**Relics of St John Bosco**

The relic statue of St John Bosco, better known as Don Bosco, will be touring Australia as part of the celebrations of the centenary of the arrival of the Salesians on Australian soil. The Salesians came to the shore of Australia on 30th March 1923 in Fremantle, Western Australia.

The Basilica will host the relics of St John Bosco on Monday 18th September, 2023. The relics will arrive in the Basilica just before the Midday Mass and will remain in the Basilica until 3pm. We invite all parishioners and friends to come and visit the relics while they are in the Basilica. Come and share in this wonderful experience.

**Mass Intentions**

- Saturday 12th August**  
6pm Vigil Mass: Agata Brizzi (dec'd)
- Sunday 13th August**  
8am Mass: Sebastian Calalesina (dec'd)  
9.30am Italian Mass:  
Intentions of the Lay Association Prayer Group of the Ursuline Sisters  
Antonio & Gaetanina Colallilo (dec'd)  
11am Mass: Richard & Anita Cotton (dec'd)  
5pm Mass: Gaetano Franchina (dec'd)
- Monday 14th August**  
Midday Mass: Helena Swan & Teoh Siu Lian (dec'd)
- Tuesday 15th August**  
Midday Mass:
- Wednesday 16th August**  
Midday Mass:
- Thursday 17th August**  
Midday Mass: Mara Brozicevich (dec'd)
- Friday 18th August**  
Midday Mass: Frank, Elena & Martha Amato (dec'd)
- Saturday 19th August**  
Midday Mass: James Ong & Jew Family (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 47%.

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**

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