

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

# Basilica of St. Patrick

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

### *Sunday 20th 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 we move ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel. Last week we read about Jesus walking on the water and the disciples' confession of faith that Jesus is the Son of God. If we were reading Matthew's entire Gospel, we would have read about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees about Jewish purity laws. Jesus argues that it is not what goes into us that makes us unclean; he is referring to the strict Jewish dietary rules. Instead our words and our actions—what comes out of us—make us unclean because they emerge from a heart that is unclean.

Knowing about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees helps us to understand today's Gospel. In fact the story heightens the surprise and shock we feel as we hear Jesus' exchange with the Canaanite woman. The woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus, requesting that he heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her; he says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that he was sent to minister to the Jews alone.

The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, "dog." But the woman cleverly turns Jesus' insult into an affirmation of faith. Only then does Jesus grant her request and heal her daughter.

Jesus' unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic or shocking. Yet in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. At only a very few points, such as the one found in today's Gospel, do we find Jesus anticipating the later Christian ministry to the rest of the world.

Behind Matthew's text we can hear this early Christian community's struggle to understand how God's selection of Israel is consistent with two events: Israel's rejection of Jesus and the Gentiles' acceptance of Jesus. Just as Jesus was surprised by the faith expressed by the Canaanite woman, so too the first Christians were surprised that the Gentiles would receive the salvation God offered through Christ. In today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, we hear the apostle Paul considering this same concern.

The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God's abundant mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all. (*Source Loyola Press*)

# Music Ministry

## Organists & Cantors

6pm Vigil Mass: Josh Adams (Cantor), Andrew Brown (Organist)  
8am & 11am Mass: Eimear Foley (Cantor), Vince Basile (Organist)  
5pm Mass: Esther Jong (Cantor), Michael Peters (Organist)

## Hymns

Mass Setting: Paul Taylor - Mass of St Francis  
Processional Hymn: CWB 788 Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 718 I am the bread of life  
Recessional Hymn: CWB 755 Now thank we all our God

## The Liturgy of the Word

### **Entrance Antiphon Ps 83: 10-11**

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;  
and look on the face of your anointed one;  
one day within your courts  
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

### **First Reading Isaiah 56:1,6-7**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I will bring foreigners to my holy mountain*

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsorial Psalm 66(67):2-3,5-6,8**

**O God, let all the nations praise you!**

O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help.

**O God, let all the nations praise you!**

Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth.

**O God, let all the nations praise you!**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him.

**O God, let all the nations praise you!**

### **Second reading Romans 11:13-15,29-32**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans  
*With Israel, God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice*

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

## Gospel Reading Matthew 15:21-28

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

*The Canaanite woman debates with Jesus and saves her daughter*

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The gospel of the Lord.

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

## Communion Antiphon Jn 6: 51-52

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord.

Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.

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# Parish Notices

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### The Sacrament on First Communion

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.

### 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.

## 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)



## Our Lady of Tindari (Black Madonna)

The celebrations for Our Lady of Tindari will commence with Triduum on Wednesday 6th, Thursday 7th and Friday 8th September with Rosary at 7pm followed Mass. The Feast Day Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 10th September with 9.30am Italian Mass followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre. All Welcome.

## 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.

## Weekday Masses - Readers Required

If you regularly attend weekday Midday Masses on Mondays and Fridays and can assist with reading during the Masses please see Joan Swindell's.

Please return your Catholic Mission donation envelopes either via the parish office or the collection plate before the end of August. Thank You

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday 19th August

6pm Vigil Mass: For the People

### Sunday 20th August

8am Mass: Holy Souls

9.30am Italian Mass:

Gaetano & Maria Letizia (dec'd)

Damiana & Cosmo Cappelluti (Dec'd)

Lucia Marchesani (dec'd)

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

11am Mass:

5pm Mass:

### Monday 21st August

Midday Mass: Sandra De Faria (dec'd)

### Tuesday 22nd August

Midday Mass: Rosa Rafla (dec'd anniversary)

### Wednesday 23rd August

Midday Mass: Mabel Gomes (int)

### Thursday 24th August

Midday Mass: Salome Roglich (60th Birthday Int)

### Friday 25th August

Midday Mass: Michael Evans (dec'd)

Adelina Cordisco (dec'd)

### Saturday 26th August

Midday Mass: Helen Griffith (dec'd)

Giovanna Di Dio (int)

6pm Vigil Mass: Luigi Gizzarone (dec'd)

### CBC Family 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 59%.

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

### Saturday 19th August

First Communion Mass

### Sunday 20th August to Saturday 26th August

Oblate Retreat

### Monday 21st August

Senior's Morning Tea

### Friday 1st September

Pasta Night