

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Sunday 10th September, 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 reading is taken from a chapter of Matthew's Gospel, which is sometimes called the "discourse on the Church" or the "church order" discourse. In this part of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks more directly about matters of Church discipline and order. In today's reading we find one of only three instances in which Jesus uses the word church in Matthew's Gospel. In Matthew's record of Jesus' teaching, we can hear echoes of the kinds of issues faced by the early Christian community.

In the first part of the "discourse on the Church" (Matthew 18:1-14), Matthew addresses the Christian community's concerns about rank. Jesus responds to the disciples' question about who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus indicates that those who wish to enter the kingdom of heaven must be like children, and he cautions those leaders who might lead these "little ones" astray. He also responds with the parable of the lost sheep, indicating how God will seek out and bring back those "little ones" who have strayed.

In today's Gospel reading, Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. The victim should privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. If that fails, then the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the community, then Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church.

Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance.

(Source: Loyola Press)

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

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

Andrew Brown (Organist)

8am & 11am Mass: Bonnie de la Hunty (Cantor)

Vince Basile (Organist)

5pm Mass: Eimear Foley (Cantor), Michael Peters (Organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Paul Taylor - Mass of St Francis

Processional Hymn: CWB 626 Blessed Jesus, at your word

Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 743 Love is his word

Recessional Hymn: CWB 738 Lord of all Hopefulness

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Ps 118: 137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful
love.

First Reading Ezekiel 33:7-9

A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel

*If you do not speak to the wicked man, I will hold you
responsible for his death*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9

**O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden
not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.

**O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden
not your hearts.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us:
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.

**O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

**O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

Second reading Romans 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Romans

Your only debt should be the debt of mutual love

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading Matthew 18:15-20

A reading from the Gospel according to St Matthew

If your brother listens to you, you have won back your brother

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon Jn 8:12

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.

Parish Notices

SCAM ALERT

One of our parishioners has alerted us to this scam. If you receive a message on your phone advising that Fr Slawek Plonka is in a meeting but needs your assistance as soon as possible, PLEASE DO NOT MESSAGE OR CALL back the number that appears it is a SCAM!.

Safeguarding Sunday - 10th September, 2023

Safeguarding Sunday provides us with an opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to building a church of trust, safety, inclusion, and respect for all, especially our children and adults at risk.

It is a time in which we pray for those who have been harmed by abuse directly and indirectly. We acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children and adults at risk, including by priests, religious and lay people within the Catholic context.

Should you or someone you know be seeking support, there is a referral pathways leaflet available at the back of the church.

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.

Our Lady of Tindari (Black Madonna)

The celebrations for Our Lady of Tindari will commence with a 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. Fr Giancarlo Iollo OMI will lead the Triduum and Mass. All Welcome.

Senior's Morning Tea

The next Senior's Morning Tea will be held on Monday 18th September at 10am in the parish centre. All senior's 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.

I require two strong men to assist with the moving of the relics on the day, if you can assist at 11.45am to place the relics in the Church and then at 3pm to remove the relics, please contact Angie in the parish office asap.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Talks

On the weekend of 23rd/24th September we will welcome speakers from Worldwide Marriage Encounter who will talk during the homily on Saturday 6pm Vigil, Sunday 8am, 11am & 5pm Masses.

Piano Concert - Friday 27th October, 2023

Fr. Robert Nixon, OSB, of New Norcia Monastery, will present a solo piano recital in Fremantle's historic St. Patrick's Basilica, on Friday 27th October, 2023 at 7.30pm. The programme will include Fr. Robert's original compositions from his new album Celestial Void, as well as beloved works of Chopin and Liszt. Also featured will be compositions from the founder of New Norcia, Dom Rosendo Salvado, including works which he played at his legendary recital in Perth in 1846. Entry fee is donation at the door. See noticeboard for more info.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 9th September

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

Sunday 10th September

8am Mass: Rita Citgrino (dec'd 1st anniversary)

9.30am Italian Mass:

Andrea Pellegrino (dec'd)

The Committee of Our Lady of Tindari (int)

For the past and deceased members of the

Committee of Our Lady of Tindari

11am Mass: John Goncalves (dec'd)

5pm Mass: Manuel Garces (dec'd)

Monday 11th September

Midday Mass: Pasquale De Gennaro (dec'd)

Tuesday 12th September

Midday Mass:

Rico & Hunwick Families (int for good health and wellbeing)

Wednesday 13th September

Midday Mass: Giuseppe Pittorino (dec'd)

Thursday 14th September

Midday Mass: Llyod Gonsalves (dec'd)

Friday 15th September

Midday Mass: Victor Abreu (int)

Saturday 16th September

Midday Mass: Vince Merendino (dec'd)

Giovanna Di Dio (int)

6pm Vigil Mass:

Kelly & Gardner Families (into good health and wellbeing)

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 54%.

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

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Upcoming Events

Sunday 10th September

Our Lady of Tindari Feast Day
Safeguarding Sunday

Monday 18th September

Senior's Morning Tea
Relics of St John Bosco