

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Sunday 17th 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 directly follows last week's Gospel in which Jesus taught the disciples how to handle disputes and conflict within the Christian community. In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness.

The king in the parable decides to settle accounts with his servants. We are told that one servant in particular owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant and mercifully forgives the debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt—a pittance when compared with the amount that was owed to the king. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison.

A few other servants tell the merciful king about the actions of the unforgiving servant. The king punishes the servant because he refused to show the kind of mercy he had himself received from the king. Jesus concludes by indicating that this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another.

There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.

(source: Loyola Press)

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

6pm Vigil Mass: Joshua Adams (Cantor)

Andrew Brown (Organist)

8am & 11am Mass: Gilbert Rodgers (Cantor)

Vince Basile (Organist)

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

Hymns

Mass Setting: Paul Taylor - Mass of St Francis

Processional Hymn: CWB 789 Praise my soul, the King of Heaven

Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 615 A new commandment

Recessional Hymn: CWB863 Where there is Charity and Love

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Sir 36: 18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

First Reading Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you; and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,
and both are found with the sinner.

He who exacts vengeance will experience the
vengeance of the Lord,
who keeps strict account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another,
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself,
can he then plead for his own sins?

Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;
who will forgive him his sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating,
remember dissolution and death, and live by the
commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not bear
your neighbour ill-will;

remember the covenant of the Most High, and
overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 102(103):1-4,9-12

**The Lord is kind and merciful: slow to anger, and
rich in compassion.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.

**The Lord is kind and merciful: slow to anger, and
rich in compassion.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.

**The Lord is kind and merciful: slow to anger, and
rich in compassion.**

His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.

**The Lord is kind and merciful: slow to anger, and
rich in compassion.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.

**The Lord is kind and merciful: slow to anger, and
rich in compassion.**

Second reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Romans

Alive or dead, we belong to the Lord

The life and death of each of us has its influence
on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if
we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead
we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ
both died and came to life: it was so that he might
be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading Matthew 18:21-35

A reading from the Gospel according to St Matthew

To be forgiven, you must forgive

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 35: 8

How precious is your mercy, O God!

The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

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

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. **PLEASE NOTE: NO ADORATION ON MONDAY 18 SEPTEMBER DUE TO RELICS ARRIVAL.**

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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Would you like to give yourself and your spouse quality time over a weekend that will focus on love, caring and relationship?

We invite you to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. There will be a live-in Weekend in October and a live-out Weekend in April next year.

A WWME Weekend may be the best gift you can give to each other. For more information about Weekends this year or next contact Brendon or Valerie on 0493 534 865. Email WAbookings@wwme.org.au Visit www.wwme.org.au

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.

Caritas Australia's Emergency Appeals – Morocco / Libya

Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water and medical assistance. Please support Caritas Australia's emergency appeals.

Donate at www.caritas.org.au

Mass Intentions

~~Saturday 16th September~~

6pm Vigil Mass:

Kelly & Gardner Families (into good health and wellbeing)

Sunday 17th September

8am Mass: Bridgette Woods (dec'd)

Francis Patrick McDermott (dec'd)

9.30am Italian Mass:

Gaetano & Maria Letizia (dec'd)

Angelo Spezzacatena (dec'd)

Anna Procino (dec'd 1st anniversary)

Rosa Raffaele (int)

11am Mass: For the People

5pm Mass: Frank, Elena & Martha Amato (dec'd)

Monday 18th September

Midday Mass: Nicola Vittorio Monzu (dec'd)

Mary Jo & Joe Garces (dec'd)

Tuesday 19th September

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

Mejer Family (dec'd)

Wednesday 20th September

Midday Mass: Renato Barilani (dec'd)

Thursday 21st September

Midday Mass: Carmelo Family (dec'd)

Leone Family (dec'd)

Friday 22nd September

Midday Mass: Teresa Squeo (dec'd)

Saturday 23rd September

Midday Mass: Niky (int)

6pm Vigil Mass:

Celina's children & grandchildren (int)

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 82%.

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

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A/c No: 56187 5405

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EFT Second Collection Details

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Upcoming Events

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NO ADORATION

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