

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Sunday 24th 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,

In today's Gospel, Jesus moves from Galilee to teach in Judea where he is sought out by great crowds and tested by the Pharisees on issues such as marriage and divorce. Jesus also encounters a rich young man who is unable to accept Jesus' demand that he leave his possessions to follow him. Jesus' response to the rich young man sounds very much like the conclusion we will find in today's Gospel: the first will be last and the last will be first.

On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair. That is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified.

A close read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms that were negotiated. The landowner, it seems, has acted completely justly. The parable goes beyond that, however, and we come to see that the landowner is not simply just, he is exceptionally just. He is radically just. He has given those who labored in the field for a full day their due pay. But he has also given a full-day's wage to those who worked only a single hour. No one is cheated, but a few receive abundantly from the landowner just as we receive from God more than what is merely justifiable or due. God, like the landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. The workers who complain are made to look foolish as they lament the fact that landowner has made all workers equal. Indeed, what more could one ask for than to be treated as an equal at work or anywhere else?

The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways. (source: Loyola Press)

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

6pm Vigil Mass: Sophie Rodgers (Cantor)

Andrew Brown (Organist)

8am & 11am Mass: Sophie Hamer (Cantor)

Andrew Brown (Organist)

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

Hymns

Mass Setting: Paul Taylor - Mass of St Francis

Processional Hymn: CWB 684 Gather Us in

Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 802 Seek, O Seek the Lord

Recessional Hymn: CWB 799 Rejoice, the Lord is King

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading Isaiah 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

My thoughts are not your thoughts

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on
him,

to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 144(145):2-3,8-9,17-18

The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.

The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured.

The Lord is near to all who call him.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

The Lord is near to all who call him.

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts.

The Lord is near to all who call him.

Second reading Philippians 1:20-24,27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Philippians

Life to me is Christ; but death would bring me more

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by
my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is
Christ, but then death would bring me something
more; but then again, if living in this body means
doing work which is having good results – I do
not know what I should choose. I am caught in
this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with
Christ, which would be very much the better, but
for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent
need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that
would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation cf Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading Matthew 20:1-16

A reading from the Gospel according to St Matthew

Why be envious because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon Ps 118: 4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Parish Notices

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Talks

This weekend, 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.

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.

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 WAb bookings@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

Relics of St John Bosco

On Monday 18 September the parish hosted the Relics of St John Bosco. Mass was celebrated by Fr William (Provincial of the Salesian Priests) and concelebrated by Frs Slawek & Giancarlo. Mass was well attended, some students from CBC attended and a group of devoted stayed until 3pm in silent prayer with the Relics.



Mass Intentions

Saturday 23rd September

6pm Vigil Mass:

Celina's Children & Grandchildren (int)

Sunday 24th September

8am Mass: Kenneth Douglas (dec'd)

9.30am Italian Mass:

Antonio & Nicola Marrone (dec'd)

Emily Ottaviano (dec'd)

Nicoletta D'Aurizio (dec'd)

11am Mass:

Margaret Creedon (dec'd 1st anniversary)

5pm Mass: Victor Abreu (int)

Monday 25th September

Midday Mass:

Raffaele & Capobianco Families (dec'd)

Tuesday 26th September

Midday Mass: Dorothy Martin (dec'd)

Helen Griffith (Dec'd)

Wednesday 27th September

Midday Mass: Franco Marcon (dec'd)

Thursday 28th September

Midday Mass: Graziano & Scaffidi Families (dec'd)

Friday 29th September

Midday Mass: Luca Esposito (dec'd)

Saturday 30th September

Midday Mass: Leonardo Goncalves (dec'd)

6pm Vigil Mass: Joao & Encencia De Abreu (dec'd)

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 61%.

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

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BSB: 086 006

A/c No: 56187 5405

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EFT Second Collection Details

BSB: 066 107

A/c No: 0080 0216

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Upcoming Events

Weekend 23rd/24th September
Worldwide Marriage Encounter Talks

Wednesday 4 October
Notre Dame University Graduation Mass

Friday 13 October
Iona Graduation Mass