

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Sunday 8th October, 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 follows directly after [last Sunday's Gospel](#) in which Jesus was questioned by Jewish religious leaders about the source of his teaching authority. After refusing to answer their questions, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons and then criticizes the priests and elders for their lack of belief in John the Baptist.

In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent.

In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question.

Today's Gospel has a parallel in [Mark 12:1-12](#). There are some notable differences, however. In Matthew's version, the religious leaders condemn themselves; in Mark's Gospel, Jesus answers his own question. Matthew names the religious leaders as Pharisees and chief priests. Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that his message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was written about 70 years after Jesus' death and reflects the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian community for whom Matthew was writing. Many biblical scholars believe that the tension between Matthew's community and their Jewish neighbors can also be heard in today's reading.

This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers? (source: Loyola Press)

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

6pm Vigil Mass: Bonnie de la Hunty (Cantor)

Andrew Brown (Organist)

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

Vince Basile (Organist)

5pm Mass: Bonnie de la Hunty (Cantor)

Michael Peters (Organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Missa Simplex

Processional Hymn: CWB 819 The Church's one Foundation

Thanksgiving Hymn:

CWB 793 Prayer of St Francis (Make me a Channel of your Peace)

Recessional Hymn: CWB 640 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Est 4: 17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.

For you have made all things, the heaven and the
earth,

and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

First Reading Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Against the Lord's vineyard

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.

My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.

He dug the soil, cleared it of stones
and planted choice vines in it.

In the middle he built a tower,
he dug a press there too.

He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,

I ask you to judge

between my vineyard and me.

What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?

I expected it to yield grapes.

Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you

what I am going to do to my vineyard:

I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.

I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.

I will command the clouds
to rain no rain on it.

Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts
is the House of Israel,

and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.

He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 79(80):9,12-16,19-20

**Response: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of
Israel.**

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.

Response

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.

It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. **Response.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **Response**

And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Response

Second reading Philippians 4:6-9

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Philippians**

If there is anything you need, pray for it.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything
you need, pray for it, asking God for it with
prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God,
which is so much greater than we can understand,
will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in
Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds
with everything that is true, everything that is
noble, everything that is good and pure,
everything that we love and honour, and
everything that can be thought virtuous or
worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that
you learnt from me and have been taught by me
and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of
peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation cf John 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading Matthew 21:33-43

A reading from the Gospel according to St Matthew

This is the landlord's heir: come, let us kill him

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon Lam 3: 25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

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.

Prayer for the Synod

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we
gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the
wrong path nor partiality influence our
actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal
life and not stray from the way of truth and
what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time, in
the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.

Amen

Parish Notices

Calling All Students! - The Fishing Fleet Festival - 75th Anniversary

Sunday 22nd October, 2023 will mark the 75th Anniversary of the Blessing of the Fleet. The Fishing Fleet Festival are seeking all students from the neighbouring Catholic Schools to participate in this long standing community event. Students from all ages can dress in Italian costumes, provided by the Association or dress in their communion dresses. Students can also come along and represent their school in school uniform and carry school banners. Procession leaves St Patrick's Basilica at 2pm. If you would like to participate please email Maria on anna.minutillo@cewa.edu.au for further information and to borrow costumes.

Parish Morning Tea

The next parish morning tea will be celebrated on Sunday 8th October after the 8am Mass in the presbytery carport. All Welcome.

Annual Blessing of the Fleet

Celebration for this years 75th Anniversary of the Blessing of the Fleet will commence with a Triduum on Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th with Rosary at 7.30pm and Mass at 8pm led by Fr Giancarlo Iollo OMI. The Feast day will be celebrated with Mass at 9.30am, followed by Procession leaving the Basilica at 2pm, Blessing of the Boats and Benediction. All Welcome.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO 5PM EVENING MASS ON SUNDAY 22ND OCTOBER.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a wonderful opportunity for those who seek to embrace the faith of the Catholic Church and a great avenue for those who wish to deepen their faith in Jesus Christ. If you know anyone willing to take up this journey, please encourage them to come for the information evening on Tuesday 17th October 2023 at 6.30pm, in the Parish Office Boardroom. For further information please contact the Parish Office, Mon to Fri 9am to 3pm on 9335 2268.

Seniors Morning Tea

The next seniors morning tea will be held on Monday 23rd October, 2023 at 10am in the parish centre. All seniors welcome.

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.

November Mass Offerings

During the month of November each year, we pray for those who have departed this world. November Mass Offering envelopes are now available on the pews and from the parish office and can be returned with your offering to the parish office or via the collections on the weekends.

Masses on Holy Souls, Thursday 2 November will be celebrated at Midday and 7pm in the Basilica.

Weekday Volunteer Readers

We are URGENTLY seeking readers to read at the midday Masses, if you can assist can you please see Joan Swindells or call into the parish office.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 7th October

6pm Vigil Mass: John & Frances Gilmour (int)

Sunday 8th October

8am Mass: Annunziata Rico (dec'd)

9.30am Italian Mass:

Cosmo Cappelluti (dec'd)

Gina Pozzato (dec'd 10th anniversary)

Maria & Nicola Fiore (dec'd)

Teresa, Giuseppe & Antonio Cassetta (dec'd)

Michele & Grazia Celenza (dec'd)

11am Mass: Fortunata & Jose De Abreu (dec'd)

Manuela De Faria (int Birthday)

5pm Mass: For the People

Monday 9th October

Midday Mass: Victor Abreu (int)

Tuesday 10th October

Midday Mass: John Goncalves (dec'd)

Joseph Chillemi (dec'd)

Wednesday 11th October

Midday Mass: Pasquale De Gennaro (dec'd)

Thursday 12th October

Midday Mass: Ante & Jela Sardelic (dec'd)

Peter Vidulic (dec'd)

Friday 13th October

Midday Mass:

Intentions of the Lay Association Ursuline Prayer Group

Saturday 14th October

Midday Mass:

Giacomo, Maria & Roma Iannello (dec'd)

Daniel Stephenson (dec'd)

6pm Vigil Mass: Kenneth Douglas (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 77%.

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

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EFT Second Collection Details

BSB: 066 107

A/c No: 0080 0216

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Upcoming Events

Sunday 8 October

Parish Morning Tea

Friday 13 October

Iona Graduation Mass

Tuesday 17 to Thursday 19 October

Triduum Blessing of the Fleet