

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

# Basilica of St. Patrick

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

*Sunday 15th 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

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## Parish Finance Committee

Collin Visaggio (Chair)

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## Basilica Parish Office

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## Parish Office working hours

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Closed Weekends and Public Holidays

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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.

More information visit the Safeguarding website:

[www.safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au](http://www.safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Immediately after criticizing the religious leaders through the parable of the tenants in last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus proceeded to tell another parable, again directed at the religious leaders. We hear this parable in today's Gospel.

In the parable of the wedding feast, Jesus offers an image of the kingdom of heaven using the symbol of a wedding banquet. In today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah and in today's psalm, the Lord's goodness is evident in the symbol of a feast of good food and wine. Jesus' listeners would have been familiar with the image of a wedding feast as a symbol for God's salvation. They would consider themselves to be the invited guests. Keeping this in mind helps us to understand the critique Jesus makes with this parable. The context for this parable is the growing tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders in Jerusalem. This has been the case for the past two Sundays and will continue to be true for the next several weeks.

The parable Jesus tells is straightforward. The king dispatches his servants to invite the guests to the wedding feast that he is planning for his son. The listeners would have been surprised to learn that the first guests refused the invitation. Who would refuse the king's invitation? A second dispatch of servants follows. Again to the listeners' great surprise, some guests ignore the invitation. Some of the invited guests even go so far as to mistreat and kill the servants. The king invokes his retribution against these murderers by destroying them and burning their city.

We might stop here for a moment. Why would some guests kill the servants sent to invite them to the king's wedding feast? It might be possible that the king was a tyrant, evidenced by the destruction of the city of those who refused his invitation. But if we follow this idea, then the allegory seems to be about something other than the kingdom of heaven. It is more likely that the destruction of the city would have been a powerful image corresponding to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70, which would have been an important event for Matthew's audience.

With the invited guests now deemed unworthy to attend the king's wedding feast, the servants are sent to invite whomever they can find. The guests arrive, but it appears that accepting the king's invitation brings certain obligations. The guest who failed to dress in the appropriate wedding attire is cast out of the feast. We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. God invites us to his feast, giving us his salvation. Yet he asks us to repent for our sins.

Jesus' message in the parable cautions against exclusive beliefs about the kingdom of heaven. The parable also teaches about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of his mercy. (source: Loyola Press)

# Music Ministry

## Organists & Cantors

6pm Vigil Mass: Emma Oorschot (Cantor)

Andrew Brown (Organist)

8am & 11am Mass: Eimear Foley (Cantor)

Vince Basile (Organist)

5pm Mass: Sophie Hamer (Cantor)

Michael Peters (Organist)

## Hymns

Mass Setting: Missa Simplex

Processional Hymn: CWB 611 All the Earth proclaim the Lord

Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 833 The Lord's My Shepherd

Recessional Hymn: CWB 721 In Christ there is no east or west

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Entrance Antiphon Ps 129: 3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness,  
O God of Israel.

### First Reading Isaiah 25:6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*The Lord will prepare a banquet for every nation*

On this mountain,  
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples  
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,  
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.

On this mountain he will remove  
the mourning veil covering all peoples,  
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,  
he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away  
the tears from every cheek;  
he will take away his people's shame  
everywhere on earth,  
for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God  
in whom we hoped for salvation;  
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.

We exult and we rejoice  
that he has saved us;  
for the hand of the Lord  
rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

#### Psalm 22(23)

**Response: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. **Response.**

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. **Response.**

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **Response.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **Response.**

### Second reading Philippians

#### 4:12-14,19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the  
Philippians

*With the help of the One who gives me strength, there is  
nothing I cannot master*

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich  
too. I have been through my initiation and now I  
am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or  
empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is  
nothing I cannot master with the help of the One  
who gives me strength. All the same, it was good  
of you to share with me in my hardships. In  
return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ  
Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God,  
our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation of Ephesians 1:17. 18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our heart  
that we might see how great is the hope  
to which we are called.

Alleluia!

## Gospel Reading Matthew 22:1-14

A reading from the Gospel according to St Matthew

*Invite everyone you can to the wedding*

Jesus began to speak to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

The gospel of the Lord.

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

## Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 33: 11

The rich suffer want and go hungry,  
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

### 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](mailto:anna.minutillo@cewa.edu.au) for further information and to borrow costumes.

## 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. **Please Note change in date due to Aquinas Retreats in Parish Centre.**

## 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 14th October

6pm Vigil Mass: Kenneth Douglas (dec'd)

## Sunday 15th October

8am Mass: Gennaro & Mariassunta Rico (dec'd)  
Mauro Salvemini (dec'd)

9.30am Italian Mass:

Pasquale Martella (dec'd)

Teresa Serafini (dec'd)

Gemma De Fillippo (dec'd 4th anniversary)

11am Mass: Gerald Walsh (dec'd)

5pm Mass: For the People

## Monday 16th October

Midday Mass:

Sebastiano & Italina Emanuele (dec'd)

## Tuesday 17th October

Midday Mass:

Frank, Elena & Martha Amato (dec'd)

## Wednesday 18th October

Midday Mass: Emanuele Family (int)

## Thursday 19th October

Midday Mass: Patricia Mary Hutchinson (dec'd)

## Friday 20th October

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

## Saturday 21st October

Midday Mass: Leonardo Goncalves (dec'd)

6pm Vigil Mass: Sheree Papparone (dec'd)

John Swindells (dec'd anniv.)

# 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 51%.

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

## Monday 16 to Thursday 19 October

Aquinas Retreats & Reconciliation

## Tuesday 17 to Thursday 19 October

Triduum Blessing of the Fleet

## Sunday 22 October

Blessing of the Fleet

**NO 5pm Evening Mass**

## Monday 23 October

Senior's Morning Tea