

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Sunday 5th November, 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 Parish Office

Angie Emanuele (Parish Manager)
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Parish Office 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 Costello 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. To read more, visit <http://fremantlestpatricks.org.au/parish-safeguarding-project/>

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today's Gospel continues to elaborate on the tension between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees. Our Lectionary sequence at this point, however, is not quite a continuous reading of Matthew. In between last week's reading from Matthew and this week's, we find Jesus' question to the Pharisees about the Messiah being "David's son." Having concluded a series of dialogues with the Pharisees and other religious leaders, Jesus now directs his words to the crowds, warning them not to follow the example of the scribes and Pharisees.

The scribes and Pharisees were teachers of the Mosaic Law. They were entrusted with its interpretation and, thus, were influential in determining Jewish practice. In order to appreciate the conflict that is evident in this passage, we must understand that Jesus was basing his teachings on the same laws and traditions available to the Pharisees. Both were interpreting the Law of Moses in order to better adapt it to contemporary Jewish life. The differences between their teachings, therefore, are often highlighted and amplified by Matthew.

This part of Matthew's Gospel reflects aspects of the conflict between his Christian community and Pharisaic Judaism. Matthew's Church is thought to have included many Jewish Christians who may not have believed that a break with the synagogue was necessary to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus tells the crowd that it is correct to do and observe what the scribes and Pharisees teach; it is their example that is to be avoided, namely, their love of being honored and exalted. Hence, the Gospel reflects the tension of an active internal debate within the early Church. Jesus references two aspects of Jewish spiritual life prescribed by the Law of Moses. Phylacteries are small boxes which contain Scripture verses that are placed on the left forearm and forehead. Tassels refer to the fringes worn on the corners of a person's garments; the tassels help to remind those who wear them to keep the commandments.

The warning Jesus gives against seeking places of honor in the community was directed as much toward the Christian community as the named Jewish leaders. Indeed, it is a warning that resonates with us today. Christian leadership is a call to service for the glory of God; those who would be leaders among us must, like Jesus, be servants of all.
(source: Loyola Press)

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

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

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

5pm Mass: Eimear Foley (Cantor)

Andrew Brown (Organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Paul Taylor: Mass of St Francis

Processional Hymn: CWB 684 Gather Us In

Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 656 Come my way

Recessional Hymn: CWB 733 Lord by my vision

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 37: 22-23

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;

be not far from me!

Make haste and come to my help,

O Lord, my strong salvation!

Responsorial Psalm 130(131)

Response: In you, O Lord, I have found my peace.

O Lord, my heart is not proud

nor haughty my eyes.

I have not gone after things too great

nor marvels beyond me. **Response.**

Truly I have set my soul

in silence and peace.

A weaned child on its mother's breast,

even so is my soul. **Response.**

O Israel, hope in the Lord

both now and forever. **Response.**

First Reading Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10

A reading from the prophet Malachi

You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching

I am a great king, says the Lord of Hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of Hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. But you, you have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of Hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second reading 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13

A reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians

We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 23:9,10

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading Matthew 23:1-12

A reading from the Gospel according to St Matthew

They do not practise what they preach

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 15: 11

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

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

Parish Morning Tea

The next Parish Morning Tea will be held on Sunday 5th November, 2023 after the 8am Mass in the Presbytery Carport. All Welcome.

Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday 9th and Friday 10th November, 2023. Should you require anything urgent during this time please email parishmanager@fremantlepatricks.org.au.

Fr John Archbold OMI Deceased Anniversary Mass

Please join us as we celebrate the First Anniversary of Fr John Archbold OMI death on Friday 17th November, 2023 at the Midday Mass. Fr Archbold was part of the Fremantle Parish for some 26 years and was well known for his Paddy Joke's.

Senior's Morning Tea

The next Senior's Morning Tea will be celebrated on Monday 20th November, 2023 at 10am in the Parish Centre. All Senior's Welcome.

The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for Lifelink will be held next weekend on 11/12 November 2023.

Please collect your copy of the Archbishop's Appeal Letter after Mass this weekend, read his message and please give generously to support the valuable work of the Church's social service agencies.

You may mail your gift in the reply paid envelope provided or return your envelope and donation for a Special Collection which will be held at all Masses next weekend.

You may also donate (securely) online by credit card at www.lifelink.com.au.

Advent Retreat

Advent can be a time of waiting with joyful excitement and intense anticipation, when we are reminded that two thousand years ago Jesus, God's Son, the Word of God, was born.

You are invited as part of your preparation for Christmas to come together for a series of four one-hour prayerful evenings using some of the meditation practices based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

John Auer will once again lead us in four Monday sessions commencing on Monday 27th November and thereafter on the 4th, 11th and 18th December at 6.00 pm at St. Patrick's Basilica Fremantle Parish Centre. Register your details with the Parish Office on 9335 2268 or via email parishmanager@fremantlepatricks.org.au. All welcome to this free event.

Calling All Biscuit Bakers!

Once again we are seeking assistance with baking biscuits for the Women's Prison at Christmas. If you would like to help, there is a baking information sheet available that gives you all the information you need and we can supply you the bags and ribbon to package the biscuits. If you can assist please email parishmanager@fremantlepatricks.org.au or call 9335 2268. This is a wonderful way to share the Christmas message. Biscuits will need to be delivered to the Parish Office on Monday 18th December, 2023.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 4th November

6pm Vigil Mass: Teisja Family (dec'd)

Sunday 5th November

8am Mass: Julie Bok (dec'd) & Holy Souls

9.30am Italian Mass:

Pasquale & Filomena Amato (dec'd)

Filippo & Teresina Colaccino (dec'd)

Eugenio & Rosina Ferraro (Dec'd)

Fazio Family (dec'd)

Onofrio & Cosmo Cappelutti (dec'd)

Vincenzo Vitelli (dec'd)

Decio and Maria-Antonietta (dec'd) Apulia, Italy

11am Mass: Deceased members of Tyszedci, Walczak & Apap Families

5pm Mass: Deceased members of Natoli & Portelli Families

Monday 6th November

Midday Mass: Holy Souls

Tuesday 7th November

Midday Mass: Holy Souls

Wednesday 8th November

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

Thursday 9th November

Midday Mass: Holy Souls

Friday 10th November

Midday Mass: John Goncalves (dec'd)

Saturday 11th November

Midday Mass: Pasquale De Gennaro (dec'd)
Elijah Abreu (int)

6pm Vigil Mass: Holy Souls

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 100%.

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

Monday 30 October to 17 November
CBC Exams

Sunday 5 November

Parish Morning Tea

Monday 20 November

Senior's Morning Tea