

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Sunday 12th 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,

In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week's reading follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared.

When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young maidens—friends and family members of the bride—to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home.

As with many of Jesus' parables, several levels of interpretation are possible. In last week's Gospel, we heard Jesus warn against following the example of the Pharisees and scribes. If read in the context of early Christianity's struggle to define itself against Pharisaic Judaism, this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel.

In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him? (source: Loyola Press)

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

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

Andrew Brown (Organist)

8am & 11am Mass: Sophie 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 611 All the Earth Proclaim the Lord

Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 718 I am the bread of life

Recessional Hymn: CWB 755 Now Thank We All Our God

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 87: 3

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading Wisdom 6:12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is found by those who look for her

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.

By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.

Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she
makes herself known to them.

Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.

Even to think about her is understanding fully
grown;

be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly
leave you.

She herself walks about looking for those who are
worthy of her and graciously shows herself to
them as they go, in every thought of theirs
coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 62(63):2-8

Response: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord
my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. Response.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. Response.

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. Response.

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
Response.

Second reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from the first letter to the
Thessalonians

Do not grieve about those who have died in Jesus

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about
those who have died, to make sure that you do
not grieve about them, like the other people who
have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose
again, and that it will be the same for those who
have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.
We can tell you this from the Lord's own
teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the
Lord's coming will not have any advantage over
those who have died.

At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 24:42,44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading Matthew 25:1-13

A reading from the Gospel according to St Matthew

The wise and foolish virgins

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 22:1-2

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.

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

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.

This weekend you will find the Lifelink Appeal Donation Envelopes on the pews. 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 this 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 biscuit's 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. Biscuit's will need to be delivered to the Parish Office on Monday 18th December, 2023.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 11th November

6pm Vigil Mass: Andrea Pellegrino (dec'd)

Sunday 12th November

8am Mass:

Monnaie Parents , Brother & Sister (dec'd)

11am Mass:

Michael Vanderlei (dec'd 1st anniversary)

5pm Mass: Angela Franchina (dec'd)

Monday 13th November

Midday Mass: Holy Souls

Tuesday 14th November

Midday Mass: Julie Bok (dec'd) and Holy Souls

Wednesday 15th November

Midday Mass: Holy Souls

Thursday 16th November

Midday Mass:

Trevor Davies (dec'd) and Holy Souls

Friday 17th November

Midday Mass:

Frank, Elena & Martha Amato (dec'd)

Saturday 18th November

Midday Mass: Sandra De Faria (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 67%.

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 30 October to 17 November
CBC Exams

Weekend 11/12 November
Lifelink Appeal

Friday 17 November
Fr Archbold Memorial Mass

Monday 20 November
Senior's Morning Tea

Monday 27 November
Advent Retreat Begins