

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Sunday 19th 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,

This week's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A talent is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

Read in light of last week's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbor. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven. (Source Loyola Press).

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

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

8am & 11am Mass: Josh Adams (Cantor), Vince Basile (Organist)

5pm Mass: Josh Adams (Cantor), Michael Peters (Organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Paul Taylor: Mass of St Francis

Processional Hymn: CWB 678 For the Beauty of the Earth

Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 758 O breathe on me, breath of God

Recessional Hymn: CWB 788 Praise God From Whom All

Blessings Flow

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Jer 29: 11, 12, 14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not
of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every
place.

First Reading

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs

A perfect wife – who can find her?

She is far beyond the price of pearls.

Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.

Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.

She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.

She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.

She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.

Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.

Give her a share in what her hands have worked
for,

and let her works tell her praises at the city
gates.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 127(128):1-5

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. Response.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. Response.

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life! Response.

Second reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter to the
Thessalonians

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you,
brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know
very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come
like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying,
'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly
happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a
pregnant woman; and there will be no way for
anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers,
for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are
all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong
to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on
sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake
and sober.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 15:4. 5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading Matthew 25:14-15,19-21

A reading from the Gospel according to St Matthew

You have been faithful in small things: come and join in your master's happiness

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

'Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made."

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon Ps 72: 28

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

Parish Notices

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.

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@fremantlestpatricks.org.au. All welcome to this free event.

Parish Morning Tea

The next Parish Morning Tea will be held on Sunday 3rd December after the 8am Mass in the Presbytery Carport. All Welcome.

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.

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.

Message from the Morning Tea Ministry

The end of year Parish Morning Tea will be celebrated on Sunday 17th December after the 8am Mass in the Presbytery Carport. All Welcome.

The Morning Tea Ministry will be holding a Christmas Raffle with tickets available at the Morning Tea on Sunday 3rd and then at all Masses on the weekend 9th/10th December. Raffle will be drawn on Sunday 17th December Morning Tea.

Please support this raffle by purchasing tickets to win some great prizes.

MAMI Christmas Cards

Give a gift of hope this Christmas by purchasing a MAMI Christmas Card, available from the Parish Office or online at www.oblates.com.au/christmas-cards. You can purchase:- Chickens \$10, Development \$15, Toolboxes \$20, Education \$25 and Goats \$30. By purchasing one of these Christmas Cards it supports the Oblates of Mary Immaculate in their Missions.

Concert Friday 8th December at 7:30pm.

Join violinists Mathew Daly and Steven Daly on the evening of the Friday 8th of December at St. Patrick's Basilica, Fremantle as they perform Bach's Double Violin Concerto amongst other much loved favourites from the violin repertoire. The brother-duo is joined by renowned organist Andrew Brown. Entry by donation. Families and children are welcome.

Service of Solidarity with Gaza and the Holy Land

In a time of deep sorrow and anguish for us all, we look for hope and healing. Let us come together in love, prayer and support. Let us acknowledge the reality that impacts us all as we share messages of hope. The Australian Catholic Bishops have said: 'Peace can come only from justice. We call people of faith to pray with us for a lasting peace and the triumph of human dignity.' Please join us: Monday 27 November, 4:30 to 5:00 pm AEDT

Everyone is welcome. Please register in advance for this webinar:

https://caritas.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DWj-zzzhRoGN8QOifg6lZg

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Prayer for Peace in the Middle East Prayer Cards available in the foyers this weekend.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 18th November

6pm Vigil Mass: Holy Souls

Sunday 19th November

8am Mass: Holy Souls

11am Mass: James Ong & Jew Family (dec'd)

5pm Mass: Christine Amato (dec'd) & Holy Souls

Monday 20th November

Midday Mass: Percy Reid (dec'd) & Holy Souls

Tuesday 21st November

Midday Mass: Holy Souls

Wednesday 22nd November

Midday Mass: Holy Souls

Thursday 23rd November

Midday Mass: Holy Souls

Friday 24th November

Midday Mass:

Kenneth Douglas (dec'd) & Holy Souls

Saturday 25th November

Midday Mass: Holy Souls

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 54%.

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

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Upcoming Events

Monday 20 November

Senior's Morning Tea

Monday 27 November

Advent Retreat Begins

Sunday 3 December

Parish Morning Tea

Friday 8 December

Night Concert