

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

# Basilica of St. Patrick

## The Solemnity of Christ the King, Year A

### *Sunday 26th 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 passage is the conclusion of Jesus' discourse with his disciples. It is about the end of time, the coming of the Son of Man, and the final judgment. We hear this description of the final judgment at the conclusion of our liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. In the context of Matthew's Gospel, this passage might also be read as a conclusion of Matthew's report on Jesus' life and ministry; the remaining chapters report the events of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection.

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes to his disciples the scene of the judgment of the Son of Man. All the nations will be assembled before him, and he will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep and goats upon their return from the pasture. The judgments made by the Son of Man will be based upon the acts of mercy shown to the least ones—the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus, who suffered on the Cross, identifies himself with the least ones.

Recall that last week's parable of the talents taught us that the gifts that we have been given are intended to be used for the service of others, especially the least among us. Our judgment before God will be based not only on how we have used these gifts and talents, but also on how we have extended ourselves in service to these least ones. Indeed, Jesus tells us that whenever we have served these least ones, we have served Christ himself.

When we read today's Gospel in the context of the chapters that follow in Matthew's Gospel, we learn the extent to which Jesus identifies with the least ones. In accepting death on the cross, Jesus shows himself to be one of the hungry, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. To accept Jesus is to accept him who suffered and died on the Cross as one of the least ones. (source Loyola Press)

# Music Ministry

## Organists & Cantors

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

Andrew Brown (Organist)

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

Andrew Brown (Organist)

5pm Mass: Sophie Hamer (Cantor), Michael Peters (Organist)

## Hymns

Mass Setting: Paul Taylor: Mass of St Francis

Processional Hymn: CWB 792 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Thanksgiving Hymn:

CWB 847 To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King

Recessional Hymn: CWB 619 Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

## The Liturgy of the Word

### **Entrance Antiphon Rv 5: 12; 1: 6**

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and divinity,  
and wisdom and strength and honour.

To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

### **First Reading Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17**

**A reading from the prophet Ezekiel**

*The Lord will judge between sheep and sheep*

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsorial Psalm 22(23):1-3a,5-6**

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

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

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

Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.  
He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name. **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**

#### **1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28**

**A reading from the first letter St Paul to the Corinthians**

*Christ will hand over the kingdom to God the Father; so that God may be all in all*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessing on him, who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

## Gospel Reading Matthew 25:31-46

A reading from the Gospel according to St Matthew

*I was naked and you clothed me; sick, and you visited me*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left.

'Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."

'Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me."

'And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

The gospel of the Lord.

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

## Communion Antiphon Ps 28:10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

## 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

**From the Provincial of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Fr Christian Fini OMI.**

As Provincial I am tasked with the well-being and care of the Oblates. Due to family concerns and personal matters, Fr Slawek Plonka OMI will be returning home to Poland for an extended period of time. As a result of this, I have needed to present to the Archbishop a new Parish Priest for St Patrick's Basilica to ensure that the Parish receives the best pastoral care and support. I would like to thank Fr Meno Basti OMI for generously accepting the appointment to St Patrick's Basilica Fremantle. Fr Slawek will lead the parish until the end of January 2024. Please keep Fr Slawek in your prayers as he attends to these important family and personal matters. God bless Fr Christian Fini OMI.

## Advent Retreat

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.

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 with the Parish Office on 9335 2268. All welcome to this free event.

## Aquinas Schola Boys Choir

This weekend Hugh Lydon and the Aquinas Schola Choir will sing for the last time this year. They will be on break from 26th November until next year. We wish to sincerely thank Hugh and the boys for their beautiful, angelic and soulful voices that we have enjoyed during the 6pm Vigil Masses during the year. We wish you all a great break and look forward to seeing and hearing you all again in 2024. Thank You and God Bless!.

## 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.

## 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 to package the biscuits. If you can assist please email [parishmanager@fremantlepatricks.org.au](mailto: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.

## Message from the Morning Tea Ministry

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

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.

## MAMI Christmas Cards

MAMI Christmas Cards, available from the Parish Office or online at [www.oblates.com.au/christmas-cards](http://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 and Steven Daly on the evening of Friday 8th 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.

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday 25th November

6pm Vigil Mass: Holy Souls

## Sunday 26th November

8am Mass: Sacred Heart Sodality  
Helen Griffith (dec'd)

11am Mass: Heather McCord (dec'd)

5pm Mass:

Joseph Egan & Brendan Pearson (dec'd)  
and Holy Souls

## Monday 27th November

Midday Mass: Holy Souls

## Tuesday 28th November

Midday Mass: Holy Souls

## Wednesday 29th November

Midday Mass: Holy Souls

## Thursday 30th November

Midday Mass:

Leonardo Goncalves & Holy Souls

## Friday 1st December

Midday Mass: Holy Souls

## Saturday 2nd December

Midday Mass: Manuel Perreira (dec'd)  
Amedeo Lomma (dec'd)

6pm Vigil Mass: For the People

# 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 53%.

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

Reference: 2nd Collection and your name

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# Upcoming Events

## Monday 27 November

Advent Retreat Begins

## Sunday 3 December

Parish Morning Tea

## Friday 8 December

Night Violin Concert

## Sunday 17 December

Final Parish Morning Tea