

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

# Basilica of St. Patrick

The First Sunday of Advent, Year B

*Sunday 3rd December, 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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Website: <http://fremantlestpatricks.org.au>

## 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 we begin the season of Advent, which marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. The readings for Sunday Mass are arranged on a three-year cycle. Each year features a different Gospel—Matthew, Mark, or Luke. Readings from the Gospel of John are interspersed throughout all three years. With this year's first Sunday of Advent, we begin Cycle B of the Lectionary, which focuses our attention on the Gospel of Mark. This week and next week, our readings from Mark's Gospel present two important Advent themes: the Lord's return at the end of time and John the Baptist's preparation for Jesus.

Today's Gospel is taken from the end of Mark's Gospel, the chapter that immediately precedes Mark's account of Jesus' Passion. Having been questioned repeatedly by the scribes and the Pharisees, Jesus is now questioned by his disciples—Peter, James, John, and Andrew—who want details about his prediction of the destruction of the Temple. Jesus answers with many warnings about the difficulties that the disciples will face.

Today's passage comes at the conclusion of Jesus' warnings to his disciples. Jesus emphasizes the need for watchfulness. The Son of Man will come without warning; only the Father knows the exact hour. The disciples must not be caught unprepared when this time comes.

Scholars believe that Mark's Gospel was written around the time of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70. Mark's audience consisted of Christians who were living in difficult social and political times, times of conflict. They were likely beginning to face persecution as followers of Jesus. In this difficult time, it helped to recall that Jesus had foretold of such difficulties. Early Christian communities took courage from Jesus' warning to remain alert and watchful, and they found in his words a way to persevere through suffering.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man. (Source Loyola Press)

# Music Ministry

## Organists & Cantors

6pm Vigil Mass: Jessica Taylor (Cantor)

Andrew Brown (Organist)

8am & 11am Mass: Sophie Hamer (Cantor)

Michael Peters (Organist)

5pm Mass: Eimear Foley (Cantor), Andrew Brown (Organist)

## Hymns

Mass Setting: Missa Simplex

Processional Hymn: CWB 763 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 637 Canticle of Zechariah

Recessional Hymn: CWB 799 Rejoice, the Lord is King!

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 24: 1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.

In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.

Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

### First Reading Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*O that you would tear the heavens open and come down*

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,  
'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name.

Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways  
and harden our hearts against fearing you?

Return, for the sake of your servants,  
the tribes of your inheritance.

Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and  
come down!

– at your Presence the mountains would melt.

No ear has heard,  
no eye has seen  
any god but you act like this  
for those who trust him.

You guide those who act with integrity  
and keep your ways in mind.

You were angry when we were sinners;  
we had long been rebels against you.

We were all like men unclean,  
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.

We have all withered like leaves  
and our sins blew us away like the wind.

No one invoked your name  
or roused himself to catch hold of you.

For you hid your face from us  
and gave us up to the power of our sins.

And yet, Lord, you are our Father;  
we the clay, you the potter,

we are all the work of your hand.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 79(80):2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Response: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see  
your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
shine forth from your cherubim throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might,  
O Lord, come to our help. Response.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted. Response.

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,  
the man you have given your strength.

And we shall never forsake you again;  
give us life that we may call upon your name.

Response.

### Second reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter St Paul to the  
Corinthians

*We are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed*

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ  
send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you  
have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him  
that you have been enriched in so many ways,  
especially in your teachers and preachers; the  
witness to Christ has indeed been strong among  
you so that you will not be without any of the  
gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our  
Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep  
you steady and without blame until the last day,  
the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by  
calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ;  
and God is faithful.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation Psalms 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

## Gospel Reading Mark 13:33-37

A reading from the Gospel according to St Mark

*If he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

The gospel of the Lord.

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

## Communion Antiphon Ps 84: 13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

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# Parish Notices

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**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 have commenced and continue 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.

### 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 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 final morning tea for 2023 will be on Sunday 17 December. Please Note: there will be no morning tea in January 2024.

## 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 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. Biscuits will need to be delivered to the Parish Office on Monday 18th December, 2023.

## Message from the Morning Tea Ministry

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.

## Senior's Morning Tea

The final Seniors Morning Tea for 2023 will be held on Monday 18th December in the Parish Centre. All seniors welcome. **Please Note: there will be no Seniors Morning Tea in January.**

## De Mazenod Family Adore Advent Program

This Advent, we offer you the opportunity to forget about the busyness of our daily lives, and to stop and prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord while trying to find the beauty in all that is around us. Join the online Advent Program Adore which will be held on Thursdays during December leading up to Christmas. See the link below and the time for WA. Zoom link: [HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/83793869667](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83793869667). WA 5.00 pm.

## Christmas Mass Timetable

Christmas Timetable available in the side foyers of the Church this weekend. please share them around with family and friends, as Christmas is a great time to gather the family and prayer for the Birth of Jesus Christ.

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday 2nd December

6pm Vigil Mass: For the People

### Sunday 3rd December

8am Mass: Jim Robison (dec'd)

9.30am Italian:

Pasquale & Filomena Amato (dec'd)

Vincenzo Vitelli (dec'd)

ANFE Group (int)

11am Mass: Julie Bok (dec'd) & Holy Souls

5pm Mass: Ewa Kwiatkowski (dec'd)

### Monday 4th December

Midday Mass:

Jaka & Ivan Bacich (dec'd)

Milica Prelac (dec')

### Tuesday 5th December

Midday Mass: Anne Alach (int)

### Wednesday 6th December

Midday Mass:

Andrea Mihaljevic (int health & well being)

### Thursday 7th December

Midday Mass:

Lina Cassetta (dec'd)

Joseph Nathan (dec'd)

### Friday 8th December

Midday Mass:

Fortunata & Jose De Abreu (dec'd)

Mr & Mrs Maolini (dec'd)

### Saturday 9th December

Midday Mass: Connie Diana (dec'd)

6pm Vigil Mass: Alex Cameron (dec'd)

## 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 65%.

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

### Sunday 3 December

Parish Morning Tea

### Friday 8 December

Night Violin Concert

### Sunday 17 December

Final Parish Morning Tea