

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

The Second Sunday of Advent, Year B

Sunday 10th 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

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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 is taken from the beginning of Mark. Unlike Luke and Matthew, Mark does not include any details of Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins with the appearance of John the Baptist in the desert. On this the Second Sunday of Advent, we are invited to reflect upon the role of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus and the salvation that he would bring to us.

Mark's description of the appearance of John the Baptist highlights John's continuity with the Jewish prophetic tradition. Mark combines quotations from the Old Testament books of Malachi, Isaiah, and Exodus. Mark's description of John as an ascetic, living in the desert, clothed in camel hair, and eating locusts and wild honey, is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah found in Second Kings. The people of Judea and Jerusalem flock to him, listening to his message of repentance and forgiveness; they also come to him to be baptized. Mark's Gospel is clear, however, that John the Baptist's role is only to prepare the way for another who will come, one who is greater than John.

Many scholars believe that the Gospels reflect the tension that likely existed between followers of John the Baptist and disciples of Jesus. Each of the four Evangelists report on John's preaching and baptizing, and they each emphasize the importance of Jesus' baptism by John. The four Gospels also explain that John was sent to preach in preparation for another. In the Gospel of Luke, the question is raised as to whether John the Baptist was himself the Messiah. Just as in today's Gospel, however, John speaks quite explicitly that the Messiah was to come after him.

In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism, but a preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

John the Baptist is presented to us as a model during Advent. We, too, are called upon to prepare a way for the Lord. Like John the Baptist, we are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. Our Baptism commissions us to call others to life as disciples of Jesus. (source Loyola Press)

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

6pm Vigil Mass: Bonnie de la Hunty (Cantor)

Samuel Yeow (Organist)

8am & 11am Mass: Bonnie de la Hunty (Cantor)

Vince Basile (Organist)

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

Hymns

Mass Setting: Missa Simplex

Processional Hymn: CWB 763 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 657 Come O long Expected Jesus

Precessional Hymn: CWB 835 The Voice of God

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Is 30: 19, 30

O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice
heard
in the joy of your heart.

First Reading Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all
mankind shall see it

‘Console my people, console them’ says your God.
‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her
that her time of service is ended,
that her sin is atoned for,
that she has received from the hand of the Lord
double punishment for all her crimes.’

A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness
a way for the Lord.
Make a straight highway for our God across the
desert.

Let every valley be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low.
Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a
valley;
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed
and all mankind shall see it;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’

Go up on a high mountain,
joyful messenger to Zion.
Shout with a loud voice,
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.
Shout without fear,
say to the towns of Judah, ‘Here is your God.’

Here is the Lord coming with power,
his arm subduing all things to him.
The prize of his victory is with him,
his trophies all go before him.
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,
gathering lambs in his arms,
holding them against his breast
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 84(85):9-14

Response: Lord, let us see your kindness, and
grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **Response.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **Response.**

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **Response.**

Second reading 2 Peter 3:8-14

A reading from the Second Letter of St Peter

We are waiting for the new heavens and the new earth

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never
forget: that with the Lord, ‘a day’ can mean a
thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day.
The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises,
as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being
patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and
everybody to be brought to change his ways. The
Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with
a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire
and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be
burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you
should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait
and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky
will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the
heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised:
the new heavens and new earth, the place where
righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends,
while you are waiting, do your best to live lives
without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 3:4,6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:

all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading Mark 1:1-8

A reading from the Gospel according to St Mark

A voice cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;

he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

A reading from the Gospel according to St

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon Bar 5: 5; 4: 36

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

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

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 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.

Parish Morning Tea

The final parish morning tea for 2023 will be on Sunday 17 December after the 8am Mass in the Presbytery carport. All Welcome. Please Note: there will be no morning tea in January 2024.

Message from the Morning Tea Ministry

The Morning Tea Ministry will be holding a Christmas Raffle with tickets available at the Morning Tea 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. 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.

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 9th December

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

Sunday 10th December

8am Mass: Celine Dion (Int good health)

11am Mass: John Goncalves (dec'd)
Sebastian Calalesina (dec'd)

5pm Mass: Pasquale De Gennaro (dec'd)
Peter & Mary McGuire (dec'd)

Monday 11th December

Midday Mass: Alan Caporn (int)

Tuesday 12th December

Midday Mass: Leo & Theresa Fernando (dec'd)

Wednesday 13th December

Midday Mass:

Ante Abouyourself (int health and wellbeing)

Thursday 14th December

Midday Mass: Holy Souls

Friday 15th December

Midday Mass: Ante Jurich (dec'd)

Saturday 16th December

Midday Mass:

Mr Nicola Di Menna, Filomena & Eduardo Massella (dec'd)

6pm Vigil Mass:

Giuseppe Collica (dec'd) and 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 55%.

Please consider joining the Planned Giving Programme. For more information contact the Parish Office. Thank you!

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Upcoming Events

Monday 11 December

Advent Retreat Continues

Sunday 17 December

Final Parish Morning Tea for 2023

Monday 18 December

Final Seniors Morning Tea for 2023