

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

The Third Sunday of Advent, Year B

Sunday 17th 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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Trevor Gorey
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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 Sunday's Gospel invites us to continue our reflection on the person and mission of John the Baptist. Today we depart from the Gospel of Mark and read a selection from the Gospel of John.

The Gospel for today combines a brief passage from the prologue to John's Gospel with a report about John the Baptist. As in Mark's Gospel, the Gospel of John contains no birth narrative. Instead, John's Gospel begins with a theological reflection that has come to be called the "prologue." This prologue places the story of Jesus in its cosmological framework. It speaks of Jesus' existence with God since the beginning of time. In John's Gospel, Jesus is presented as the fulfillment of the Old Testament and the culmination of the Word, the light that is coming into the world's darkness.

Following this prologue, John reports on the ministry of John the Baptist. We learn about the attention that John the Baptist received from the Jewish authorities. Messengers from the Jewish priests, the Levites and the Pharisees question John about his identity and the meaning of the baptisms that he is performing. John's Gospel uses these questions to establish the relationship between Jesus and John the Baptist. John the Baptist is not the Messiah, nor is he Elijah or the Prophet. In John's denials, we hear echoes of the kind of messianic expectations that were common in first-century Palestine.

The only affirmative response that John the Baptist gives is when he quotes the prophet Isaiah. Upon answering the next question, John announces that the savior they seek is already among them, but as yet unrecognized. John's response highlights for us an important Advent theme: Jesus has already come into the world as our savior. During Advent, we pray that we will be able to recognize Jesus' presence in our midst. Advent also reminds us that Jesus will come again to fulfill the promise of salvation. We pray that we will continue to be watchful as we anticipate that great day.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete, a Latin word which means "rejoice," is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass. This theme is echoed in today's second reading from the first Letter to the Thessalonians. It is a reminder that Advent is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand. (Source Loyola Press)

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

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

8am & 11am Mass: Gilbert Rodgers (Cantor)
Vince Basile (Organist)

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

Hymns

Mass Setting: Missa Simplex

Processional Hymn: CWB 658 Come O Jesus, Come, O Lord

Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 780 On Jordan's Bank

Precessional Hymn: CWB 835 The Voice of God

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Phil 4: 4-5

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.

First Reading Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

He has sent me to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,
for the Lord has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,
to bind up hearts that are broken;

to proclaim liberty to captives,
freedom to those in prison;
to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.

'I exult for joy in the Lord,
my soul rejoices in my God,
for he has clothed me in the garments of
salvation,
he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity,
like a bridegroom wearing his wreath,
like a bride adorned in her jewels.

'For as the earth makes fresh things grow,
as a garden makes seeds spring up,
so will the Lord make both integrity and praise
spring up in the sight of the nations.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Luke 1:46-50,53-54

Response: My soul rejoices in my God.

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed. **Response.**

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!

His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him. **Response.**

He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy. **Response.**

Second reading 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Thessalonians

*May you all be kept safe for the coming of our Lord
Jesus Christ*

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all
things give thanks to God, because this is what
God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift
of prophecy with contempt; think before you do
anything – hold on to what is good and avoid
every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and
holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless,
spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord
Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not
fail you.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Isaiah 61:1

(Luke 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading John 1:6-8,19-28

A reading from the Gospel according to St John

'There stands among you the one coming after me'

A man came, sent by God.

His name was John.

He came as a witness,

as a witness to speak for the light,

so that everyone might believe through him.

He was not the light,

only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied:

a voice that cries in the wilderness:

Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

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.

Parish Notices

Advent Retreat

The final Monday session will be on 18th December at 6.00 pm at St. Patrick's Basilica Fremantle Parish Centre.

De Mazenod Family Adore Advent Program

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.

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.

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 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. The Christmas Raffle will be drawn at the morning tea.

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.**

Weekend Bulletin

Please be advised that there will be no weekend bulletin printed and no ebulletin on website after Sunday 24th December until the end of January. Bulletin and ebulletin will recommence the first weekend in February, 2024.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

St Patrick's Basilica and St Anne's, North Fremantle

Saturday 23rd December in the Basilica

Reconciliation: 9.30am, 11.00am and 4.30pm

Adoration: 11am, Mass: Midday

Vigil Mass: 6.00pm – Mass of the 4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday 24th December in Basilica

Masses: 8.00am and 11am – Mass of 4th Sunday of Advent

Italian Mass: 9.30am - Mass of 4th Sunday of Advent

No 8.15am Mass at St Anne's, North Fremantle

Masses and Carols in Basilica

5pm Children's Mass Our Lord's Nativity with Carols at 4.45PM

8.30pm Mass of Our Lord's Nativity with carols at 8.00PM

Midnight Mass of Our Lord's Nativity with carols at 11.30pm

Mass of Our Lord's Nativity in St Anne's Church, North Fremantle

6.30pm Mass with carols at 6.15pm

Monday 25th December in Basilica

Masses: 8.00am and 11am – Mass of Our Lord's Nativity

Italian Mass: 9.30am - Mass of Our Lord's Nativity

NO 5PM EVENING MASS IN BASILICA

NO 8.15AM MASS AT ST ANNE'S, NORTH FREMANTLE

Please Note: From 26 December to 26 January 2024

Saturday Reconciliation only at 11am-12noon

and 4.30pm to 5.30pm

The Basilica Parish Office will close at Midday on Friday 22 December and will reopen at 9am on Wednesday 3 January, 2024.

I wish all Parishioners and Friends a very safe and Holy Christmas and New Year. Thank you for all your support throughout the year. God Bless!

Mass Intentions

Saturday 16th December

6pm Vigil Mass:

Giuseppe Collica (recently dec'd) and Holy Souls

Sunday 17th December

8am Mass: Holy Souls

11am Mass:

Pasquale De Gennaro (dec'd) and Holy Souls

5pm Mass: Frank, Elena & Martha Amato (dec'd)

Monday 18th December

Midday Mass:

Maria Amalia & Christina Florenca (dec'd)

Tuesday 19th December

Midday Mass: Clementina Pruiti (dec'd)

Wednesday 20th December

Midday Mass:

James Adam Turriff-Smith (dec'd) and Holy Souls

Thursday 21st December

Midday Mass:

Herman Alvarez (dec'd) and Holy Souls

Friday 22nd December

Midday Mass: Maria Pestana (dec'd)

Saturday 23rd December

Midday Mass: Lucy Rojunic (dec'd)

6pm Vigil Mass:

Assunta Maria Marchesani (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 62% .

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

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Upcoming Events

Sunday 17 December

Final Parish Morning Tea for 2023

Monday 18 December

Final Seniors Morning Tea for 2023

Final Retreat Session

Sunday 24 December

Christmas Eve

Monday 25 December

Christmas Day