

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

# Basilica of St. Patrick

## The Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year B

### Sunday 24th 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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#### 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 Parishioners and Friends,

This Sunday we read the story of the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary about the birth of Jesus. This story is found only in Luke's Gospel. On this fourth Sunday of Advent, the liturgy shifts our attention from John the Baptist to Mary, the mother of Jesus. Both John and Mary serve as important figures for our reflection during the season of Advent; they both played instrumental roles in preparing the way for Jesus. Last week we reflected on John the Baptist's announcement that the Savior was among us, although not yet recognized. This week we reflect upon Mary's example of faith and obedience to God, traits which permitted her to receive the angel's message that God's Son would be born as a human person, as one of us.

We are familiar with the story of the Annunciation, and it is fitting that we recall how God announced the birth of Jesus as we make our final preparations for our celebration of the Incarnation. The angel Gabriel visited Mary, a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph. Mary greeted the angel's news with awe and wonder and asked how it could be possible that she could give birth to a child. In his reply, the angel Gabriel announced the seemingly impossible reality: the child to be born would be conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and would be God's own Son. The angel reported to Mary another miracle; her relative Elizabeth was also pregnant despite having been thought to be unable to have a child. Mary's response to the angel, which is called her fiat, is an example of complete faith and obedience to God.

The story of the Annunciation calls to our attention God's wondrous action in human history. God chose a human person to give birth to his Son so that all humanity would know God's salvation. Mary, already full of God's grace, was able to cooperate in this great plan for our salvation. Thus Jesus was born as one of us, fully human and also fully divine. This is the mystery we prepare to celebrate at Christmas, the mystery of the Incarnation. In the model of Mary, we pray that we will be people of faith who recognize God's saving plan for us and are able respond with obedience. (Source Loyola Press)

# Music Ministry

## Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil: Sophie Rodgers (cantor)

Sun 8am & 11am: Jos Adams (cantor)

Andrew Brown (organist)

## Hymns

Mass Setting: Missa Simplex

Processional Hymn: CWB 763 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 657 Come O Long Expected Jesus

Recessional Hymn: CWB 799 Rejoice, the Lord is King

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Entrance Antiphon Cf. Is 45: 8

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,  
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;  
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

### First reading 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16

*Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me*

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me; if he does evil, I will punish him with the rod such as men use, with strokes such as mankind gives. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever.'"

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

### Responsorial Psalm

### Psalm 88(89):2-5,27,29

Response: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;  
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.

Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,  
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

### Response

'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn to David my servant:  
I will establish your dynasty for ever  
and set up your throne through all ages.

### Response.

'He will say to me: "You are my father,  
my God, the rock who saves me."  
I will keep my love for him always;  
with him my covenant shall last.' Response.

### Second reading Romans 16:25-27

*The mystery is revealed that was kept secret for endless ages*

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation Luke 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:  
may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

## Gospel Luke 1:26-38

*'I am the handmaid of the Lord'*

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to be God Lord Jesus Christ

## Communion Antiphon Is 7: 14

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;  
and his name will be called Emmanuel.

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## Parish Notices

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### Christmas Offerings

Usually twice a year you are invited, as a community, to make a special effort to financially support the Priests of the Basilica. Envelopes are available in your planned giving boxes or in the pews of the Church. Your generosity is very much appreciated along with your prayers, encouragement, and blessings.

### Senior's Morning Tea

There will be no Senior's Morning Tea in January, 2024. Morning tea will recommence in February, date to be advised.

Anna, Maria & Rosa wish to thank everyone for their support throughout the year and wish all a very Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

### 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

There will be no Parish Morning Tea in January 2024. Morning Tea will recommence in February, date to be advised.

The Morning Tea Ministry would like to wish all Parishioners a Joyous Christmas and a Safe New Year.

## Weekend Bulletin

Please be advised that there will be no weekend bulletin printed and no ebulletin on website after Sunday 24th December until 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

### Sunday 24th December

8am Mass: Sacred Heart Sodality  
Monnaie Family (dec'd)

11am Mass: Alice Correia (int)

5pm Children's Mass: For the People

8.30pm Mass: Portelli & Natoli Families (int)

Midnight Mass: Unity and Peace

### Monday 25th December

8am Mass: Winnie & Jim Gilvary (dec'd)

11am Mass: Delphin Lopez Senior, Delphin Lopez Junior and Cherry Lopez (dec'd)

### No 5pm Evening Mass

### Tuesday 26th December

Midday Mass: Helen Griffith (dec'd)

### Wednesday 27th December

Midday Mass: Holy Souls

### Thursday 28th December

Midday Mass: Josip Peranic (dec'd)

Francesca Germinario (dec'd)

### Friday 29th December

Midday Mass: Pasqualina & Pietro Tempra (dec'd)

### Saturday 30th December

Midday Mass: Leonardo Goncalves (dec'd)

6pm Vigil Mass :

Michael & Marie Rousset-Wayne (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

**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 24 December**  
Christmas Eve

**Monday 25 December**  
Christmas Day

**Monday 1 January**  
New Year's Day