47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

# **Basilica of St. Patrick** The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B Sunday 21st January, 2024

#### 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

Marlene Dullard (Acting Chair)Sonia La MacchiaRob De SousaMaria Gorman

**Parish Finance Committee** Collin Visaggio (Chair) Trevor Gorey Michael Piu

**Basilica Parish Office** Angie Emanuele (Parish Manager) email: parishmanager@fremantlestpatricks.org.au

**Parish Office working hours** Monday to Friday (9am to 3pm) Closed Weekends and Public Holidays

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Office phone number: (08) 9335 2268 Email: parishmanager@fremantlestpatricks.org.au Website: http://fremantlestpatricks.org.au Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Today we begin a continuous reading of Mark's Gospel that will carry us through this segment of the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. Remember that in Cycle B of the Lectionary, most of the Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel according to Mark.

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a narrative about Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins by reporting on the preaching of John the Baptist. John is described as the voice in the wilderness sent to prepare the way of the Lord. Immediately after describing the work of John the Baptist, Mark reports on Jesus' baptism and his temptation in the desert. Jesus' public ministry begins after the arrest of John the Baptist. Mark wants his readers to understand the important connection between the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' own ministry.

As we learn at the beginning of today's Gospel reading, Jesus preaches the Kingdom of God in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist. Like John the Baptist, Jesus' pronouncement of the kingdom is a call to repentance. Yet Jesus' preaching is greater than John's. Jesus begins the time of fulfilment; the Kingdom of God is already here. This will be demonstrated again and again, both in Jesus' words and in the actions that follow. Jesus' healings and forgiveness of sins are signs of the Kingdom of God that he announces in his teaching.

In contrast to last week's Gospel, in Mark's Gospel Jesus takes the initiative in calling his first disciples. As mentioned last week, it was more typical of first-century rabbinical schools for students to seek out rabbis, asking to be their disciples. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus breaks with this tradition and invites his disciples to learn from him. Jesus is said to have first called four fishermen—Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Simon and Andrew are brothers. Jesus promises that he will make them "fishers of men." James and John are also brothers. Mark does not report Jesus' words of invitation to them, but he does report that they left their fishing immediately; their father, Zebedee, was left behind in

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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/parishsafeguarding-project/ the boat.

Mark's Gospel is told with a great sense of urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today's Gospel. Time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfilment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared this sense of the immediacy of God's kingdom? (source Loyola Press)

# Music Ministry

### **Organists & Cantors**

Sat 6pm Vigil: Bonnie de la Hunty (Cantor), Vince Basile (Organist) Sun 8am & 11am: Gilbert Rodgers (Cantor), Vince Basile (Organist) Sun 5pm: Bonnie de la Hunty (Cantor), Michael Peters (Organist)

### <u>Hymns</u>

Mass Setting: Paul Taylor - Mass of St Francis Processional Hymn: CWB 792 Praise to the Lord, the almighty Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 698 Grant to us, O lord, A heart renewed Recessional Hymn: CWB 755 Now thank we all our God

# The Liturgy of the Word

# Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 95: 1, 6

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

## First reading Jonah 3:1-5,10

The people of Nineveh renounce their evil behaviour

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour, and God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, He guides the humble in the right path, He teaches his way to the poor. Response.

# Second reading 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

The world as we know it is passing away

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

### **Gospel Acclamation Mark 1:15**

Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News! Alleluia!

### Responsorial Psalm 24(25):4-6,7b-9

Response: Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. Response.

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. Response.

## Gospel Mark 1:14-20

I will make you into fishers of men

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to be God Lord Jesus Christ

# Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 33: 6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

# Parish Notices

### Fremantle's new Parish Priest

On Wednesday 31st January, Fr Meno Basti, will arrive in the Parish to take up his new position as Parish Priest of Fremantle. Please introduce yourself to him when you see him around and we hope that he enjoys his time with us.

**Fr Slawek Farewell** 

### 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.

On Sunday 4th February we will have a Concelebrated 11am Mass to farewell Fr Slawek, who will be officially leaving us on Monday 5th February. After Mass a light morning tea will be served in the parish hall. All Welcome.

### Parish Morning Tea

Commencing in February the parish morning teas will be moved to the 2nd Sunday of each Month. The next parish morning tea will be held on Sunday 10th February, 2024 after the 8am Mass in the Presbytery Carport.

### Senior's Morning Tea

The Senior's Morning Tea will recommence in February and the first Senior's Morning Tea will be held on Monday 19th February at 10am in the parish hall. All senior's welcome.

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.

### **Notice for Parishioners**

Over the past few months we have had to deal with some violence, bad behaviour and vandalism within the Church and grounds of the Basilica. We ask all parishioners to please be vigilant about their own safety.

- Please ensure that you lock your vehicles and do not leave any personal items visible in your vehicles.
- Please ensure that you do not leave any personal items, handbags etc on the pews when you go to Communion.
- Please ensure that you take note of your surroundings when you are in the Church or in the grounds.

Thank You.

### Catholic Archdiocese of Perth - Employment Opportunities

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth has two new employment opportunities for suitably qualified persons to join its team and continue the good work of the Church.

For details, refer to <u>https://www.perthcatholic.org.au/Employment.htm</u>. ·Head, People & Culture – Permanent, Full-Time (listed on SEEK) ·Advisor, People & Culture – Permanent, Part-Time (0.6 FTE) (listed on SEEK)

## Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday 22 January, 2024.



# **Mass Intentions**

### Saturday 20th January

6pm Vigil Mass: For the People Sunday 21st January 8am Mass: 11am Mass: James Ong and Jew Family (dec'd) 5pm Mass: Giuseppina, Antonio & Little Franchesca (dec'd) Monday 22nd January Midday Mass: Maria Gauvia & Family (dec'd) **Tuesday 23rd January** Midday Mass: Kreso' Lozancic (dec'd 1st anniv.) Wednesday 24th January Midday Mass: Arninda Garces (dec'd) Thursday 25th January Midday Mass: Maria Antonietta Francisco (dec'd) Friday 26th January Midday Mass: Saturday 27th January Midday Mass: 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 56%.

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

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# Upcoming Events

Thursday 25th January Pizza Night

Friday 26th January Australia Day

Sunday 4th February @ 11am Farwell Mass & Morning Tea

> Sunday 10th February Parish Morning Tea

Monday 19th February @ 10am Senior's Morning Tea