

Basilica of St. Patrick

The Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, *Year B*
Sunday 28th 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 Macchia
Rob De Sousa Maria 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

Contact

Office phone number: (08) 9335 2268
Email: parishmanager@fremantlestpatricks.org.au
Website: <http://fremantlestpatricks.org.au>

Parish Safeguarding Officers

Mary Davis 0409 115 191
Lynn Tomlinson 0424 243 224

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,

Today's Gospel continues our reading from Mark and describes what some believe was likely to have been a typical day in Jesus' ministry. Jesus and the disciples that chose to follow him in last week's Gospel arrive at Capernaum, a small village on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus teaches in the synagogue on the Sabbath. Mark reports that the people respond to Jesus' teaching with astonishment, noting Jesus' authority and contrasting it with the scribes'. Early in Mark's Gospel we already find evidence of the tension that will manifest itself fully in Jerusalem.

After Jesus' preaching, an even more astonishing thing happens. A man possessed with an unclean spirit calls out to Jesus. As we see in this example and throughout Mark's Gospel, the spirits and demons seem to know Jesus and are often fearful of him. In fact, they seem to understand Jesus' identity better than his disciples. As we will read again and again in Mark's Gospel, Jesus orders the spirit to be quiet and drives the unclean spirit out of the man. Jesus' ability to heal those possessed by demons is an indication of his power over evil.

In the prescientific age of Jesus' time, all illnesses were understood to be manifestations of evil and sinfulness. Our modern understanding of illness is very different. Possession by unclean spirits may have been a way to describe what we might call mental illness today. It may have even been a way of describing certain kinds of physical conditions. There is evidence that there were many kinds of exorcists and healers in first-century Palestine. Jesus appears to be like these healers, but he heals with unique authority and connects his healing activities with the words of his preaching.

We are missing the point that Mark is trying to make in this Gospel, however, if we try to explain away the healing work of Jesus. The crowds see in Jesus' cure of the possessed man further affirmation of his authority. Jesus' power to heal gives greater credence to his teaching. Jesus impresses the crowds through his words, which are manifested with power in his deeds. Mark's Gospel tells us that because of the authority with which he healed, Jesus' fame spread throughout all of Galilee.(source Loyola Press)

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil: Josh Adams (Cantor),

Michael Peters (Organist)

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

Andrew Brown (Organist)

Sun 5pm: Josh Adams (Cantor),

Andrew Brown (Organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Paul Taylor - Mass of St Francis

Processional Hymn: CWB684 Gather Us In

Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB802 Seek, O Seek the Lord

Recessional Hymn: CWB 710 Holy God, we praise your name

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Ps 105: 47

Save us, O Lord our God!

And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

First reading Deuteronomy 18:15-20

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

I will raise up a prophet and put my words into his mouth

Moses said to the people: "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9

Response: If today you hear his voice, harden not
your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. Response.

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us:
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. Response.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'
Response

Second reading 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians.

Give your undivided attention to the Lord

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light:
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 1:21-28

A reading from the Gospel according to St Mark

Unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority

Jesus and his disciples went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came he went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to be God Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 30: 17-18

Let your face shine on your servant.

Save me in your merciful love.

O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

Parish Notices

Fremantle's new Parish Priest

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

Fr Slawek Farewell

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.

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.

Schola Boys Choir

Next Saturday 3rd February at the 6pm Vigil we will welcome back Hugh Lydon and the Schola Boys Choir.

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.

Message from Robert Pitts, Chaplain, Hakea, Casuarina & Karnet Prisons

Myself and a few prisoners who attended Church on Christmas Day, handed out the biscuits that were so generously made by your parishioners.

The men were very pleased, many saying to pass on their thanks to everyone who made them and for the little cards. Some men were quite emotional saying that it is so good that someone is thinking of me in here and cares. Everyone, no matter their faith accepted the biscuits and said thanks.

It was a special time and privilege to be able to serve the men and be part of what the parishioners of St Patrick's have done.

Once again thank you from the heart from the men of Karnet Prison Farm.

Regards, Robert Pitts

Chaplain

Hakea, Casuarina and Karnet Prisons

Corrective Services Department of Justice

Fremantle Chamber Orchestra

Concert on Saturday 23rd March at 3pm in the Basilica. See noticeboard for more information.

Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday 29th January, 2024.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 27th January

6pm Vigil Mass: Esposito Family (dec'd)

Sunday 28th January

8am Mass: Alex Zuccarino (recently dec'd)

11am Mass: Moises Francisco (dec'd)

5pm Mass: Aiden Diggeden (dec'd)

Monday 29th January

Midday Mass: Virginia and Family (int)

Tuesday 30th January

Midday Mass: Leonardo Goncavles (dec'd)

Angelica Salvemini (dec'd)

Wednesday 31st January

Midday Mass: Dorothy Martin (dec'd)

Maria Rosaria (dec'd)

Thursday 1st February

Midday Mass: Dante Piccolo Family (dec'd)

Friday 2nd February

Midday Mass: Amedeo Lomma (dec'd)

Corrado Cassetta (dec'd)

Saturday 3rd February

Midday Mass: Ewa Kwiatkowski (dec'd)

6pm Vigil Mass: Natolini Family (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 60%.

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

Second Collection supports the Parish

Upcoming Events

Sunday 4th February @ 11am

Farwell Mass & Morning Tea

Sunday 10th February

Parish Morning Tea

Monday 19th February @ 10am

Senior's Morning Tea