

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

Second Sunday of Lent, Year B

Sunday 25th February, 2024

Oblate Priests' at the Basilica

Fr Meno Basti 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, 11am and 4.30pm
Frist Saturday of Each Month: 10.30am (Italian)

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)
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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,

On the second Sunday of Lent in each Lectionary cycle, the Gospel reading proclaims the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. This event is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. This year, in Lectionary Cycle B, we hear Mark's report of this event. The context for Mark's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew's and Luke's Gospel. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his passion. After this, in each of these Gospels, there is also a discussion of the cost of discipleship.

In each case, Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospel, there is reference to a conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel includes the detail that this conversation is about what Jesus will accomplish in Jerusalem.

Elijah and Moses are significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. In appearing with Jesus at his Transfiguration, Moses represents the Law that guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is remembered as one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh. Some Jews believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. This belief is evidenced in the question posed by Jesus' disciples after they have witnessed the Transfiguration. The appearance of these two important figures from Israel's history with Jesus signifies Jesus' continuity with the Law and with the prophets and that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

On seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses and having witnessed his Transfiguration, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Mark reports that the disciples are terrified by what they have witnessed and that Peter's offer is made out of confusion. We also notice that Peter has reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus rabbi instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding the disciples to obey him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructs the disciples to keep secret what they have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. The disciples' confusion continues as they wonder what Jesus means by rising from the dead. The disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus' Transfiguration until they also witness his passion and death. We hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection, even as we prepare to remember Jesus' passion and death. (source Loyola Press)

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil: Aquinas Schola (Director: Hugh Lydon)

Andrew Brown (Organist)

Sun 8am & 11am: Paul O'Neill (Cantor), Andrew Brown (Organist)

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

Hymns

Mass Setting: Missa Simplex

Processional Hymn: CWB643 Christ is the World's Light

Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB718 I am the Bread of Life

Recessional Hymn: CWB738 Lord of all Hopefulness

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 26: 8-9

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

First reading Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 115(116):10,15-19

Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said:

'I am sorely afflicted,'

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful. **Response.**

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;
I will call on the Lord's name. **Response.**

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. **Response.**

Second reading Romans 8:31-34

God did not spare his own Son

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is
heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Mark 9:2-10

This is my Son, the Beloved

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to be God Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon Mt 17: 5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.

Parish Notices

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO ADORATION on Monday 4 March to Friday 8 March, ONLY Midday Masses during that week.

There will be NO STATIONS OF THE CROSS on Friday 8 March after the Midday Mass.

The Oblates will be away on Formation in Queensland. We ask that you keep all the Oblates from the Australian Province in your prayers.

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 Office Opening Hours

Commencing March 2024 the Parish Office will operate from Tuesday to Friday 9am to 3pm only.

The office can be contacted via email at parishmanager@fremantlestpatricks.org.au or a message can be left on 9335 2268.

Stations of the Cross

Commencing Friday 16th February and continuing every Friday until Good Friday there will be Stations of the Cross in English after the midday Mass and Stations in Italian at 6.30pm.

Caritas Australia - Project Compassion

A Special Collection for Project Compassion will be taken up this weekend 24/25 February, at all Masses.

World Day of Prayer

All welcome to attend the World Day of Prayer, Friday 1st March, 2024 at 10am at Scots Presbyterian Church, Fremantle.

Parish Morning Tea

The next Parish Morning Tea will be held on Sunday 10th March after the 8am Mass in the Presbytery Carport.

St Patrick's Day Concert

The Basilica invites all Parishioners to a St Patrick's Day Concert on Friday 15th March at 7.30pm. Enjoy an evening of Choir, Strings & Organ. See noticeboard for more information.

Senior's Morning Tea

The next Senior's Morning Tea will be held on Monday 18th March at 10am in the Parish Centre. All Senior's Welcome.

Planned Giving 2024/2025

Please collect your new Planned Giving Envelopes which are now available in the side foyer of the Church. If you are not a member of the Planned Giving and would like to become a member please contact the Parish Office.

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Last Supper

We are seeking volunteers for the Washing of the Feet during the Mass of the Last Supper on Thursday 28th March at 7pm. If you can assist please contact the Parish Office.

CBC Fremantle is interviewing now for Year 7, 2026 and Year 7, 2027.

For further information, please go to www.cbcfremantle.wa.edu.au/enrol or contact Registrar, Mrs Emma Polain: enrol@cbcfremantle.wa.edu.au

Mass Intentions

Saturday 24th February

6pm Vigil Mass:

Giuseppe Camporeale (dec'd anniversary)

Sunday 25th February

8am Mass: Claire Murphy (dec'd)

11am Mass: Patrick & Annie Keogh (dec'd)

5pm Mass: For the People

Monday 26th February

Midday Mass: Reginald Boston (dec'd)

Tuesday 27th February

Midday Mass: Moises Francisco (dec'd)

Wednesday 28th February

Midday Mass: Fortunata De Abreu (dec'd)

Thursday 29th February

Midday Mass: Leonardo Goncalves (dec'd)

Friday 1st March

Midday Mass: Intentions of the Lay Association of the Ursuline Sisters of the Sacred Heart

Saturday 2nd March

Midday Mass: Amedeo Lomma (dec'd)

6pm Vigil Mass:

Luigi Brizzi (dec'd 50th anniversary)

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 67%.

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

Friday 1 March

Stations of the Cross - English after midday Mass
Stations of the Cross - Italian 6.30pm

Friday 1 March

World Day of Prayer - Scots Presbyterian Church at 10am

Sunday 10 March

Parish Morning Tea

Friday 15 March

St Patrick's Day Concert