

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

The Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

Sunday 11th 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, 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)
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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,

In today's Gospel, we continue to hear Mark report the miraculous healings that Jesus performed in Galilee. The Gospel begins with Jesus healing a man with leprosy. Leprosy is a disfiguring, infectious skin disease that has been surrounded by many social and religious taboos throughout history. In 1873, the cause of leprosy, also known as Hansen's disease, was identified. We now know that leprosy is caused by a bacterial infection. Although it is infectious, modern medical studies have shown that transmission is more difficult than previously thought. Since the 1940s, medical treatments have been available, and the patient no longer needs to be isolated once long-term treatment has begun.

In Jesus' time, however, religious and social taboos dictated the behavior of those with leprosy and other skin diseases. The Law of Moses provided for the examination of skin diseases by the priests, and if leprosy was identified, the person was declared unclean. People with leprosy lived in isolation from the community. They were instructed to rip their clothes and to announce their presence with loud cries when moving in the community. If the sores of leprosy healed, the Law of Moses provided a purification rite that permitted the person to return to the community.

In today's Gospel, the man with leprosy took the initiative, approaching Jesus and asking for healing. In doing so, the leper violated the religious customs of the day by approaching a person who was clean. His request to Jesus can be interpreted as a courageous and daring act. The confidence of the leper in Jesus' ability to heal him is evident in the words of his request. But his words can also be read as a challenge to Jesus, asking just how far Jesus was willing to extend himself in order to heal someone. While healing the man, Jesus touched him, which also violated established social norms. This is an important sign of the depth of Jesus' compassion for the man and an important statement about Jesus' interpretation of the Law of Moses.

Although Jesus touched the leper, he did not break completely with the Law of Moses. He instructed the man not to tell anyone about the cure and told him to present himself to the priests as prescribed by the Law of Moses. The first instruction sounds nearly impossible to honor. Certainly, the man would want to share the good news of his healing, and his quick improvement would require an explanation. The second instruction honors the Law of Moses.

Mark's Gospel tells us that after this healing, it became difficult for Jesus to travel freely. There are several possible explanations for this. There might have been concern about the repercussions of Jesus' breach of social and religious norms. In touching the man with leprosy, Jesus made himself unclean. Mark's narrative, however, leads to the conclusion that Jesus' movement was hampered by his popularity. Despite his instructions, the cured man spread the word about Jesus' healing power. Even when Jesus was in deserted places, people sought him out in search of his healing. (source Loyola Press)

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

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

Andrew Brown (Organist)

Sun 8am & 11am: Sophie Hamer (Cantor), Vince Basile (Organist)

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

Hymns

Mass Setting: Paul Taylor - Mass of St Francis

Processional Hymn: CWB722 In Faith and hope and love

Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB621 As Gentle as Silence

Recessional Hymn: CWB838 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 30: 3-4

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First reading Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

The unclean man must live outside the camp

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 31(32):1-2,5,11

**Response: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile. **Response.**

But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.

I said: 'I will confess
my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin. **Response.**

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!

O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart. **Response.**

Second reading 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Take me for your model, as I take Christ

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 1:40-45

The leprosy left the man at once, and he was cured

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to be God Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 77: 29-30

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Parish Notices

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 11th 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.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten Season and this year will be held on Wednesday 14th February. Masses with distribution of Ashes will be held at Midday and 7pm.

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.

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 6pm.

Organ and Pan Flute Concert

Friday 23 February at 7.30pm the Basilica will host a concert featuring Organ and Pan Flute. Evert van de Veen and Henrieke Doornenbal from the Netherlands will showcase a variety of religious and classical music. See notice board in Church foyers for more info.

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.

Household Items For Sale

We have a few household items that require a new home, small solid timber round table with four chairs, 6 solid timber arm chairs with cushions, solid timber coffee table, washer and dryer and white pantry cupboard and two solid timber coffee tables. Some of these items were hand made by the Prisoners. If you are interested and would like to view the items please contact the Parish Office asap.

It is with great sadness that we advise the passing of Vita Mews. Vita was a parishioner and volunteer of the Parish of St Anne's and St Patrick's. Many of you would have known Vita as she read at the 8am Mass in the Basilica and the 8.15am Mass at St Anne's, and a Eucharistic Minister, she also was a member of The Basilica Parish Pastoral Council. We pray for Vita and her family. May she rest in peace! Funeral details to come.

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY, 2024.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 10th February

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

Sunday 11th February

8am Mass: Enrico Letizia Family (dec'd)

11am Mass: Pasquale De Gennaro (dec'd)

5pm Mass:

John Basso & Fernanda Loreto (Birthday int.)

Monday 12th February

Midday Mass: Santos Family (dec'd)

Tuesday 13th February

Midday Mass: Rocco Family (dec'd)

Wednesday 14th February

Midday Mass: Percy Reid (dec'd)

7pm Mass:

Thursday 15th February

Midday Mass: Soares Family (dec'd)

Friday 16th February

Midday Mass: Emanuele Family (int)

Ana Basilio (int)

Saturday 10th February

Midday Mass: Marco Di Luciato Family (dec'd)

6pm Vigil Mass:

Joao & Encaicao De Abreu (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

Second Collection supports the Parish

Upcoming Events

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