

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

# Basilica of St. Patrick

## Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year B

### *Sunday 10th March, 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  
First 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**

Tuesday 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,

The fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Traditionally, Sundays are named after the first word of the liturgy's opening antiphon. On this Sunday, the antiphon is taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 66:10-11). Even as we observe our Lenten sacrifices, we rejoice in anticipation of the joy that will be ours at Easter.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from John's Gospel. It consists of two parts. The first part is the final sentence of Jesus' reply to Nicodemus, the Pharisee who approached Jesus at night. Nicodemus acknowledged Jesus as someone who had come from God and seemed to want to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus greeted Nicodemus with the observation that one must be born from above to see the Kingdom of God. The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus that followed was about the meaning of this phrase. Nicodemus misunderstood Jesus at every point, but there was no animosity in the questions he posed to Jesus.

In the part of the conversation with Nicodemus in today's Gospel, Jesus referred to an incident reported in the Old Testament. When the Israelites grumbled against the Lord during their sojourn in the desert, God sent venomous serpents to punish them for their complaints. The Israelites repented and asked Moses to pray for them. The Lord heard Moses' prayer and instructed him to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. All who had been bitten by a serpent and then looked upon the bronze serpent were cured. By recalling this story, Jesus alludes to the salvation that would be accomplished through his death and Resurrection.

The second part of today's Gospel is a theological reflection on Jesus' words to Nicodemus. The Gospel of John is known for this kind of reflection offered within the narrative. The words of the Evangelist are in continuity with the words of the prologue to John's Gospel. In these reflections, John elaborates on a number of themes that are found in his Gospel: light and darkness, belief and unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation.

In John's reflection, we find an observation about human sinfulness. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but people preferred the darkness. We wish to keep our sins hidden, even from God. Jesus has come into the world to reveal our sins so that they may be forgiven. This is the Good News; it is the reason for our rejoicing in this season of Lent and throughout our lives. (Source Loyola Press)

# Music Ministry

## Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil: Aquinas Schola (Director: Hugh Lydon),  
Andrew Brown (Organist)

Sun 8am & 11am: Ethan Kent (Cantor), Vince Basile (Organist)

Sun 5pm: Sophie Hamer (Cantor), Michael Peters (Organist)

## Hymns

Mass Setting: Missa Simplex

Processional Hymn: CWB 643 Christ is the World's Light

Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 696 Godhead here in hiding

Recessional Hymn: CWB 801 Salve Regina

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Entrance Antiphon Cf. Is 66: 10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.

Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

### First reading 2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

*God's wrath and mercy are revealed in the exile and release of his people*

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: "Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm 136(137):1-6

**Response: Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!**

By the rivers of Babylon  
there we sat and wept,  
remembering Zion;  
on the poplars that grew there  
we hung up our harps. **Response**

For it was there that they asked us,  
our captors, for songs,  
our oppressors, for joy.  
'Sing to us,' they said,  
'one of Zion's songs.' **Response**

O how could we sing  
the song of the Lord  
on alien soil?  
If I forget you, Jerusalem,  
let my right hand wither! **Response**

O let my tongue  
cleave to my mouth  
if I remember you not,  
if I prize not Jerusalem  
above all my joys! **Response**

### Second reading Ephesians 2:4-10

*You have been saved through grace*

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation John 3:16

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## Gospel John 3:14-21

*God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved*

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

‘The Son of Man must be lifted up  
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,  
so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.  
Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost  
but may have eternal life.  
For God sent his Son into the world  
not to condemn the world,  
but so that through him the world might be saved.  
No one who believes in him will be condemned;  
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,  
because he has refused to believe in the name of God’s only Son.  
On these grounds is sentence pronounced:  
that though the light has come into the world  
men have shown they prefer darkness to the light  
because their deeds were evil.  
And indeed, everybody who does wrong  
hates the light and avoids it,  
for fear his actions should be exposed;  
but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light,  
so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.’  
Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to be God Lord Jesus Christ**

## Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together.  
It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,  
to praise the name of the Lord.

## 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 Notices

### Parish Office New Opening Hours

Parish Office will operate Tuesday to Friday 9am to 3pm only. The office  
can be contacted via email: [parishmanager@fremantlestpatricks.org.au](mailto:parishmanager@fremantlestpatricks.org.au)  
or a message can be left on 9335 2268.

## Planned Giving 2024/2025

If you haven't already collected your Planned Giving Envelopes please pick them up from the side foyer. If you are not a member of the Planned Giving and would like to become a member please contact the Parish Office.

## Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross continue every Friday until Good Friday. Stations in English after the Midday Mass and Stations in Italian at 6.30pm.

## 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.

## Palm Sunday - 23rd March, 2024

Unfortunately we will only have limited number of palms and olive branches available at Masses. Please bring your own palms or olive branches for blessing.

## Annual Archdiocesan Chrism Mass

Most Reverend Timothy Costelloe SDB, Archbishop of Perth, wishes to invite all parishioners to attend the Annual Archdiocesan Chrism Mass, St Mary's Cathedral, Victoria Square, Perth on Tuesday 26th March at 7pm.

## Holy Week Timetables

Times of Masses, Stations of the Cross and Liturgies for Holy Week available in the side foyer this weekend and also on our website at [fremantlestpatricks.org.au](http://fremantlestpatricks.org.au).

## 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.

## ATCO Upgrade to Gas Network in Fremantle

Please Note that there will be gas works on Elder Place, Point, Adelaide, Parry and Quarry Streets from 6th March to 1st May, 2024 between 7am to 4pm. These works will cause some issues with traffic and detours maybe in place. Please be guided by traffic controllers during this time and perhaps allow some extra time to get to Church.

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday 9th March

6pm Vigil Mass: Antero & Luzia Rebelo (dec'd)

### Sunday 10th March

8am Mass:

Claire Murphy (dec'd)

Gerard & Winifred Rawlinson (dec'd)

11am Mass: John Goncalves (dec'd)

5pm Mass: Maria Teresa Caputo (dec'd)

### Monday 11th March

Midday Mass:

Pasquale De Gennaro (dec'd)

Manuel Rodrigues and Rebelo Family and Friends (dec'd)

### Tuesday 12th March

Midday Mass: Mirtillo Family (Dec'd)

Marlene Dantas (dec'd anniv.)

### Wednesday 13th March

Midday Mass: Colin Hepburn (dec'd)

### Thursday 14th March

Midday Mass: Josip Ercegovic (dec'd)

### Friday 15th March

Midday Mass: Moises Francisco (dec'd)

### Saturday 16th March

Midday Mass:

6pm Vigil Mass:

## 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!

### 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 10 March

Parish Morning Tea

### Friday 15 March

St Patrick's Day Concert

### Monday 18 March

Senior's Morning Tea

### Sunday 23 March

Palm Sunday