

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

The Ascension of the Lord, Year B

Sunday 12th May 2024

Oblate Priests' at the Basilica

Fr Meno Basti OMI (Parish Priest & Rector)
Fr Giancarlo Iollo OMI
(Assistant Priest & Italian/Notre Dame Chaplain)
Fr John Patrick John Mary OMI
(Assistant Priest & Hospital Chaplain)
Fr. Anthony Colbert OMI (Assistant Priest)

Church Opening Hours

Monday to Friday 10am 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

Parish Council Members

Marlene Dullard (Acting Chair)
Sonia La Macchia
Maria Gorman

Parish Finance Committee

Collin Visaggio (Chair)
Trevor Gorey
Michael Piu

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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,

Today is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus was taken to heaven on the fortieth day after Easter. In Cycle B, our Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Mark. Scholars have long noted some irregularities about the ending of Mark's Gospel. There is a natural break in the story line at verse 8, when Mark's report of the discovery of the empty tomb comes to an abrupt conclusion. This verse reports that the women were so frightened by what they had seen at the tomb that they told no one. This may be the original ending of Mark's Gospel, but it is also possible that the more complete ending has been lost.

Some manuscripts of Mark's Gospel, written between the fourth and ninth centuries, include what scholars have termed the Shorter Ending. This is often printed in our Bibles for reference. This ending indicates that the women told their story to Peter's companions. Scholars believe that this ending is not original to Mark. They theorize that this ending was added by copyists who sought to resolve the original abrupt ending at verse 8.

Other early manuscripts include a Longer Ending that scholars also believe was written by someone other than the Evangelist. Nonetheless, quotations from this Longer Ending are found in the writings of the early Church Fathers, and it was accepted at the Council of Trent as part of the canonical Gospel of Mark. Our Gospel for today's celebration of the Feast of the Ascension is taken from this Longer Ending.

There are similarities in the reports of Jesus' Ascension found in the Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke. In each case, Jesus assigns his disciples the task of proclaiming the gospel message to the entire world. There are also notable distinctions. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, the disciples are sent by Jesus to baptize and to preach. In Luke's Gospel, however, the commission to baptize is absent. Instead, Jesus directs the disciples to return to Jerusalem to await the fulfilment of his promise to send them the Holy Spirit. Curiously, only the Gospels of Mark and Luke actually report Jesus' ascension into heaven. Matthew's Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise to remain with his disciples forever. Only the Gospel of Mark notes that Jesus ascended to sit at the right hand of God. In noting this, Mark teaches that Jesus' ascension affirms the glory Jesus received from God after his death and Resurrection.

Even if this ending to Mark's Gospel was written by someone other than the Evangelist, in the commission that Jesus gives to his disciples, there are elements that are quite typical of Mark's Gospel. The signs that will accompany belief in Jesus are as vivid as the action performed by Jesus during his ministry. Those who believe in Jesus will be empowered to do what Jesus himself has done. During his ministry, Jesus sent his disciples to preach, to heal, and to drive out unclean spirits. Now they are sent again to do these things and more. From his place with God in heaven, Jesus helped his disciples, and he continues to help us as we try to live as his followers. (Source Loyola Press)

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil Mass: Aquinas Schola (Director: Hugh Lydon),
Organist: Jonathan Bradley
Sun 8am & 11am Masses: Noah Humich (Cantor),
Vince Basile (Organist)
5pm Mass: Jessica Taylor (Cantor),
Michael Peters (Organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Mass of St Francis
Processional Hymn: CWB 654 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator, Come
Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 653 Come Down, O Love Divine
Recessional Hymn: CWB 686 Glory be to God on high

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Acts 1: 11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?

This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 1:1-11

Jesus was lifted up while they looked on

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 46(47):2-3,6-9

Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. Response.

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. Response.

God is king of all the earth,
sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. Response.

Second Reading Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13

We are all to come to unity, fully mature in the knowledge of the Son of God

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. To some, his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading Mark 16:15-20

Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them:

‘Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.’

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon Mt 28: 20

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Parish Notices

Our Lady of Fatima Novena and Feast Day Mass

Novena in honour of Our Lady of Fatima will commence on Saturday 4th May until Sunday 12th May. See poster on noticeboards or pick up a flyer which are available in the foyers of the Church.

Feast Day Mass in Honour of Our Lady will be celebrated on Monday

13th May at 6pm followed by candlelight procession in parish and school

grounds and Benediction. All 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.

Parish Morning Tea

The next Parish Morning Tea will be held on Sunday 12th May after the 8am Mass in the Presbytery Carport. All Welcome.

Senior's Morning Tea

The next Senior's Morning Tea will be held on Monday 20th May, 2024 at 10am in the parish hall. All senior's welcome.

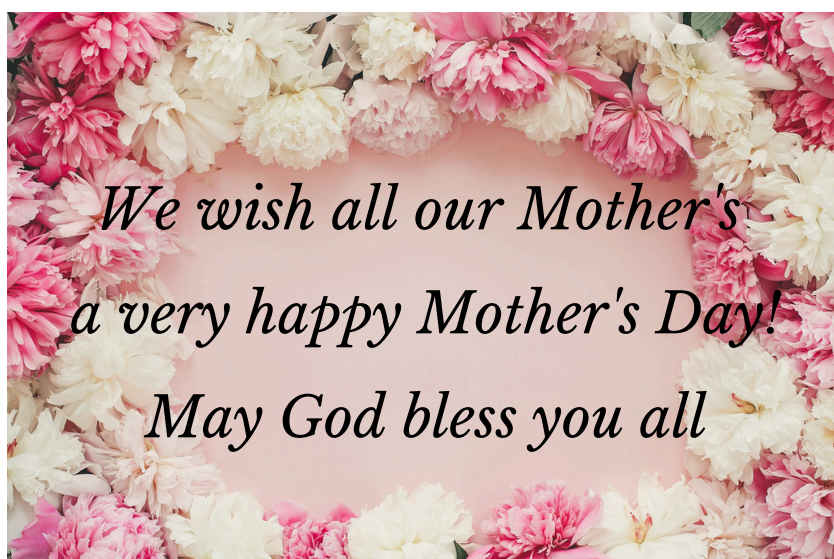
Eucharistic Ministers

We are looking at recommencing the Eucharistic Ministers Roster and are seeking all Eucharistic Ministers who are willing to assist. Once we have the list of available Eucharistic Ministers we will then go through the process of some training and updating all WWCC and ensuring that everyone has had WWCC induction session. We are hoping to have the roster up and running by mid May. If you would like to join the roster please contact the Parish Office asap with your details and Masses you would like to roster for.

Tap and Go Facility for Collections- UP AND RUNNING!

The parish has now secured three Tap and Go Terminals (*Thank You to the Fishing Fleet Festival for their generous donation towards the terminals*). So you are now able to tap and go for the 1st and 2nd Collections and any general donations you wish to make to the parish. We will still operate the collection baskets but the tap and go is another option for those who don't carry cash. **The terminals are now set up and located near St Patrick's Statue in the side foyer, also near the Piety Stall in the front foyer and near the Cross behind the Baptismal Font.**

LAUDATO SI' WEEK 19th – 26th May is a global celebration where we remember Pope Francis urging us in his encyclical Laudato Si' to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor and to humbly place ourselves in communion with our common home. Significantly, Pope Francis promulgated Laudato si' in 2015 on the Feast of Pentecost. As a Catholic Earthcare Parish we celebrate our part in the great progress the whole Church is making on its journey towards the seven Laudato Si' Goals set before us by Pope Francis to achieve ecological conversion.



Mass Intentions

Saturday 11th May

6pm Vigil:

Sunday 12th May

8am Mass: De Jesus Family (dec'd)

Zofia & Edward Tyszecki (dec'd)

11am Mass: Muriel Reid (dec'd)

5pm Mass: OL of Fatima Mass Intentions

Monday 13th May

Midday Mass:

Stella & Dino Zappala (int 50th Wedding Anniversary)

Tuesday 14th May

Midday Mass: Davies Family (int)

Wednesday 15th May

Midday Mass: Salve (Heavenly Birthday)

Thanksgiving for full recovery and success in future endeavours for Grace

Thursday 16th May

Midday Mass: Marie Diana (Birthday int)

Friday 17th May

Midday Mass:

Int. Lay Association of the Ursuline Sisters of the Sacred Heart

Saturday 18th May

Midday Mass:

Mr Nicola Di Menna, Antonio Masella and Filomena Faranda (dec'd)

6pm Vigil: Manuel & Matilde Rebelo (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

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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 12 May

Parish Morning Tea

Mother's Day

Monday 13 May

Our Lady of Fatima Mass & Procession

Monday 20 May

Senior's Morning Tea