47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B Sunday 25th August 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

Basilica Parish Office

Angie Emanuele (Parish Manager) email: parishmanager@fremantlestpatricks.org.au

Parish Office working hours

Tuesday to Friday (9am to 3pm) Closed Weekends and Public Holidays

Contact

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Parish Safeguarding Officer

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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,

For our Gospel today we hear the conclusion of the "Bread of Life discourse" in the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. In the preceding verses, which we have heard proclaimed in our liturgy over the past few weeks, we have heard Jesus explain that he is the Bread of Life, given so that those who believe may have eternal life. This discourse follows the miracle in which Jesus fed more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish. As Jesus has been teaching these things, John's Gospel describes a murmuring crowd unable to accept Jesus' words. In today's Gospel, the crowd has dwindled in number, and John no longer references them, or the Jews. Instead John describes the questioning of those considered to be Jesus' own disciples.

Today's Gospel first records the response of those in the crowd who are described as Jesus' disciples. Just as the larger crowd had struggled with Jesus' teaching, these disciples also cannot accept Jesus' words. Jesus is said to know about their murmuring. He responds by acknowledging their unbelief and by reiterating that only those chosen by the Father will follow Jesus to the end. John's Gospel reports that many of those who had been Jesus' disciples ceased to follow him at this point. The number of people following Jesus dwindled from a crowd of more than 5,000 to only 12 people. And it is to these Twelve that Jesus now turns his attention.

Simon Peter's response to Jesus' question as to whether those closest to him will also leave, reminds us of the reports of Peter's confession of faith in the Synoptic Gospels. Peter announces, on behalf of all the Twelve, that they have come to believe all that Jesus has taught about himself: Jesus is the one from God in whom they have found the path to eternal life.

This conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse focuses on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God's grace invites us to be Jesus' disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life. (source Loyola Press)

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil Mass: CBC Choir
Sun 8am & 1lam Masses: Gilbert Rodgers (Cantor)
Vince Basile (Organist)
5pm Mass: Noah Humich (Cantor),
Michael Peters (Organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Paul Taylor: Mass of St Francis
Processional Hymn: CWB 789 Praise my soul the King of Heaven
Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 685 Gift of finest wheat
Processional Hymn: CWB 690 Go now, you are sent fourth

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 85: 1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

First Reading Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

We will serve the Lord, for he is our God

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? What is more, the Lord drove all those peoples out before us, as well as the Amorites who used to live in this country. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 33(34):2-3,16-23

Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading Ephesians 5:25-32

Christ loves the Church, because it is his body

Follow Christ by loving as he loved you. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation cf John 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading John 6:60-69

Who shall we go to? You are the Holy One of God

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 103: 13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

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.

The Apostles' Creed

Amen.

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

Please Note: The walkway between the Basilica and the building next door has now been permanently closed. No further access is available through that walkway to the Basilica Grounds.

Adoration in the Basilica

Adoration is held in the Basilica Monday to Saturday. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed at 11am with silent prayer until 11.20am, Rosary will then be held from 11.20am to 11.35am, following the Rosary there will be a time for silent prayer until 11.50am when Benediction will commence followed by Midday Mass. All Welcome to attend.

Samuel Yeow Organ Concert - August

Samuel is one of our Organists at the Basilica and is having a farewell concert on Sunday 25th August, 2.30pm in the Basilica. Please support this young, talented musician. More information on the Noticeboard.

Our Lady of Tindari (Black Madonna)

Commencing Wednesday 4 September to Friday 6 September, Triduum in honour of Our Lady of Tindari commencing at 6.30pm. Feast Day Mass on Sunday 8th September at 9.30am. All Welcome.

Parish Morning Tea

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

Friday 13 September - Sacrament of Confirmation

On Friday 13th September at 5.30pm the Parish will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Archbishop Timothy Costelloe will this year celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with us. Please keep these Candidates and their families in your prayers.

Senior's Morning Tea

The next Senior's Morning Tea will be held on Monday 16th September at 10am in the Parish Centre. All Senior's Welcome.

Roger Sayer Organ Concert - September

Roger will perform his organ score of the soundtrack of the film Interstellar on Friday 20 September 7:30pm. More information on the Noticeboard. Please support and enjoy this unique opportunity.

Catholic Archdiocese of Perth - Employment Opportunities

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth has employment opportunities for suitably qualified persons to join its team and continue the good work of the Church. For details, refer to https://www.perthcatholic.org.au/Employment.htm.

- Administration Assistant, Daydawn Advocacy Centre Permanent, Part-time (apply to recruitment@perthcatholic.org.au)
- Tenancy Advocate, Daydawn Advocacy Centre Permanent, Part-time (apply on EthicalJobs.com.au)

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth is committed to the Safeguarding of children and adults at risk.

Safeguarding Induction for all Church workers

As the Fremantle parish has a large number of church workers (volunteers and paid workers) who are due for a renewal or who have yet to do a session of the Safeguarding procedures, we have organised a Safeguarding session in the parish. Many of you would have done the first induction in 2021 which means you are now due in 2024.

> Please register with the parish office for the upcoming session Tuesday, 19 November 2024 6-7pm **Basilica of St Patrick Parish Centre**

Mass Intentions

Saturday 24th August

6pm Vigil Mass: For the People

Sunday 25th August

8am Mass:

11am Mass: Michael Evans (dec'd)

5pm Mass: Antonio Mancuso (dec'd 1st anniv.)

Monday 26th August

Midday Mass: Maria Rodrigues (dec'd)

Tuesday 27th August

Midday Mass: Luigi Gizzarone (dec'd)

Wednesday 28th August

Midday Mass: Moises Francisco (dec'd)

Thursday 29th August

Midday Mass:

Ante, Maria & Ivko Separovich (dec'd)

Friday 30th August

Midday Mass: Leonardo Goncalves (dec'd)

Saturday 31st August

Midday Mass: 6pm Vigil:

Antonio Lino, Manuel & Virgilio Capelinha (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 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 **Second Collection supports the Parish**

Upcoming Events

Sunday 25 August

Samuel Yeow Organ Concert

Sunday 1 September

Father's Day

Wednesday 4 to Friday 6 September

Our Lady of Tindari Triduum

Sunday 8 September

Parish Morning Tea

9.30am Mass in honour of Our Lady of Tindari

Friday 13 September

Sacrament of Confirmation

Monday 16 September

Senior's Morning Tea