

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

Second Sunday of Advent, Year C

Sunday 8th December, 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)
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Parish Office working hours

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

Contact

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St Patrick's Community Support Centre

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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://fremantlepatricks.org.au/parish-safeguarding-project/>

Dear Parishioners and Friends!

This week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. To affirm this, Luke quotes at length from the prophet Isaiah. John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation.

The three Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke—attest to the importance of the baptism of John in preparing for Jesus. Only the Gospel of Luke, however, extends the connection between these two men to their birth. The first two chapters of Luke's Gospel contain the Infancy Narrative, which tells about the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. These stories set the stage for the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in chapter 3.

The evangelist Luke is the author of the Gospel that bears his name, and he also wrote the Acts of the Apostles as a continuation of the story of Jesus and the Church. In these two works, Luke's sense of time and history emerges. He identifies three epochs of salvation history: the time before Christ, the time of Christ, and the time of the Church and the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel reading, as elsewhere, John the Baptist is presented as the figure who bridges the time before Christ and prepares the way for Christ's own ministry.

In today's Gospel we also note Luke's attention to political and historical detail. Luke shows that salvation is for all people and situated in world events. Therefore, Luke lists the political and religious leaders at the time of John's appearance in the desert. Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did. (source Loyola Press)

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil Mass: Jada Love (Cantor)

Daniel van der Moezel (Organist)

Sun 8am & 11am Masses: Gilbert Rodgers (Cantor)

Vince Basile (Organist)

Sun 5pm Mass: Sophie Hamer (Cantor)

Michael Peters (Organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Missa Simplex

Processional Hymn: CWB 763 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 657 Come O Long Expected Jesus

Processional Hymn: CWB 835 The Voice of God

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Is 30: 19, 30

O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice
heard
in the joy of your heart.

First reading Baruch 5:1-9

God means to show your splendour to every nation

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress,
put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever,
wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you,
put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your
head:

since God means to show your splendour to every
nation under heaven,
since the name God gives you for ever will be,
'Peace through integrity, and honour through
devotedness.'

Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights
and turn your eyes to the east:

see your sons reassembled from west and east
at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God
has remembered them.

Though they left you on foot,
with enemies for an escort,
now God brings them back to you
like royal princes carried back in glory.

For God has decreed the flattening
of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills,
the filling of the valleys to make the ground level
so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of
God.

And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide
shade

for Israel at the command of God;
for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his
glory
with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 125(126)

**Response: The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

Second reading Philippians 1:4-6,8-11

*May you become pure and blameless in preparation for
the day of Christ*

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy,
remembering how you have helped to spread the
Good News from the day you first heard it right
up to the present. I am quite certain that the One
who began this good work in you will see that it is
finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes; and
God knows how much I miss you all, loving you
as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your
love for each other may increase more and more
and never stop improving your knowledge and
deepening your perception so that you can always
recognise what is best. This will help you to
become pure and blameless, and prepare you for
the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect
goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for
the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 3:4,6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his
paths:

all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 3:1-6

The call of John the Baptist

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon Bar 5: 5; 4: 36

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Parish Notices

Please Note: that due to a large funeral on Thursday 12 December at 1.15pm the school grounds will be open for more parking.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Monday 9th December due to the 8th of December being a Sunday.

Senior's Morning Tea

The last senior's morning tea for 2024 will be held on Monday 16th December at 10am in the Parish Centre. All senior's welcome. Please RSVP.

Final Parish Morning Teas for 2024

Please join us for the last two Parish Morning Teas for 2024 which will be held on Sunday 8 December and Sunday 22 December after the 8am Mass in the Presbytery Carport. All Welcome.

MAMI Christmas Gift Cards

This year give a Christmas Gift that helps support those less fortunate. A MAMI Christmas Card, supports the Missions supported by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Chickens \$10, Development \$15, Toolboxes \$20, Education \$25 and Goats \$30. Cards available from the parish office or online at www.oblates.com.au/christmas-cards.

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.

Annual Advent & Christmas raffle

Tickets for the Christmas Raffle will go on sale at Masses on the weekend of the 30 November/1 December and then will be available every weekend until Sunday 22 December when the raffle will be drawn at the Parish Morning Tea. Please support this raffle.

Carols, Corelli and Candlelight

The Basilica Chorale invites you to a night of Carols, Corelli and Candlelight on Friday 20th December at 7pm in the Basilica. Mulled wine and cake will be served in the Presbytery Carport at 6.30pm prior to the event. BYO cushion for the pews. Donation entry fee.

Christmas Mass Timetable

Copies of the Christmas Mass Timetable are available in the side foyers of the Church.

Christmas Eve 24th December

No Adoration or Midday Mass

Carols at 5.15 pm prior to the 5.30pm Children's Mass

Carols at 8pm prior to the 8.30pm Mass

Carols at 11.30pm prior to the Midnight Mass

No Mass at St Anne's Church, North Fremantle

Christmas Day 25th December

Basilica Masses: 8am, 9.30am (Italian) and 11am

St Anne's Church, North Fremantle Mass: 8.15am

No 5pm Evening Mass

New Year's Eve 31st December

11am Adoration and Midday Mass

New Year's Day 1st January 2025

No longer a Holy Day of Obligation

11am Adoration and Midday Mass

**Please Note: From 26 December to 27 January
Saturday Reconciliation only at 10am to 12noon**

Christmas Office Opening Hours

The parish office will be closed at midday on Friday 20th December and will reopen at 9am on Wednesday 15th January, 2025. During this time there will be no parish bulletins printed for weekend Masses. If you have any urgent matters please email parishmanager@fremantlestpatricks.org.au.

Basilica Carpark

The Basilica grounds are open at 7am to 7.30pm Mon to Sunday. Any cars that are parked in the grounds after lockup will need to be collected the following morning. Parking in the Basilica grounds is at your own risk.

Jubilee Year 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope

What is a Jubilee? A Jubilee is a special year of grace and conversion, involving prayer, pilgrimage and sacramental repentance, held every 25 years, or during other years as called for by the Pope.

Through a series of concrete rituals, acts and commitments, the goal of a Jubilee year is to inspire and encourage holiness of life among the faithful and therefore to strengthen the Church's witness to God's loving mercy in and for the world.

Pope Frances will open the Holy Doors to the Jubilee Year on 25 December 2024.

This year the Basilica of St Patrick has been chosen as one of the five Churches in the Archdiocese of Perth as a place of pilgrimage.

So we will be seeking volunteers to assist on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Friday so that we can keep the Church open, until 3pm for pilgrims to visit the Basilica. If you can assist please advise the parish office.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 7th December

6pm Vigil Mass: Seamus Dolan (int good health)

Sunday 8th December

8am Mass: Sebastian Calalesina (dec'd)

11am Mass: Fortunata & Jose De Abreu (dec'd)

5pm Mass: Amato Family (int)

Monday 9th December

Midday Mass: Celine Dion (int)

Tuesday 10th December

Midday Mass: John Goncalves (dec'd)

Wednesday 11th December

Midday Mass: Pasquale De Gennaro (Dec'd)

Thursday 12th December

Midday Mass: Dee Dorota Lilpop (dec'd)

Friday 13th December

Midday Mass: Babic & Borzic Families (dec'd)

Saturday 14th December

Midday Mass: Silvino Correia (int)

6pm Vigil: Lombardo Family (int)

Weekly Giving

The collections are an important part of a Parish life. Your weekly 1st collection donations support the Priests in the parish to minister to the needs of the parish community and the fremantle boarders. Your weekly 2nd collection donations helps us to maintain all aspects of the Basilica, Presbytery and Administration Centre.

Without your assistance we would not be able to provide and maintain the Parish and its community. Thank You!

Please continue to give generously via the collection plate, tap and go tablets or direct deposits into the accounts below.

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

Second Collection supports the Parish

Upcoming Events

Sunday 8 December

Parish Morning Tea

Monday 16 December

Senior's Final Morning Tea for 2024

Friday 20 December

Carols, Corelli & Candlelight Concert

Tuesday 24 December

Christmas Eve

Wednesday 25 December

Christmas Day