

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

Third Sunday of Advent, Year C

Sunday 15th 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://fremantlestpatricks.org.au/parish-safeguarding-project/>

Dear Parishioners and Friends!

This Sunday's Gospel continues last week's focus on John the Baptist and his role in preparing the way for Christ. Recall that last week's reading described John's appearance in the desert and established his connection with the prophetic tradition of Israel. If we were to read Luke's Gospel continuously, we would learn about John the Baptist challenging the crowds who came to him and calling upon them to show evidence of their repentance. John tells his listeners that they cannot rely on their lineage as Israelites because children of Abraham can be raised up from stones. Repentance, rather, must be observable in one's actions. Here, Luke is continuing to set up two important themes of his Gospel message: the Christian faith is expressed in one's actions, and the call to salvation is extended to everyone, Jews and Gentiles.

In today's Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics. What evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. The concern for justice is a hallmark of Luke's Gospel.

When the crowd begins to wonder if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, John interprets his baptism and makes it clear that his ministry is in preparation for the Messiah. John the Baptist knows his place and role in God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to act similarly in accordance with their stations in life, John's teaching suggests that each person has a role to play in God's salvation. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God permits and even asks for human cooperation in his divine plans.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means "rejoice." This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in today's second reading from the Paul's letter to the Philippians. Some people mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand. (Source Loyola Press)

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil Mass: Gilbert Rodgers (Cantor)

Daniel van der Moezel (Organist)

Sun 8am & 11am Masses: Bonnie de la Hunty (Cantor)

Vince Basile (Organist)

Sun 5pm Mass: Joshua Adams (Cantor)

Michael Peters (Organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Missa Simplex

Processional Hymn: CWB 658 Come O Jesus, Come, O Lord

Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 780 On Jordan's Bank

Processional Hymn: CWB 657 Come O Long Expected Jesus

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Phil 4: 4-5

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.

First reading Zephaniah 3:14-18

The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,

Israel, shout aloud!

Rejoice, exult with all your heart,
daughter of Jerusalem!

The Lord has repealed your sentence;
he has driven your enemies away.

The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;
you have no more evil to fear.

When that day comes, word will come to
Jerusalem:

Zion, have no fear,

do not let your hands fall limp.

The Lord your God is in your midst,
a victorious warrior.

He will exult with joy over you,

he will renew you by his love;

he will dance with shouts of joy for you
as on a day of festival.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Isaiah 12

**Response: Cry out with joy and gladness: for
among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.**

Second reading Philippians 4:4-7

The Lord is very near

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord;
I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your
tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very
near.

There is no need to worry; but if there is
anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it
with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of
God, which is so much greater than we can
understand, will guard your hearts and your
thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 61:1 (Luke 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 3:10-18

When all the people asked John, 'What must we
do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he
must share with the man who has none, and the
one with something to eat must do the same.'
There were tax collectors too who came for
baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what
must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more
than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their
turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said
to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be
content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Is 35: 4

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

Parish Notices

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.

Final Parish Morning Teas for 2024

Please join us for the last Parish Morning Tea for 2024 which will be held on Sunday 22 December after the 8am Mass in the Presbytery Carport. The Christmas Raffle will also be drawn at the morning tea. 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.

Annual Advent & Christmas raffle

Tickets for the Christmas Raffle 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.

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.

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 close 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@fremantlepatrick.org.au.

Christmas Offerings

Twice a year you are asked to give generously to support the Priests in the parish. Christmas Offering envelopes are available on the pews. Place your offering inside and place on the collection plate. Thank You!

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 14th December

6pm Vigil Mass: Lombardo Family (int)

Sunday 15th December

8am Mass: Jonathan Saunder (int)

11am Mass: Salvatore Scafidi (dec'd)

5pm Mass: Martha Amato (dec'd)

Monday 16th December

Midday Mass: Cilla Black (dec'd)

Balmira Pereira (dec'd)

Tuesday 17th December

Midday Mass: Steven Basilio (Birthday int)

Wednesday 18th December

Midday Mass: Mario Fernandes da Silva (dec'd)

Conceicao Da Silva (dec'd)

Thursday 19th December

Midday Mass: Clementina Pruiti (Dec'd)

Friday 20th December

Midday Mass: James Adam Turriff-Smith (dec'd)

Saturday 21st December

Midday Mass: Maria Szymanski (dec'd)

6pm Vigil:

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 borders. 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

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

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