

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

The Nativity of the Lord, Year C

Wednesday 25th 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

Address: 12 Queen Victoria St, Fremantle WA 6160
Phone: 08 6372 4800 Reception Hours: 8:30am –
4:30pm Mon to Fri

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/>

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. (Is 9:2)

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

It gives me great joy to wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year 2025. I wish and pray that we all may truly enjoy the true freedom, joy, happiness and peace that Jesus brought to this world at His birth. If I am correct, Christmas is one of the feasts or celebrations, celebrated all over the world by everyone irrespective of their Caste or Creed or Nationality. That itself confirms the fact that Jesus and his redemptive work is not limited to a group of people or to a particular race or nation. He belongs to the whole world, and He is the Universal Saviour.

The time that Jesus was born two thousand years ago was a difficult and a challenging time for the people of Israel who had been eagerly waiting for the Messiah and the deliverance from the oppressive forces. The people of Israel were under the Romans when Jesus was born, and their own rulers were oppressing and exploiting their own people. There were wars, riots, slavery, social discriminations, poverty, hunger, sickness and all sorts of suffering that the people of Israel had to undergo. It is during such challenging times that Jesus was born in Bethlehem in a manger. The birth of Jesus, did not only just change the history of the world, it also brought great good news to the whole world:

“An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord” (Lk 2:9-11).

We are waiting for the second Coming of Christ (The PAROUSIA). When we look at all that is happening in and around the world, we are being reminded of the time and the situation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming 2000 years ago. We hear and experience war, violence, discrimination, abuse, exploitations, poverty, hunger, migration, refugees, natural disaster and so on. People who are sufferings and forced to endure all these situations, are crying out for deliverance, for a saviour, for freedom, for new life and for a new world. As Christian faithful, we firmly believe that it is only Jesus, our Saviour who can answer all our questions and give us deliverance, freedom and life, and it is He who alone can make a new and better world where everyone enjoys his freedom, equality, justice, harmony, brotherhood and peace. Like the people of Israel, we have to cry out in hope and pray to God and prepare for His Coming. Our God and Father with His Son Jesus and in the Unity of the Holy Spirit is ready to grant us the favours that we pray for. But we have to cooperate with him, and we have to make ourselves worthy to receive his blessings.

The Angels who appeared to the shepherds sang, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.” (Lk 2: 14). The peace, joy, happiness and life that our God is willing to bestow on us all, can rest on us, only when we are ready and worthy to receive them. “Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me” (Rev 3:20).

Let us open our hearts to the Lord, so that he could enter and dwell in us and with us. May this Christmas help us to experience and enjoy the true peace, joy and happiness that Jesus wishes to shower upon us.

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year 2025

Fr. Meno Basti OMI

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Monday 8am: Sophie Hamer (cantor), Andrew Brown (organist)
11am: Basilica choir (conductor: Daniel Masmanian)
Andrew Brown (organist)
NO 5pm Evening Mass

Hymns

Mass Setting: Marty Haugen - Mass of Creation
Processional Hymn: CWB 760 O Come All Ye Faithful
Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 697 Good Christmas All Rejoice
Recessional Hymn: CWB 728 Joy to the World

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Is 9: 5

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us;
his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder,
and his name will be called Messenger of great
counsel.

First reading Isaiah 52:7-10

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah
Rejoice, for the Lord is consoling his people

How beautiful on the mountains,
are the feet of one who brings good news,
who heralds peace, brings happiness,
proclaims salvation,
and tells Zion,
'Your God is king!'

Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices,
they shout for joy together,
for they see the Lord face to face,
as he returns to Zion.

Break into shouts of joy together,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord is consoling his people,
redeeming Jerusalem.

The Lord bares his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

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

Responsorial Psalm 97(98):1-6

Response: All the ends of the earth have seen the
saving power of God.

Second reading Hebrews 1:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

God has spoken to us through his Son

At various times in the past and in various different
ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the
prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has
spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has
appointed to inherit everything and through whom
he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of
God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature,
sustaining the universe by his powerful command;
and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin,
he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right
hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the
angels as the title which he has inherited is higher
than their own name.

God has never said to any angel: You are my Son,
today I have become your father; or: I will be a father
to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the
First-Born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of
God worship him.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A hallowed day has dawned upon us.
Come, you nations, worship the Lord,
for today a great light has shone down upon the
earth.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 1:1-18

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to St John

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word:

and the Word was with God

and the Word was God.

He was with God in the beginning.

Through him all things came to be,

not one thing had its being but through him.

All that came to be had life in him

and that life was the light of men,

a light that shines in the dark,

a light that darkness could not overpower.

A man came, sent by God.

His name was John.

He came as a witness,

as a witness to speak for the light,

so that everyone might believe through him.

He was not the light,

only a witness to speak for the light.

The Word was the true light

that enlightens all men;

and he was coming into the world.

He was in the world

that had its being through him,

and the world did not know him.

He came to his own domain

and his own people did not accept him.

But to all who did accept him

he gave power to become children of God,

to all who believe in the name of him

who was born not out of human stock

or urge of the flesh

or will of man

but of God himself.

The Word was made flesh,

he lived among us,

and we saw his glory,

the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father,

full of grace and truth.

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.

John appears as his witness. He proclaims:
'This is the one of whom I said:
He who comes after me ranks before me
because he existed before me.'
Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received –
yes, grace in return for grace,
since, though the Law was given through Moses,
grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ.
No one has ever seen God;
it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart,
who has made him known.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to be God Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 97: 3

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Parish Notices

Christmas Offerings

Usually twice a year you are invited, as a community, to make a special effort to financially support the Priests of the Basilica. Envelopes are available in your planned giving boxes or in the pews of the Church. Your generosity is very much appreciated along with your prayers, encouragement, and blessings.

Weekend Bulletin

Please be advised that there will be no printed weekend bulletins and no ebulletin on the website after Christmas Day 25th December. Bulletin and ebulletin will recommence on Sunday 19th January, 2025.

*May the Birth of Baby Jesus bring all
Parishioners, Families and Friends a Very
Holy and Joyous Christmas and a Peaceful
New Year.
God Bless You All!
from the Oblates and Staff*

Mass Intentions

Wednesday 25th December

8am Mass:

Salvatore, Elizabeth & Philip Monaco (int)

11am Mass: For the People

NO 5pm Evening Mass

Thursday 26th December

Midday Mass: Maria Pestana (dec'd)

Friday 27th December

Midday Mass:

Saturday 28th December

Midday Mass: Ariyah Milsavljevic (Birthday int)

Vigil Mass:

Sunday 29th December

8am Mass: Lombardo Family (int)

11am Mass: For the People

5pm Mass: Francesca Portelli (dec'd)

Helen Christie (dec'd)

Monday 30th December

Midday Mass: Leonardo Goncavles (dec'd)

Tuesday 31st December

Midday Mass: Rene Papineau (dec'd)

Maria Josefa Masters (dec'd)

Reconciliation

From 26 December to 26 January
Saturday Reconciliation
only at 10am-12noon

The Basilica Parish Office will be closed until Wednesday 15th January 2025.

For any urgent matter please email
parishmanager@fremantlestpatricks.org.au

I wish all Parishioners and Friends a very safe and Holy Christmas and New Year. Thank you for all your support throughout the year.

God Bless!