

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

# Basilica of St. Patrick

## Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year C

### *Sunday 22nd 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)  
email: [parishmanager@fremantlestpatricks.org.au](mailto:parishmanager@fremantlestpatricks.org.au)

#### Parish Office working hours

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

#### Contact

Office phone number: (08) 9335 2268  
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#### St Patrick's Community Support Centre

12 Queen Victoria Street, Fremantle WA 6160  
Reception Hours Mon to Fri 8.30am to 4.30pm  
Phone: 6372 4800

#### Parish Safeguarding Officer

Lynn Tomlinson 0424 243 224  
Sonia La Macchia 0411 221 187

#### 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!

On this the last Sunday before Christmas, our Gospel reading prepares us to witness Christ's birth by showing us how Jesus was recognized as Israel's long-awaited Messiah even before his birth. The Gospel turns our attention from the ministry of John the Baptist to the events that preceded John the Baptist's birth. The story of John the Baptist and his parents, Elizabeth and Zechariah, are reported only in Luke's Gospel. Luke pairs the birth of John the Baptist and Jesus, establishing John's early connection to the Messiah.

Our Gospel reading recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit Elizabeth, her cousin, who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles that they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. If we were to continue to read the verses that follow in Luke's Gospel, we would hear Mary respond to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favor upon the people of Israel.

In Luke's Gospel the Holy Spirit helps reveal Jesus' identity as God to those who believe. Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit and sings Mary's praise because she bears the Lord. We sing these words of praise to Mary in the Hail Mary. Even John the Baptist, the unborn child in Elizabeth's womb, is said to recognize the presence of the Lord and leaps for joy.

It is appropriate in this season of Advent that we consider the role of Mary in God's plan of salvation. Elizabeth describes Mary as the first disciple, as the one who believed that God's word to her would be fulfilled. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to everyone. Because of this, Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan for salvation. (Source Loyola Press)

# Music Ministry

## Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil Mass: Eimear Foley (Cantor)  
Andrew Brown (Organist)  
Sun 8am & 11am Masses: Paul O'Neill (Cantor)  
Andrew Brown (Organist)  
Sun 5pm Mass: Eimear Foley (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 799 Rejoice, the Lord is King

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Entrance Antiphon Cf. Is 45: 8

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,  
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;  
let the earth be opened and bring forth a  
Saviour.

### First reading Micah 5:1-4

*He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord*

The Lord says this:

But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
the least of the clans of Judah,  
out of you will be born for me  
the one who is to rule over Israel;  
his origin goes back to the distant past,  
to the days of old.  
The Lord is therefore going to abandon them  
till the time when she who is to give birth gives  
birth.  
Then the remnant of his brothers will come back  
to the sons of Israel.  
He will stand and feed his flock  
with the power of the Lord,  
with the majesty of the name of his God.  
They will live secure, for from then on he will  
extend his power  
to the ends of the land.  
He himself will be peace.

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

### Responsorial Psalm Psalm 79(80):2-3,15-16,18-19

Response: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see  
your face and we shall be saved.

### Second reading Hebrews 10:5-10

*God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will*

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation,  
prepared a body for me.  
You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices  
for sin;  
then I said,  
just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book,  
'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want what  
the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that  
is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and  
the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in  
them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming  
to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to  
replace it with the second. And this will was for us  
to be made holy by the offering of his body made  
once and for all by Jesus Christ.

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

### Gospel Acclamation Luke 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the servant of the Lord:  
may his will for me be done.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel Luke 1:39-45

*Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?*

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

The gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Communion Antiphon Is 7: 14

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;  
and his name will be called Emmanuel.

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# Parish Notices

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### Senior's Morning Tea

The senior's morning tea team would like to thank all those who have supported the morning teas during 2024. They would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Safe New Year. There will be no senior's morning in January 2025. Future dates to be advised. God Bless!

### 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](http://www.oblates.com.au/christmas-cards).

### 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@fremantlestpatricks.org.au](mailto:parishmanager@fremantlestpatricks.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!

### 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**

## 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.

*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

### Saturday 21st December

6pm Vigil Mass: Kenneth Douglas (dec'd)

### Sunday 22nd December

8am Mass: For the People

11am Mass: James Ong & Jew Family (dec'd)

5pm Mass: Ante Borzic (dec'd)

Natoli & Portelli Families (int)

### Monday 23rd December

Midday Mass: Lucy Rojnic (dec'd)

### Tuesday 24th December

5.30pm Mass: Silvino Coreira (int)

8.30pm Mass: Carlo & Clementina Pruiti (dec'd)

Midnight Mass: Unity and Peace

### Wednesday 25th December

8am Mass:

Salvatore, Elizabeth & Philip Monaco (int)

11am Mass: For the People

### Thursday 26th December

Midday Mass: Maria Pestana (dec'd)

### Friday 27th December

Midday Mass:

### Saturday 28th December

Midday Mass: Ariyah Milosavljevic (Birthday int)

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 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

**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

### Tuesday 24 December

Christmas Eve

### Wednesday 25 December

Christmas Day

### Wednesday 1 January

New Year's Day