

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

# Basilica of St. Patrick

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

### Sunday 16th February, 2025

#### 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

#### 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

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!

Last Sunday we heard Jesus call Peter to be his disciple. Jesus then travels with Peter and the other disciples. Luke reports acts of healing (a person with leprosy and a paralytic man) and the call of Levi, the tax collector. Jesus also replies to questions from the Pharisees regarding fasting and the observance of the Sabbath. In the verses immediately before today's gospel reading, Jesus is reported to have chosen 12 men from among his disciples to be apostles. Apostle is a Greek word that means "one who is sent."

Today's gospel reading is the beginning of what is often called the Sermon on the Plain. We find a parallel to this passage in [Matthew 5:1-7,11](#) that is often called the Sermon on the Mount. As these titles suggest, there are differences and similarities between these gospel readings.

When spoken from the mountaintop in Matthew's Gospel, we can't miss the impression that Jesus is speaking with the authority and voice of God. The mountaintop is a symbol of closeness to God. Those who ascend the mountain see God and speak for God; recall the story of Moses and the [Ten Commandments](#). As Luke introduces the location of Jesus' teaching, Jesus teaches on level ground, alongside the disciples and the crowd. Luke presents Jesus' authority in a different light. He is God among us.

Another distinction found in Luke's version is the audience. Luke's Sermon on the Plain is addressed to Jesus' disciples, although in the presence of the crowd; Matthew's Sermon on the Mount is addressed to the crowd. In keeping with this style, the [Beatitudes](#) in Luke's Gospel sound more personal than those in Matthew's Gospel—Luke uses the article "you" whereas Matthew uses "they" or "those." There is also a difference in number: Matthew describes eight beatitudes; Luke presents just four, each of which has a parallel warning.

The form of the Beatitudes found in Luke's and Matthew's Gospel is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, such as in the Psalms and in Wisdom literature. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God. The word blessed in this context might be translated as "happy," "fortunate," or "favored."

As we listen to this Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of "woes," those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation . . . these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness.

The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God. (source Loyola Press)

# Music Ministry

## Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil Mass: Aquinas Schola (Director: Hugh Lydon)  
Daniel van der Moezel (Organist)  
Sun 8am & 11am: Gilbert Rodgers (Cantor)  
Vince Basile (Organist)  
Sun 5pm Mass: Rachael Singer (Cantor)  
Michael Peters (Organist)

## Hymns

Mass Setting: Paul Taylor: Mass of St Francis  
Processional Hymn: CWB 802 Seek, O seek the Lord  
Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 685 Gift of finest wheat  
Processional Hymn: CWB 75 Now thank we all our God

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 30: 3-4

Be my protector, O God,  
a mighty stronghold to save me.  
For you are my rock, my stronghold!  
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

### First reading Jeremiah 17:5-8

*A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord*

The Lord says this:

‘A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,  
who relies on things of flesh,  
whose heart turns from the Lord.  
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:  
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,  
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,  
a salt land, uninhabited.

‘A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the  
Lord,  
with the Lord for his hope.  
He is like a tree by the waterside  
that thrusts its roots to the stream:  
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,  
its foliage stays green;  
it has no worries in a year of drought,  
and never ceases to bear fruit.’

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

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 1:1-4,6

Response: Happy are they who hope in the  
Lord.

### Second reading

1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20

*If Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins*

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been  
preached, how can some of you be saying that  
there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the  
dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised,  
and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in  
your sins. And what is more serious, all who have  
died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ  
has been for this life only, we are the most  
unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the  
dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

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

### Gospel Acclamation Luke 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Rejoice and be glad;  
your reward is great in heaven.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel Luke 6:17,20-26

*Happy are you who are poor, who are hungry, who weep*

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

‘How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

‘But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

‘Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.’

**The gospel of the Lord.**

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

## Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 77: 29-30

They ate and had their fill,  
and what they craved the Lord gave them;  
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

## Parish Notices

### Jubilee Year 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope

The indulgence, a priceless gift of divine mercy, is one of the special signs of the Jubilee Year. The conditions for obtaining a Jubilee Indulgence are:

- Pilgrimage to any of the designated Churches and Shrines
- Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Celebration of the Eucharist
- Profession of Faith
- Prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father

Those unable to make a pilgrimage due to age, health, caregiving you can obtain an indulgence, under the usual conditions by reciting the Our father, making a profession of faith and offering prayers from their homes, hospitals and nursing homes while offering up their own suffering.

### Parish Morning Tea

The next Parish Morning Tea will be held on Sunday 16th February after the 8am Mass in the Presbytery Carport. All Welcome.

### 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.

### The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,  
may the faith you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of charity enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed hope  
for the coming of your Kingdom.  
May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the  
Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within both  
humanity and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.  
May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.  
May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.  
To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.  
Amen

## Special Mass & Welcome

On Sunday 2nd March we will combine the 9.30am Italian Mass and the 11am Mass into one Mass at 10am to welcome and introduce our newly appointed Australian Oblate Provincial Fr Andrew Chen OMI. Following Mass there will be a morning tea in the parish centre where you will have a chance to meet with him. RSVP required and all welcome.

## Ash Wednesday Masses

Masses on Wednesday 5th March, Ash Wednesday, will be celebrated at Midday and 7pm. Ashes will be distributed at both Masses.

## World Day of Prayer 2025 - Friday 7th March

The World Day of Prayer is an ecumenical prayer service that is inter-denominational and each year it celebrates different parts of the world.

This year the Basilica of St Patrick's will host the World Day of Prayer for the Cook Islands on Friday 7th March at 10am. We are urgently seeking assistance with morning tea prep and food. If you can assist please contact the parish office.

## Stations of the Cross during Lent

Commencing Friday 7th March and then continuing every Friday until Good Friday, Stations of the Cross in both English and Italian at 6.30pm. All Welcome.

## Commencing Sunday 2nd March - Project Compassion Sunday

With 2025 being a Jubilee Year with the theme Pilgrims of Hope. It is our hope that we can come together to support Project Compassion and *Unite Against Poverty!*. Donation boxes and envelopes will be available on Sunday 2nd March in the side foyers of the Church, please pick up a donation box or donation envelope and give generously during this Lenten Season. *There will be a special collection at all Masses on Sunday 9th March.*

## Piety Stall Volunteer

We are seeking a volunteer who can assist on Sundays 11am to Midday in the Piety Stall. The Piety Stall is the little shop we have in the front foyer of the Church. You will be required to be stationed at the Piety Stall during that time and assist with sale of items. If you can assist please contact the Parish Office.

## Planned Giving 2025/2026

Our new Planned Giving year will commence in March 2025. If you are interested in becoming a Planned Giver please contact the parish office. New planned giving envelopes available for collection this weekend in the side foyer.

## Presbytery Cleaner Required

The Oblates are seeking a cleaner to work in the Presbytery, 5 hours on Mondays, Wednesdays and some Fridays. The position includes washing and ironing, room cleaning and general house cleaning. You will require a National Police Clearance and cleaning experience would be an advantage. If you would like more information or would like to apply please contact the parish office.

*The new St Patrick's chamber choir are seeking talented singers to join for services, concerts and recordings. If you think you'd love to sing fantastic music with passion (or just want to improve your skills) this is the group for you. Everyone is welcome, every Monday, 6:30pm. Contact the parish office for more information.*

**Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday 25th February.**

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday 15th February

6pm Vigil Mass: Souls in Purgatory

### Sunday 16th February

8am Mass: Felix Rowlinsons (dec'd anniv.)

11am Mass: Melissa Roosendaal (dec'd)

5pm Mass: Eluina Suplico Dos Santos (dec'd)

### Monday 17th February

Midday Mass: Emanuele Family (int)

### Tuesday 18th February

Midday Mass: Roman Okenica (dec'd)

### Wednesday 19th February

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

### Thursday 20th February

Midday Mass: Wilma Alvis (dec'd)

### Friday 21st February

Midday Mass:

Maria Basilio, Lucia & Luis Querros (dec'd)

### Saturday 22nd February

Midday Mass:

Luigi Gizzarone (dec'd) and Holy Souls

6pm Vigil: Joe & Isilda Abreu & 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

**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 16th February

Parish Morning Tea

### Sunday 2nd March

Special Mass & Welcome Fr Andrew Chen OMI, new Australian Oblate Provincial

### Wednesday 5th March

Ash Wednesday

### Friday 7th March

World Day of Prayer  
Stations of the Cross