

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Sunday 23rd 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

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Reception Hours Mon to Fri 8.30am to 4.30pm
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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!

Today's gospel reading is a continuation of the teaching that began in last Sunday's gospel. We continue to hear Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. Recall that in Luke's Gospel, this teaching is addressed to Jesus' disciples. This is in contrast to the parallel found in Matthew's Gospel, the Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus' words are addressed to both the disciples and to the crowds.

These words from Jesus' teaching are familiar to us. They constitute the crux and the challenge of what it means to be a disciple: Love your enemies, turn the other cheek, give to those who ask, do unto others, lend without expecting repayment, judge not lest you be judged.

There are several similarities between Luke's and Matthew's report of Jesus' great teaching. Both begin with the Beatitudes. Matthew includes nearly all the content that Luke does; the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel is longer than Luke's Sermon on the Plain. There are, however, differences in language and nuance. For example, Matthew presents this portion of the teaching as a contrast between Jesus' teaching and the teachings of the law and the prophets. This is in keeping with Matthew's concern to address his predominantly Jewish audience. It is likely that Luke omits this contrast because it was unnecessary for the Gentile believers for whom Luke is writing.

Another point of contrast between Matthew and Luke's presentation is the terminology. In Luke, Jesus contrasts the behavior of his followers with the behavior of "sinners." In Matthew, Jesus contrasts the behavior desired with the behavior of tax collectors and Gentiles. Matthew concludes the teaching about love of enemies with the admonition to be perfect as God is perfect; Luke concludes by emphasizing God's mercy.

In both Gospels, Jesus' words challenge those who would follow him to be more like God. God loves us beyond our expectations, beyond anything we can possibly imagine. In response to God's love, we are to love as God loves, beyond expectations and with a depth beyond imagining. (source Loyola Press)



Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil Mass: Aquinas Schola (Director: Hugh Lydon)
Daniel van der Moezel (Organist)
Sun 8am & 11am: Priscina Dharmadasa (Cantor)
Daniel Masmanian (Organist)
Sun 5pm Mass: Joshua Adams (Cantor)
Michael Peters (Organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Paul Taylor: Mass of St Francis
Processional Hymn: CWB 792 Praise to the Lord, the almighty
Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 615 A new commandment
Processional Hymn: CWB 863 Where there is charity and love

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Ps 12: 6

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful
with me.

First reading

1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,11-13,22-23

Do not lift your hand against the Lord's anointed

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

In the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul lying asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt? The Lord forbid that I should raise my hand against the Lord's anointed! But now take the spear beside his head and the pitcher of water and let us go away.' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. He called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 102(103):1-4,8,10,12-13

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

The first Adam became a living soul; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

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

Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 6:27-38

Love your enemies

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon Ps 9: 2-3

I will recount all your wonders,
I will rejoice in you and be glad,
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

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.

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

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.

ALPHA in the Parish

Fr Basti last Wednesday launched the pilot ALPHA with a limited number of participants who will be trained and will form the the ALPHA Team. The team will then launch ALPHA into the parish community for all those interested, hopefully in the month of June.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 22nd February

6pm Vigil Mass: Joe & Isilda Abreu & Family (int)

Sunday 23rd February

8am Mass: Mario Mihaljevic (int)

11am Mass: Kyron Milosavjevic (Birthday int)

5pm Mass: Francesca Portelli (dec'd anniv.)

Melva Holtham (dec'd)

Monday 24th February

Midday Mass: Reginald Boston (dec'd anniv.)

Tuesday 25th February

Midday Mass: Dee Dorota Lilpop (dec'd)

Wednesday 26th February

Midday Mass: Conceicao & Steve Rebelo (dec'd)

Thursday 27th February

Midday Mass: Holy Souls

Friday 28th February

Midday Mass: Leonardo Goncalves (dec'd)

Brenda Croft (Birthday int)

Saturday 1st March

Midday Mass: Dierdre Maguire (dec'd)

6pm Vigil: Fortunata & Jose De Abreu (dec'd)

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 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