

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

# Basilica of St. Patrick

## Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year C

### *Sunday 6th April, 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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#### St Patrick's Community Support Centre

12 Queen Victoria Street, Fremantle WA 6160  
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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!

The Gospel for the fifth Sunday of Lent continues to offer lessons about God's mercy and forgiveness. Last Sunday we heard the Parable of the Prodigal Son from the Gospel of Luke. Today we hear not a parable, but the report from John's Gospel of an encounter among Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees, and a woman caught in adultery. They put to Jesus the question of what ought to be done in this case.

The Pharisees state clearly that according to the Law of Moses, those caught in the act of adultery were to be stoned to death. Under Roman occupation, however, the Jewish people did not have the authority to execute people; this is cited in John's passion narrative. To answer the Pharisees' question, Jesus must propose an action that will be either contrary to the Law of Moses or contrary to Roman law. The purpose of the question appears to be similar to the question about paying taxes found in Mark 12:13-17. Either answer, yes or no, will support the Pharisees' case against Jesus.

Jesus avoids the trap, however, by offering an answer that was not anticipated by those who posed the question. Jesus, after writing on the ground with his finger, addresses those who stand before him and suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone. Jesus then returns to his writing. This Scripture reading, by the way, is the only evidence we have of Jesus writing. Yet there are no specific details about what he wrote.

We can easily imagine the scene as the Pharisees and the elders disperse, one by one. Jesus has eluded the trap they had prepared. We might also give credit to the elders and the Pharisees who do not, in the end, claim to be sinless and worthy of passing judgment. These Pharisees are not as self-righteous as the portrait found in the parable of the pharisee and the tax collector (See Luke 18:9-14).

Left alone with the woman, Jesus asks where the accusers have gone. With no one remaining to condemn the woman, Jesus (the one who truly is without sin) sends the woman on her way, refusing to pass judgment on her and exhorting her to avoid future sin.

Jesus' response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgment of others. It is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us who are sinners his mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace. (source Loyola Press).



# Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil Mass: Laura Rogers (Cantor), Andrew Brown (Organist)  
Sun 8am & 11am Mass: Eimear Foley (Cantor),  
Michael Peters (Organist)  
Sun 5pm Mass: Sophie Hamer (Cantor), Samuel Yeow (Organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Missa Simplex  
Processional Hymn: CWB 746 May this Lenten discipline  
Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 638 Christ be with me  
Processional Hymn: CWB 696 Godhead here in hiding

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 42: 1-2

Give me justice, O God,  
and plead my cause against a nation that is  
faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,  
for you, O God, are my strength.

### First reading Isaiah 43:16-21

*See, I am doing a new deed, and I will give my chosen  
people drink*

Thus says the Lord,  
who made a way through the sea,  
a path in the great waters;  
who put chariots and horse in the field  
and a powerful army  
which lay there never to rise again,  
snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past,  
no need to think about what was done before.  
See, I am doing a new deed,  
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?  
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,  
paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me,  
jackals and ostriches,  
because I am putting water in the wilderness  
(rivers in the wild)  
to give my chosen people drink.  
The people I have formed for myself  
will sing my praises.

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

### Responsorial Psalm

Response: Taste the goodness of the Lord

### Second reading Philippians 3:8-14

I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I  
can have Christ

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh  
the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus  
my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of  
everything, and I look on everything as so much  
rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a  
place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection  
by my own efforts, the perfection that comes  
from the Law, but I want only the perfection that  
comes through faith in Christ, and is from God  
and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ  
and the power of his resurrection and to share his  
sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his  
death. That is the way I can hope to take my place  
in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have  
become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am  
still running, trying to capture the prize for which  
Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my  
brothers, I am far from thinking that I have  
already won. All I can say is that I forget the past  
and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am  
racing for the finish, for the prize to which God  
calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

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

## Gospel Acclamation Joel 2:12-13

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
With all your heart turn to me,  
for I am tender and compassionate.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

## Gospel John 8:1-11

*'Let the one among you who has not sinned be the first to throw a stone'*

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and do not sin any more.'

The gospel of the Lord.

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

## Communion Antiphon

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord.  
Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

### 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

# 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
  - St Mary’s Cathedral, Perth
  - The Basilica of St Patrick, Fremantle
  - St John Paul II Church, Banksia Grove
  - Schoenstatt Shrine, Mount Richon
  - Carmelite Monastery, Dalkeith
- 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 there own suffering.

## Stations of the Cross during Lent

Stations of the Cross in English and Italian every Friday at 6.30pm until until Good Friday. All Welcome.

## Parish Morning Tea

Please note that there will be no parish morning tea in April. The next morning tea will be in May, date to be advised.

## Anointing of the Sick Mass

The next Anointing of the the Sick Mass will be held on Tuesday 8th April during the Midday Mass. All Welcome.

## Presbytery Cleaner Required URGENTLY

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.

## Palm Sunday - 13th April

Unfortunately due to the lack of palms that the parish can access, the parish will be unable to supply palms for parishioners at Palm Sunday Masses. Please source your own palm for the weekend 12th/13th April and bring them along for the blessing at the Masses. Thank You.

## Holy Week and Easter Mass Times

Timetables for Holy Week and Easter available in the side foyers of the Church this weekend. Please pick up and copy and share it with your family and friends.

## Holy Week Readers Required

URGETNLY seeking readers for the following Masses and Stations during Holy Week:-

Holy Thursday Mass 17th April at 7pm - 1 reader required

Good Friday Stations 18th April at 11am - 3 readers required

Holy Saturday Vigil Mass 19th April at 7pm - 2 readers required

If you can assist please contact the parish office asap. Roster available on the noticeboards in the foyer. Thank You

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday 5th April

6pm Vigil Mass: Teresa Rodrigues & Family (int)  
Helder Family (int)

## Sunday 6th April

8am Mass: Julie Bok (dec'd) and Holy Souls  
11am Mass: Josef Tyszecki (dec'd)  
5pm Mass: Francesca & Giuseppe Portelli (dec'd)

## Monday 7th April

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

## Tuesday 8th April

Midday Mass: Fortunata & Jose De Abreu (dec'd)  
Fedele Vinci (dec'd)

## Wednesday 9th April

Midday Mass:  
Int. of the Divine Renovation Ministry  
Giuseppe Cuccovia (dec'd)

## Thursday 10th April

Midday Mass: John Goncalves

## Friday 11th April

Midday Mass: Pasquale De Gennaro (dec'd)

## Saturday 12th April

Midday Mass: Pires Family (dec'd)  
6pm Vigil: Elijah Abreu (Birthday 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

## Friday 11th April

Stations of the Cross in English and Italian

## Tuesday 8th April

Anointing of the Sick Mass

## Sunday 13th April

Palm Sunday

## Thursday 17th April - Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper