

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Sunday 17th August, 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 Eric Alleaume OMI (Assistant Priest)
Fr. Anthony Colbert OMI (Assistant Priest)

Church Opening Hours

Monday & Friday 10am to 3pm
(Basilica Guardians Permitting)
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10am to 1pm

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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Website: <http://fremantlestpatricks.org.au>

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

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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,

Having reminded the apostles and the crowd that facing the coming judgment takes patience, Jesus now goes on to speak of how difficult it will be to wait. He tells them that he has come to set the earth on fire. Recall that in chapter 3 of Luke's Gospel, John the Baptist tells the crowd that he is baptizing with water, but someone mightier is coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. The fire Jesus speaks of here is the distress caused by the coming judgment. It is also the fire of the Spirit that Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, will describe descending on the disciples on Pentecost. That fire will strengthen them to go out to the whole world to preach the good news of Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus will be the first to experience the distress of the coming judgment. His baptism will be the conflict into which he will be immersed as he approaches Jerusalem and his death on the cross. His followers will not be spared that distress. The angels at Jesus' birth proclaimed peace on earth, and Simeon, holding the baby Jesus in the Temple, said to God: "Master, now you may let your servant go in peace." Here Jesus tells the crowd not to think he has come to bring peace; he has come to bring division. Simeon said as much when he turned to Mary and said that the child was destined for the rise and fall of many and to be a sign that will be contradicted. Peace is the ultimate end of the Kingdom of God, but peace has a price. Jesus is warning the crowd that wherever the Word of God is heard and acted upon, division occurs. Fathers will be divided against sons and mothers against daughters.

The coming judgment forces us to look at the implications of our commitments. As Jesus warned in last Sunday's Gospel, a commitment of faith requires us to change our attitude toward material possessions and to take even more seriously our moral responsibilities. Here he reminds the crowd that those who commit to him will find it affects the way they relate to friends and family members. The angel who announced the birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah said John would go before Jesus to turn the hearts of fathers toward their children. But a commitment to Jesus forces us to change the way we live our lives, and this can put strains on relationships.

We don't expect to hear such difficult words from Jesus in the Gospel. But it is good to be reminded once in a while that the decision to do the right thing, the good thing, is not always easy and without conflict. Jesus himself did not make easy decisions and avoid conflict. In today's reading, he reminds his followers to be prepared for difficult decisions and conflict as well. (source Loyola Press).



Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Mass: Aquinas Schola (Director: Hugh Lydon)
Organist: Daniel van der Moezel
Sun 8am & 11am Masses: Paul O'Neill (Cantor)
Organist: Xavier Jarvis
Sun 5pm Mass: Joshua Adams (Cantor)
Organist: Michael Peter

Hymns

Mass Setting: Paul Taylor: Mass of St Francis
Processional Hymn: CWB 792 Praise To The Lord, The Almighty
Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 718 I Am The Bread of Life
Recessional Hymn: CWB 710 Holy God, We Praise Your Name

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Ps 83: 10-11

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10

'Do not let the prophet die'

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well, where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 39(40):2-4,18

Response: Lord, come to my aid!

Second Reading Hebrews 12:1-4

We should keep running steadily in the race we have started

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

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

Gospel Acclamation John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading Luke 12:49-53

How I wish it were blazing already!

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon Ps 129: 7

With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.

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

Anointing of the Sick Mass

Held bi-monthly on the first Tuesday during the Midday Mass. Next Anointing Mass will be held on Tuesday 7th October at Midday. All Welcome.

Confirmation Mass

On Friday 5th September the Parish will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with 21 candidates receiving the Sacrament. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Holy Spirit.

Parish Morning Tea

The next parish morning tea will be held on Sunday 14th September in the Presbytery Carport after the 8am Mass. All Welcome.

Oblate Retreat, Melbourne

The Oblates will be on retreat from Midday on Sunday 7th September to Evening of Friday 12th September. Fr Ughanze will be saying Masses during that time. However there will be no Adoration Monday 8th September to Friday 12th September only midday Masses. Please keep all the Oblates in your prayers during this time.

Our Lady of Tindari (Black Madonna) Feast

Please join the Italian Community in celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Tindari with Triduum on Wednesday 10th, Thursday 11th and Friday 12th September, commencing with Rosary at 6.30pm and Mass at 7pm. The Feast Day Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 14th September at 9.30am.

SPPS Father's Day Hot Rod Show

Please be advised that on Sunday 7th September the Primary School will have their annual Father's Day Hot Rod Show from 8am to 3pm. Parking maybe difficult around the School and Basilica.

Invitation to RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Are you or anyone you know interested in exploring the Catholic Church as your church home? Have you been sitting in the pew next to your Catholic spouse for years wondering what you have to do to become Catholic? Statistics show that most people respond to a personal invitation. So this is that personal invitation and a challenge to all of you who might know someone who fits the categories above invite that person. RCIA Information Evening will be held on Tuesday 7th October at 6.30pm in the parish office boardroom. Please register with the parish office on 9335 2268 or parishmanager@fremantlestrickicks.org.au.

Over the past few weeks you may have heard Fr Meno Basti mention at Masses that the parish is currently seeking financial assistance to cover insurance, repair works to the Basilica and Presbytery. Many of you have asked how can we deposit the funds. Please see details below.

If you wish to assist financially please deposit funds into the account below with the reference of either insurance, repair works church or repair works presbytery.

Account Name: Basilica Working Account

BSB: 086 006

Account No: 48794 3085

Your assistance no matter how big or small is very much appreciated. Thank you to those who have already assisted so generously.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 16th August

6pm Vigil Mass: Antero & Lucia Rebelo (dec'd)

Sunday 17th August

8am Mass: Felcaro Family (dec'd)

11am Mass: Lucilia Pereira (dec'd)

5pm Mass: Maria Villamagna (dec'd anniv) and Holy Souls

Monday 18th August

Midday Mass: Victoria Galati-Rando (dec'd)

Sandra De Faria (dec'd)

Tuesday 19th August

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

Wednesday 20th August

Midday Mass: Special Intention to St Anthony

Thursday 21st August

Midday Mass: Private Intention

Friday 22nd August

Midday Mass: Rosa Rafala (dec'd anniv.)

Saturday 23rd August

Midday Mass: Felcaro Family (dec'd)

6pm Vigil Mass: Judith Rebelo & Family (dec'd)

CBC Family Mass

Planned 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

Saturday 23rd August

CBC Family Mass

Friday 29th August

Pasta Night Fundraiser

Friday 5th September

Confirmation Mass

Sunday 7th to Friday 12th September

Oblate Retreat in Melbourne

Sunday 14th September

Our Lady of Tindari Feast Mass