

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
Sunday 24th 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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Email: parishmanager@fremantlestpatricks.org.au
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

Lynn Tomlinson 0424 243 224
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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 the third of three parables in chapter 13 that deal with the theme of the unexpected reversals brought by the Kingdom of God. The other two parables are about the tiny mustard seed that grows into a large tree and the small amount of yeast that makes a large batch of dough rise. All three are about the few and the many and the Kingdom of God.

As this parable opens, Luke reminds us that Jesus is making his way to Jerusalem. This journey, this exodus as Luke refers to it, makes up the entire middle of the Gospel. He is teaching as he goes. A question from the crowd gives Jesus the chance to make a prophetic statement. Luke uses this question device a number of times in his Gospel. A few weeks ago, the question "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" led to the parable of the Good Samaritan. The question about will only a few be saved uses typical Christian language about salvation but also expresses the Jewish concern about whether everyone who calls himself a Jew is actually faithful to the covenant. This was a concern of the Pharisees.

Jesus answers that they must strive in the time remaining to enter through the narrow door because many will be trying to get in but won't be strong enough. He then moves to a parable about another door. (The translation says "gate" then "door," but the same Greek word is used.) Once all those entering the master's house are in and he locks the door, there will be no way for others to get in. Those left outside may knock, but the master will say he doesn't know them. Unlike the Gospel reading from a few weeks ago where Jesus was teaching about prayer, and we were told to knock and the door would be opened, in this parable, the master will not open and say he does not know us. People from the north, south, east, and west will take our place inside. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets will take our place in the Kingdom of God. Those who do not make it through the narrow door will be cast out to where there is wailing and grinding of teeth.

The image of the door is replaced in the final verses of the parable with the image of the heavenly banquet. Two passages from the Book of Isaiah influence the conclusion. Isaiah 43:5-6 speaks of God bringing Israel's descendants back from the east and from the west, the north and the south. And Isaiah 25:6 speaks of the Lord providing a feast of rich foods and choice wines for all peoples on his holy mountain. The answer to the question if only a few will be saved is no. In the end, many will be saved, but many who thought they would be saved will not be saved. The parable is a prophetic warning to repentance in order to enter the kingdom. (source Loyola Press).



Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Mass: CBC Family Mass
Sun 8am & 11am Masses: Paul O'Neill (Cantor)
Organist: Xavier Jarvis
Sun 5pm Mass: Rachel Singer (Cantor)
Organist: Michael Peter

Hymns

Mass Setting: Paul Taylor: Mass of St Francis
Processional Hymn: CWB 613 All people that on earth do dwell
Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 718 I am the Bread of Life
Recessional Hymn: CWB 690 Go now, you are sent forth

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 85: 1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you
all the day long.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 116(117)

**Response: Go out to all the world, and tell the
Good News.**

First Reading Isaiah 66:18-21

*They will bring all your brothers from all the
nations*

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

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

Second Reading Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13

The Lord trains the one he loves

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

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

Gospel Acclamation John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading Luke 13:22-30

The last shall be first and the first last

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, ‘Sir, will there be only a few saved?’ He said to them, ‘Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

‘Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, “Lord, open to us” but he will answer, “I do not know where you come from.” Then you will find yourself saying, “We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets” but he will reply, “I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!”

‘Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

‘Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.’

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 103: 13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.

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.

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.

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. The Feast Day Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 14th September at 9.30am.

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@fremantlestpatricks.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 23rd August

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

Sunday 24th August

8am Mass:

11am Mass: For the People

5pm Mass:

Monday 25th August

Midday Mass: Michael Evans (dec'd)

Tuesday 26th August

Midday Mass: Felcaro Family (dec'd)

Wednesday 27th August

Midday Mass: Luigi Gizzarone (dec'd)

Thursday 28th August

Midday Mass: Tomba Family (dec'd)

Friday 29th August

Midday Mass: PJ Finn (dec'd recently Ireland)

Saturday 30th August

Midday Mass: Leonardo Goncalves (dec'd)

6pm Vigil Mass: Clementine De Jesus (dec'd)

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

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