

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

First Sunday of Advent, Year A

Sunday 30th November, 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)
email: parishmanager@fremantlestpatricks.org.au

Parish Office working hours

Tuesday to Friday (9am to 3pm)
Closed Weekends and Public Holidays

Contact

Office phone number: (08) 9335 2268
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
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,

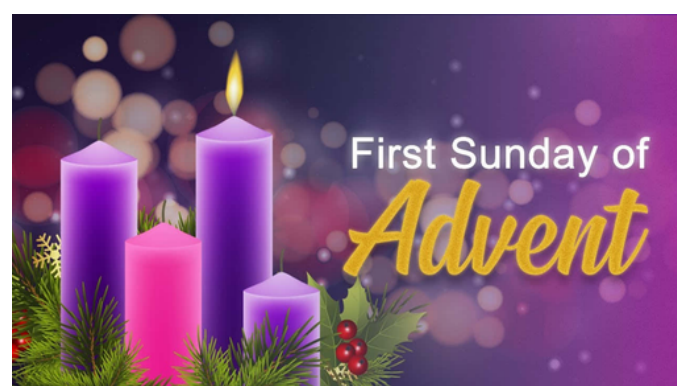
Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle A). In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man.

Matthew's Gospel is dated by most scholars after 70 A.D. Most believe that Matthew wrote for a primarily Jewish community, but one that was no longer centered on the Temple in Jerusalem. These were Jewish Christians trying to come to terms with their relationship to Judaism in a new situation: Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. There may have been Christians who believed that the events of the world around them gave evidence of the imminent return of the Lord in glory.

The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be.

The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know that our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared. (source Loyola Press).



Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Mass: Aquinas Schola (Director: Hugh Lydon)

Organist: Daniel van der Moezel

Sun 8am & 11am Mass: Sophie Hamer (Cantor)

Organist: Michael Peters

Sun 5pm Mass: Elka Ruane (Cantor)

Organist: Xavier Jarvis

Hymns

Mass Setting: Missa Simplex and Missa Primitiva

Processional Hymn: CWB 763 O Come, O Come Emanuel

Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 657 Come, O long Expected Jesus

Recessional Hymn: CWB 835 Voice of God

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 24: 1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.

In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.

Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

First Reading Isaiah 2:1-5

*The Lord gathers all nations together into the eternal
peace of God's kingdom*

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning
Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord
shall tower above the mountains
and be lifted higher than the hills.
All the nations will stream to it,
peoples without number will come to it; and they
will say:

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the
Lord,
to the Temple of the God of Jacob
that he may teach us his ways
so that we may walk in his paths;
since the Law will go out from Zion,
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.’

He will wield authority over the nations
and adjudicate between many peoples;
these will hammer their swords into
ploughshares,
their spears into sickles.
Nation will not lift sword against nation,
there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 121(122):1-2,4-5,6-9

Response: Let us go rejoicing to the house of
the Lord.

Second Reading Romans 13:11-14

Our salvation is near

You know ‘the time’ has come: you must
wake up now: our salvation is even nearer
than it was when we were converted. The
night is almost over, it will be daylight
soon – let us give up all the things we
prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us
arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let
us live decently as people do in the
daytime: no drunken orgies, no
promiscuity or licentiousness, and no
wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be
the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 24:37-44

The Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon Ps 84: 13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

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

We wish to sincerely thank Hugh Lydon and the boys from the Aquinas Schola for their ongoing support of the parish with their beautiful singing at Masses during the school term in 2025. We wish them and their families a safe and peaceful holiday and a joyous Christmas and New Year. God Bless and see you all in 2026.

Anointing of the Sick Mass

The next Anointing of the Sick Mass will be held on Tuesday 2nd December during the Midday Mass. All Welcome.

Parish Morning Tea

The parish Christmas morning tea will be held Sunday 14th December in the Presbytery Carport after the 8am Mass. This is also the final morning tea for the year. Morning teas will recommence in February 2026. All Welcome.

The Parish Morning Tea Ministry will be taking donations during the monthly morning teas, for the rest of the year to assist the parish with Insurance, maintenance and repairs to Church and Presbytery. A donation box will be available at the morning teas for your donations. Your generosity no matter how big or small is greatly appreciated.

Seniors Morning Tea

There will be a special senior's morning tea held on Monday 15th December at 10am in the Parish Centre. Please RSVP to the parish office. All senior's welcome.

Fr Giancarlo Iollo OMI Farewell

A farewell Mass and refreshments for Fr Giancarlo Iollo will be held on Sunday 21st December at 10am (this will be a combined Mass of the 9.30am Italian Mass and the 11am English Mass). Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the parish centre. **RSVP is required by Monday 8th December to parishmanager@fremantlestpatricks.org.au or on 9335 2268.**

MAMI Christmas Gift Cards

Once again the MAMI Christmas Gift Cards are available at www.oblates.com.au/christmas-cards or from the parish office. Chickens \$10, Development \$15, Toolbox \$20, Education \$25 and Goats \$30. All donations help the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate to support these projects.

Basilica Guardians

Summer will be bringing cruise ships and visitors to Fremantle, so we would like the opportunity to have the Basilica open more in the afternoons. We are seeking Basilica Guardians for Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1pm to 3pm. It is preferred that we have two guardians on each day. If you can spare some time and would like to help please contact the parish office.

Candlelight, Carols and Corelli Concert

*The Basilica of St Patrick along with the Perth Bach Society
invite to you an evening of
Candlelight, Carols and Corelli
on Friday 19th December 2025 commencing at 7pm
in the Basilica of St Patrick, 47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle
please join us for tea, coffee and cake from 6.30pm in the presbytery carport
bring along a cushion and good cheer
entry via donation at the door
no reserved seating*

Christmas Mass Timetables available in the foyers of the Church this weekend.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 29th November

6pm Vigil Mass: Helena Ryan (dec'd 1st anniv.)
Albe Harris-Smart (dec'd)

Sunday 30th November

8am Mass: Claude & Lydia Monnaie (dec'd)
11am Mass: Leonardo Goncavles (dec'd)
5pm Mass: Diana & Les Edwards (dec'd)

Monday 1st December

Midday Mass: Ligia, Naomi, Virginia, Islida and Families (int)

Tuesday 2nd December

Midday Mass: Manuel Pereira (dec'd)
Amedeo Lomma (dec'd)

Wednesday 3rd December

Midday Mass: Ewa Kwiatkowski (dec'd)

Thursday 4th December

Midday Mass: Assunta Rico (dec'd)

Friday 5th December

Midday Mass: Zbyszek Mejer (dec'd anniv.)

Saturday 6th December

Midday Mass: Joseph Felix Nathan (dec'd)
Lina Cassettai (dec'd)

6pm Vigil Mass:

Salvatore, Elizabeth & Phillip Monaco (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

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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

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday 2nd December

Anointing of the Sick

Sunday 14th December

Final Parish Morning Tea

Monday 15th December

Senior's Morning Tea

Friday 19th December

Candlelight, Carols & Corelli Concert

Sunday 21st December

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