

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

The Nativity of the Lord, Year A

Thursday 25th December, 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/>



The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. (Is 9:2)

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

It gives me once again a great joy to pray for you and wish you all a joy-filled Christmas and a Happy and peaceful New Year 2026.

Christmas is one of the feasts that is celebrated all over the world, not only by Christians but by people of other faiths too, irrespective of their caste or creed or nationality. It is because, the celebration of Christmas brings joy, happiness, peace and hope in the hearts and minds of all the people and nations as it was 2000 years ago for the people of Israel.

We are living in a wounded world where people are crying out for freedom, peace, better life and better future. Our beautiful world has been severely ravaged and wounded by the greediness, selfishness, exploitation, and manipulation of the few. As a result, we, in this beautiful planet earth, are experiencing wars, violence, climate change, famine, poverty, migration, refugees, mass killings and the list goes on. In this situation, we are celebrating the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour who came to free humanity from all kinds of oppressions and slavery, and he brought to this world the most needed freedom, joy, happiness and peace. While people in some parts of the world are able to celebrate Christmas with their family, kith and kin, people in some parts of the world are not able to celebrate so because of what they are going through right now.

However, for everyone, the celebration of the birth of Jesus, gives hope that the God who did not hesitate to sacrifice His Only Son for the redemption of the whole world, will not let them down. He will change their lives, and He will create a new heaven and a new earth for his people.

"Hear, Lord, and be merciful to me; Lord, be my help." You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent. Lord my God, I will praise you forever". (Ps 30: 10-12)

And Jesus himself made it clear about the purpose of his Incarnation at the very beginning of his public ministry, quoting the words of prophet Isaiah:

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." (Lk 4:18-19)

Jesus at his first coming initiated the mission of saving humanity and the world, and giving us all the true freedom, true joy and true peace. He will certainly come again to see the completion of that mission. Until He comes again, he has given us all the responsibility and called us to carry out that same mission of freeing people from all their bondages and giving them all the joy, happiness and peace that He brought to this world at His glorious birth.

As Jesus became light to those who had lived in darkness and in the shadow of death, we his, disciples, must become messenger of Jesus's Good News and people who work to dispel the darkness that surrounds our world. May we become people of hope and give hope to everyone and share our joy and happiness with others and create together a new world where every child of God live in joy, peace and brotherhood.

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year 2026

Fr. Meno Basti OMI

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sun 8am Mass: Michael Peters (Cantor & Organist)
Sun 11am Mass: Sophie Hamer (Cantor)
Michael Peters (Organist)
No 5pm Evening Mass

Hymns

Mass Setting: Marty Haugen - Mass of Creation
Processional Hymn: CWB 760 O Come All Ye Faithful
Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 697 Good Christians All Rejoice
Recessional Hymn: CWB 728 Joy to the World

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Isaiah 52:7-10

Rejoice, for the Lord is consoling his people

How beautiful on the mountains,
are the feet of one who brings good news,
who heralds peace, brings happiness,
proclaims salvation,
and tells Zion,
‘Your God is king!’

Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices,
they shout for joy together,
for they see the Lord face to face,
as he returns to Zion.

Break into shouts of joy together,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord is consoling his people,
redeeming Jerusalem.

The Lord bares his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

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

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 97(98):1-6

Response: All the ends of the earth have
seen the saving power of God.

Second Reading Hebrews 1:1-6

God has spoken to us through his Son

At various times in the past and in various
different ways, God spoke to our ancestors
through the prophets; but in our own time,
the last days, he has spoken to us through his
Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit
everything and through whom he made
everything there is. He is the radiant light of
God’s glory and the perfect copy of his
nature, sustaining the universe by his
powerful command; and now that he has
destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone
to take his place in heaven at the right hand
of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above
the angels as the title which he has inherited
is higher than their own name.

God has never said to any angel: You are my
Son, today I have become your father; or: I
will be a father to him and he a son to me.
Again, when he brings the First-Born into the
world, he says: Let all the angels of God
worship him.

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

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!

A hallowed day has dawned upon us.
Come, you nations, worship the Lord,
for today a great light has shone down upon the
earth.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word:
and the Word was with God
and the Word was God.
He was with God in the beginning.
Through him all things came to be,
not one thing had its being but through him.
All that came to be had life in him
and that life was the light of men,
a light that shines in the dark,
a light that darkness could not overpower.
A man came, sent by God.
His name was John.
He came as a witness,
as a witness to speak for the light,
so that everyone might believe through him.
He was not the light,
only a witness to speak for the light.
The Word was the true light
that enlightens all men;
and he was coming into the world.
He was in the world
that had its being through him,
and the world did not know him.
He came to his own domain
and his own people did not accept him.
But to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God,
to all who believe in the name of him
who was born not out of human stock
or urge of the flesh
or will of man
but of God himself.
The Word was made flesh,
he lived among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father,
full of grace and truth.
John appears as his witness. He proclaims:
‘This is the one of whom I said:
He who comes after me ranks before me
because he existed before me.’
Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received –
yes, grace in return for grace,
since, though the Law was given through Moses,
grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ.
No one has ever seen God;
it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father’s heart,
who has made him known.

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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

It is with great sadness that the Australian Province of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate announces the death of Fr Peter John McLaughlin OMI, 20th December 2025.

Fr John's requiem Mass will be held at St Patrick's Basilica, Fremantle on 31st December 2025, at 9:30 am, followed by burial at Fremantle Cemetery.

Please note: Due to the funeral there will be no Adoration or Midday Mass on Wednesday 31st December. Parishioners are welcome to join the Oblates at the 9.30am requiem Mass.

Fr Meno Basti will be away during January visiting his family in Sri Lanka. We wish him safe travels.

Christmas Offerings

Twice a year you are asked to give generously to support the Priests in the parish. Christmas Offering envelopes are now available on the pews. Place your offering inside and place it on the collection plate. Thank You!

Christmas Parish Office Opening Hours

The parish office will close on Tuesday 23rd December and reopen on Tuesday 13th January 2026. During this time anything urgent can be emailed to parishmanager@fremantlepatricks.org.au.

There will be no English or Italian Bulletins at Masses on the weekends of 3rd /4th January and 10th /11th January, 2026. Bulletins will be available on 17th/18th January onwards.

ALPHA 2026

A new session of Alpha will commence in the parish on Thursday 29th January 2026 and continue every Thursday for 9 weeks, 6.30pm to 8.30pm in the parish centre. Registrations to either parishmanager@fremantlepatricks.org.au or alpha.org.au. See noticeboard or flyers in side foyers.

*May the Birth of Baby Jesus bring all Parishioners,
Families and Friends a Very Holy and Joyous
Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.
God Bless You All!
from the Oblates and Staff*



Mass Intentions

Thursday 25th December

8am Mass: Ligia, Naomi, Virginia, Islda & families (int)

11am Mass: For the deceased and living relatives of the Jardin-Clarke Family

NO 5PM EVENING MASS

Friday 26th December

Midday Mass: Aguida tagnipes (dec'd)

Saturday 27th December

Midday Mass: Ana & Ante Borzic (dec'd)

6pm Vigil Mass: Lombardo Family (int)

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

Reconciliation Times

Saturday 27 December to

Saturday 31 January

Reconciliations only at 10am to 12noon

No Frist Friday Reconciliation in January