

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

Third Sunday of Advent, Year A
Sunday 14th 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/>



Christmas Mass Timetable

Christmas Eve Masses 24th December

No Adoration or Midday Mass

Carols at 5.15 pm prior to the 5.30pm Children's Mass

Carols at 8pm prior to the 8.30pm Mass

Carols at 11.30pm prior to the Midnight Mass

6pm Mass at St Anne's Church, North Fremantle

Christmas Day Masses 25th December

Basilica Masses: 8am, 9.30am (Italian) and 11am

No Mass at St Anne's Church, North Fremantle

No 5pm Evening Mass in the Basilica

Saturday 27 December to Saturday 31 January

Reconciliations only at 10am to 12noon

No First Friday Reconciliation in January

*(Parish Office will close on Tuesday 23rd December 2025
and reopens on Tuesday 13th January 2026. Anything
urgent please email
parishmanager@fremantlestpatricks.org.au)*



Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Mass: Elke Ruane (Cantor)

Organist: Daniel van der Moezel

Sun 8am & 11am Mass: Eimear Foley (Cantor)

Organists: Vince Basile

Sun 5pm Mass: Sophie Hamer (Cantor)

Organists: Michael Peters

Hymns

Mass Setting: Missa Simplex

Processional Hymn: CWB 658 Come, O Jesus, come, O Lord

Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 657 Come, O Long Expected Jesus

Recessional Hymn: CWB 816 The Coming of Our Lord

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Phil 4: 4-5

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.

First Reading Isaiah 35:1-6,10

God himself is coming to save you

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult,
let the wasteland rejoice and bloom,
let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil,
let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it,
the splendour of Carmel and Sharon;
they shall see the glory of the Lord,
the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands,
steady all trembling knees
and say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy
for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy,
everlasting joy on their faces;
joy and gladness will go with them
and sorrow and lament be ended.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145(146):6-10

Response: Lord, come and save us.

Second Reading James 5:7-10

Do not lose heart; the Lord's coming will be soon

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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

Gospel Acclamation Isaiah 61:1 (Luke 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 11:2-11

'A greater than John the Baptist has never been seen'

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says:

'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;
he will prepare your way before you.

'I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Is 35: 4

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

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

Please Note: The parish office will be closed on Thursday 18th December. Please email parishmanager@fremantlepatrick.org.au for anything urgent.

Pick up your copy of the Christmas Edition of The Record which is available in the side foyers of the Church this weekend.

Children's Nativity Play

If there are any children who are interested in joining the Children's Nativity Play on Christmas Eve, 24th December, during the 5.30pm Family Children's Mass, please contact Sr Lynn on 0403 860 639 or the parish office 9335 2268. Must be able to attend the rehearsal on Monday 22nd December at 9.30am in the Basilica.

Parish Morning Tea

The parish Christmas morning tea will be held this 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.

Seniors Morning Tea

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

Reminder that there will be no 9.30am Italian and 11am Masses on Sunday 21st December. There will be a combined 10am Mass only. A leaving collection will be taken up after Mass for Fr Giancarlo.

Please use the school grounds for extra parking on the day.

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.

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 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!

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@fremantlepatrick.org.au or alpha.org.au. See noticeboard or flyers in side foyers.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 13th December

6pm Vigil Mass: Fernanda Abreu, Adelaide Viera and Maria Figueria (dec'd)

Sunday 14th December

8am Mass: Lecería Fernandez (dec'd)

11am Mass: Phil, Tom & Phena Wayne (dec'd)

5pm Mass: Martha Amato (dec'd)

Monday 15th December

Midday Mass: Carmelita Pestana (dec'd)

Tuesday 16th December

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

Wednesday 17th December

Midday Mass: Francesca Borromeo (dec'd) and Deidre Horgan (dec'd)

Thursday 18th December

Midday Mass: Mario Da Silva (dec'd)

Salve & Jaime Snr Divinagracia (dec'd)

Friday 19th December

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

Saturday 20th December

Midday Mass: Antonio Zara (dec'd anniv.)

James Adam Turriff-Smith (dec'd)

6pm Vigil Mass: Jose de Faria (dec'd)

John & Nazarina Goncalves (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

Sunday 14th December

Final Parish Morning Tea

Monday 15th December

Senior's Morning Tea

Friday 19th December

Candlelight, Carols & Corelli Concert

Sunday 21st December

Fr Giancarlo Farewell