

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Sunday 18th January 2026

Oblate Priests' at the Basilica

Fr Meno Basti OMI (Parish Priest & Rector)
Fr John Patrick John Mary OMI
(Assistant Priest & Hospital Chaplain)
Fr Eric Alleaume OMI (Assistant Priest and
Notre Dame Chaplain)
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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Parish Leadership Team

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St Patrick's Community Support Centre

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Reception Hours Mon to Fri 8.30am to 4.30pm
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Parish Safeguarding Officer

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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,

This Sunday we break from our reading of Matthew's Gospel (the primary Gospel for our current liturgical cycle, Cycle A) to read from John's Gospel. We heard Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism last Sunday, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, we hear John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus as found in John's Gospel. John's Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God.

In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him.

John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water; Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives. (source Loyola Press)

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil Mass: Noah Humich (Cantor),

Organist: Michael Peters

Sun 8am Mass: No Music

11am Mass: Jada Love (Cantor), Organist: Andrew Brown

Sun 5pm Mass: Jessica Taylor (Cantor)

Organist: Michael Peters

Hymns

Mass Setting: Paul Taylor – Mass of St Francis

Processional Hymn: CWB 619 Alleluia Sing to Jesus

Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 819 The Church's One Foundation

Recessional Hymn: CWB 643 Christ is the World's Light

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Ps 65: 4

All the earth shall bow down before you, O
God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First Reading Isaiah 49:3,5-6

*I will make you the light of the nations so that my
salvation may reach to the ends of the earth*

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant,
Israel,
in whom I shall be glorified';
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken,
he who formed me in the womb to be his
servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant,
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back
the survivors of Israel;
I will make you the light of the nations
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of
the earth.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 39(40):2,4,7-10

Response: Here am I, Lord; I come to do
your will.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

*May God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ
send you grace and peace*

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle,
together with brother Sosthenes, send
greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to
the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are
called to take their place among all the saints
everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus
Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours.
May God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ send you grace and peace.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 1:14. 12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among
us.

He enabled those who accepted him
to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 1:29-34

'Look: there is the Lamb of God'

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

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.

Our Parish Prayer

O God, the creator and giver
of all good things, bless our
Parish and Basilica of St Patrick and the
community that
worships here.
Inspire us to work together
to spread your love.
Strengthen our faith and grant us the spirit
of service so that, with your grace and the
help of Mary Immaculate and St. Eugene de
Mazenod, we may glorify you, provide for
the needs
of our wider community
and make ourselves Holy.
We ask you this through
Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Parish Notices

WA Renaissance Music Summer School Concert will be held this Sunday 18th January in the Basilica. Doors open at 2.45pm, concert commences at 3pm. All Welcome.

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

Parish Morning Tea

The parish morning tea will recommence on Sunday 8th February in the Presbytery carport after the 8am Mass. All Welcome.

Anointing of the Sick Mass

The next Anointing of the Sick will be held on Tuesday 3rd February during the Midday Mass. All Welcome.

National Day of Mourning - Thursday 22nd January

Let us remember all those who died and were injured in the recent Bondi terror attack and let us keep them in our prayers. The Mass on Thursday 22nd January at Midday will be offered for all those who have suffered in this event. Please join us in prayer.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 17 January

6pm Vigil Mass:

Sunday 18 January

8am

11am

5pm Antonio, Giuseppna & Little Francesca Natoli (dec'd)

Monday 19 January

Midday Mass: Laura De Caires (dec'd)

Tuesday 20 January

Midday Mass: Brykalski Family (dec'd)

Wednesday 21 January

Midday Mass: Maria Josefa Masters (dec'd)

Thursday 22 January

Midday Mass:

For the victims of the Bondi attack

Friday 23 January

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

Saturday 24 January

Midday Mass:

6pm Vigil 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

Reconciliation Times

Saturday 27 December to

Saturday 31 January

Reconciliations only at 10am to 12noon