

Basilica of St. Patrick

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Sunday 25th 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)
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Parish Leadership Team

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St Patrick's Community Support Centre

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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 Costelloe 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 describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (called the Synoptic Gospels), Jesus' public ministry begins after his baptism by John the Baptist and after his retreat to the desert where he was tempted by the devil. When Jesus returns from the desert, he hears that John has been arrested.

The first part of today's Gospel places Jesus' ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew wants to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah to do so. Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to his ministry as a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah.

When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave.

The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people's diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus' ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us. (source Loyola Press)

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil Mass: Noah Humich (Cantor),
Organist: Michael Peters
Sun 8am & 11am Masses: Joshua Adams
Organist: Xavier Jarvis
Sun 5pm Mass: No Music

Hymns

Mass Setting: Paul Taylor – Mass of St Francis
Processional Hymn: CWB 792 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 733 Lord, Be My Vision
Recessional Hymn: CWB 835 The Voice of God

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 95: 1, 6

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.

First Reading Isaiah 8:23-9:3

In Galilee of the nations the people has seen a great light

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep shadow
a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase;
they rejoice in your presence
as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him,
the bar across his shoulders,
the rod of his oppressor –
these you break as on the day of Midian.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 26(27):1,4,13-14

Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17

Make up the differences between you instead of disagreeing among yourselves

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ.' Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

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

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 4:12-23

He went and settled in Capernaum: in this way the prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled

Hearing that John had been arrested, Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

‘Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,
Galilee of the nations!

The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light;
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death
a light has dawned.’

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.’

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.’ And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

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

Parish Office Opening Hours

Please take note of the parish office opening hours over the next two weeks.

Monday 26 January - Closed

Tuesday 27 January - Open 9am to 1.30pm

Wednesday 28 January - Closed

Thursday 29 January - Open 9am to 3pm

Friday 30 January - Open 9am to 3pm

Tuesday 3rd February - Closed

Wednesday 4th February - Closed

Thursday 5th February - Closed

From Friday 6th February onwards normal opening hours 9am to 3pm.

Thank you for your understanding during this time.

Please note: there will be no adoration on Tuesday 3rd February only midday Mass.

Funeral details for Salvatore Ambrogio (Angie's Dad)

Tuesday 3rd February in the Basilica, 9.45am Rosary, 10.15am Funeral Mass and 12pm Mausoleum at Fremantle Cemetery.

ALPHA 2026 - FINAL CALL!

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.

Parish Morning Tea

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

Please note change of date for Anointing of the Sick Mass

The next Anointing of the Sick will be on Tuesday 10th February during the Midday Mass. All Welcome.

Ash Wednesday Services

Ash Wednesday will be celebrated on Wednesday 18th February and the Basilica will have Masses and distribution of Ashes at Midday and 6.30pm Masses. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten Season.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 24 January

6pm Vigil Mass:

Sunday 25 January

8am Mass:

11am Mass:

5pm Mass: Antoinetta Digiosaffatte (dec'd)

Monday 26 January

Midday Mass: Laura De Caires (dec'd)

Tuesday 27 January

Midday Mass: Thanksgiving Mass St Mauro

Wednesday 28 January

Midday Mass:

Thursday 29 January

Midday Mass: Holy Souls

Friday 30 January

Midday Mass: Leonardo Goncalves (dec'd)

Angelica Salvemini (dec'd)

Saturday 31 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

Coming Events

Thursday 29th January
ALPHA Begins

Sunday 8th February
Parish Morning Tea

Tuesday 10th February
Anointing of the Sick

Wednesday 18th February
Ash Wednesday