

Basilica of St. Patrick

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Sunday 1st February 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, Thursday & Friday 10am to 3pm
(Basilica Guardians Permitting)
 Tuesday and Wednesday 10am to 1pm

Daily Adoration and Mass

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

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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 reading is the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which is found in Matthew's Gospel. The form of the Beatitudes found here is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, in the psalms, and in wisdom literature, for example. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God.

We quickly note in this reading that the people whom Jesus calls "blessed" and "happy" are not people we think of as blessed or happy . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. This Gospel is one of reversals. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

"Blessed" is sometimes translated as happy, fortunate, or favored. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted. This news might have been welcome—and surprising—to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God.
 (source Loyola Press)

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil Mass: Aquinas Schola (Director: Hugh Lydon)
Organist: Alessandro Pittorino
Sun 8am & 11am Masses: Jessica Taylor (Cantor)
Organist: Michael Peters
Sun 5pm Mass: Noah Humich (Cantor)
Organist: Xavier Jarvis

Hymns

Mass Setting: Paul Taylor – Mass of St Francis
Processional Hymn: CWB 611 All the Earth Proclaim the Lord
Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 802 Seek, O Seek the Lord
Recessional Hymn: CWB 835 The Voice of God

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Ps 105: 47

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

First Reading Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13

In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people

Seek the Lord,
all you, the humble of the earth,
who obey his commands.
Seek integrity,
seek humility:
you may perhaps find shelter
on the day of the anger of the Lord.

In your midst I will leave
a humble and lowly people,
and those who are left in Israel will seek
refuge in the name of the Lord.
They will do no wrong,
will tell no lies;
and the perjured tongue will no longer
be found in their mouths.
But they will be able to graze and rest
with no one to disturb them.

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

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 145(146):6-10

Response: Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, to shame the wise

Take yourselves for instance, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

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

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 5:12

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
your reward will be great in heaven.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12a

How happy are the poor in spirit

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

‘How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.’

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 30: 17-18

Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful love.

O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

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

This Saturday 31st January we welcome back Hugh Lydon and the Aquinas Schola Choir to our Saturday Vigil Masses. Welcome Back!

Parish Office Opening Hours

Please take note of the parish office opening hours for next week.

Tuesday 3rd February to 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 Emanuele's Dad)

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

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. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten Season.

Stations of the Cross during Lent

Stations of the Cross in English/Italian will commence on Friday 20th February at 6.30pm. Stations will then continue every Friday evening up to Friday 27th March. All Welcome.

ALPHA

Our third Alpha course began with a bang this past Thursday evening at the Parish Hall. Over 20 participants gathered for a warm meal and meaningful small group discussions. There were moments of heartfelt sharing, and the sense of community was truly evident. We look forward to the continued growth and deepening of friendships in the weeks to come. Thank you to everyone who joined us!

We invite anyone interested to come along and experience the journey with us. Last chance to register before our next Thursday session. Please email the Parish Office or the Alpha website <https://www.alpha.org.au/try>

Mass Intentions

Saturday 31 January

6pm Vigil Mass:

Sunday 1 February

8am Mass: Bryan Dwyer (dec'd anniv.)

11am Mass: For the People

5pm Mass: Domenic Portelli and Little Domenic Gomes-Portelli (dec'd)

Monday 2 February

Midday Mass: Amedeo Lomma (dec'd)
Srecko Hrvatin (dec'd)

Tuesday 3 February

Midday Mass: Corrado Cassetta (dec'd)
Ewa Kwiatkowski (dec'd)

Wednesday 4 February

Midday Mass: Holy Souls

Thursday 5 February

Midday Mass: Connie Ruffino (dec'd)

Friday 6 February

Midday Mass: Edmund Mejer (dec'd)

Saturday 7 February

Midday Mass: Bernardete Lino (int)

6pm Vigil Mass: Srecko Hrvatin (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 help 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.

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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

Friday 20th February

Stations of the Cross commence