

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

# Basilica of St. Patrick

The First Sunday of Lent, Year A  
Sunday 22nd 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 Leadership Team

Shereen Banner                  Sonia La Macchia  
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Steven Daly

## St Patrick's Community Support Centre

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## Parish Safeguarding Officer

Lynn Tomlinson 0424 243 224  
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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,

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew, and Luke), after Jesus' baptism by John, Jesus is reported to have gone to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. In each case, while in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

Matthew and Luke give more detail than Mark does, but each one tells how the devil tempts Jesus in the desert. In Matthew, as in Luke, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture.

The account of Jesus' temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted.

Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness.

As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice; God's promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God. (source Loyola Press)



PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

# Music Ministry

## Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil Mass: Elke Ruane (Cantor)  
Sun 8am & 11am Masses: Paul O'Neill (Cantor)  
Sun 5pm Mass: Joshua Adams (Cantor)  
All Masses: Xavier Jarvis (Organist)

## Hymns

Mass Setting: Missa Simplex  
Processional Hymn: CWB 746 May this Lenten discipline  
Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 793 Make me a channel of your peace  
Recessional Hymn: CWB 733 Lord, be my vision

## The Liturgy of the Word

### **Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 90: 15-16**

When he calls on me, I will answer him;  
I will deliver him and give him glory,  
I will grant him length of days.

### **First Reading Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7**

*The Creation, and the sin of our first parents*

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

Now the serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death."' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 50(51):3-6,12-14,17**

Response: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

### **Second Reading Romans 5:12,17-19**

*However great the number of sins committed, grace was even greater*

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:4**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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## Gospel Matthew 4:1-11

### *The temptation in the wilderness*

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge,  
and they will support you on their hands  
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,  
and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Communion Antiphon Mt 4: 4

One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

### 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

## Project Compassion 2026

This Sunday we will have a third collection for Project Compassion. There are some Project Compassion donation boxes still available in the foyers of the Church. Please take one.

## Planned Giving Envelopes 2026/2027

Your new Planned Giving envelopes for 2026/2027 are now available in the side foyer of the Church. Please collect them as the new envelopes commence on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Any queries please contact the parish office.

## Stations of the Cross during Lent

Stations of the Cross in English/Italian during Lent are held every Friday at 6.30pm in the Basilica. All Welcome.

## Urgently required Wednesday Weekday Reader

We are urgently seeking a reader who can commit to Wednesday Midday Masses. We are also seeking a reader who can be used as relief any day of the week. If you can assist with either of these positions please advise the parish office.

## Transform Fremantle Prayer Group

Transforming Fremantle Ecumenical Prayer Group will commence praying/singing in the Basilica on Thursdays 9.30am to 10.30am. They warmly invite all to join them in prayer to pray for a peaceful city where multitudes encounter Jesus, experience real life change and go on to serve Christ. More information on noticeboards in the side foyers. All Welcome.

## World Day of Prayer

This year the Scots Church, 90 South Terrace, Fremantle will host the World Day of Prayer focusing on Nigeria on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 10am. Let us support this event as a parish. RSVP J Parnell 0414 521 227. All Welcome.

## Parish Morning Tea

The next parish morning tea will be held on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March in the Presbytery carport after the 8am Mass. All Welcome.

## Oblate Superior General Visits Fremantle

We will be honoured with a visit from the Oblate Superior General, Fr Luis Ignacio Rois Alonso OMI from Italy in March and he will be celebrating the midday Mass on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March (St Patrick's Day) with us in Fremantle. I invite all parishioners to join us on this very special day not only to celebrate our Patron Saint but also to warmly welcome Father Superior to Fremantle.

## Early Notices of Coming Events in the Parish

**Palm Sunday** 29<sup>th</sup> March, reminder bring your own palms.

**Holy Thursday** 2<sup>nd</sup> April, timetables out shortly.

**Good Friday** 3<sup>rd</sup> April, timetables out shortly.

**Holy Saturday** 4<sup>th</sup> April, timetables out shortly.

**Easter Sunday** 5<sup>th</sup> April, timetables out shortly.

**Oblate Retreat and Congress** 12<sup>th</sup> April to 19<sup>th</sup> April, more information to come.

**Jubilee Migrant Cross** Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April, more information to come.

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday 21 February

6pm Vigil Mass:

Ambrogio & Emanuele Families (dec'd)

## Sunday 22 February

8am Mass:

11am Mass:

Maureen Hanton & Josephine Smith (dec'd)

5pm Mass: Francesca Portelli (dec'd)

## Monday 23 February

Midday Mass: Kyrn Milosavelvic (Birthday int)

## Tuesday 24 February

Midday Mass: Thanksgiving to Jesus

## Wednesday 25 February

Midday Mass: Luigi Gizzarone (dec'd)

## Thursday 26 February

Midday Mass: Rita Basilio (int.)

## Friday 27 February

Midday Mass: Holy Souls

## Saturday 28 February

Midday Mass: Leonardo Goncalves (dec'd)

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

## Saturday 21/Sunday 22 February

Project Compassion Special Collection

## Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February

Stations of the Cross in English/Italian

## Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March

World Day of Prayer

## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Parish Morning Tea