

# Basilica of St. Patrick

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A  
Sunday 8th 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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parishmanager@fremantlestpatricks.org.au

## Parish Office working hours

Tuesday to Friday (9am to 3pm)  
Closed Weekends and Public Holidays

## Contact

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## Parish Leadership Team

Shereen Banner	Sonia La Macchia
Marietta Damos	Christian Thompson
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**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 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,

Following upon the teaching of the Beatitudes, Jesus uses the now familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of discipleship. We take salt and light for granted in our society, but these commodities were more precious in ancient cultures. Just as now, salt was used in Jesus' time for flavoring, as a preservative, and as a healing agent. Similarly, the widespread use of electricity in the modern world makes us less aware of the value and importance of light in our lives.

Still, our familiarity with this passage from Matthew's Gospel speaks well to the abiding power of the imagery that Jesus presented. Jesus' call to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. Our commitment to social justice flows from the exhortation that Jesus gives us in today's Gospel. Some of the activities that this commitment leads us to are given more concrete expression as the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. When we do these things with the community of faith, the Church, we are indeed acting as "a city set on a mountain" that cannot be hidden!

# Music Ministry

## Organists & Cantors

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

## Hymns

Mass Setting: Paul Taylor – Mass of St Francis

Processional Hymn:

CWB 788 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 643 Christ is the world's light

Recessional Hymn: CWB 799 Rejoice! The Lord is King

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Entrance Antiphon Ps 94: 6-7

O come, let us worship God  
and bow low before the God who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God.

### First Reading Isaiah 58:7-10

*Then will your light shine like the dawn*

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,  
and shelter the homeless poor,  
clothe the man you see to be naked  
and do not turn from your own kin.  
Then will your light shine like the dawn  
and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you  
and the glory of the Lord behind you.  
Cry, and the Lord will answer;  
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke,  
the clenched fist, the wicked word,  
if you give your bread to the hungry,  
and relief to the oppressed,  
your light will rise in the darkness,  
and your shadows become like noon.

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

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 111(112):4-9

Response: A light rises in the darkness for the  
upright.

### Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

The only knowledge I claimed was of the  
crucified Christ

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with  
any show of oratory or philosophy, but  
simply to tell you what God had guaranteed.  
During my stay with you, the only knowledge  
I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only  
about him as the crucified Christ. Far from  
relying on any power of my own, I came  
among you in great 'fear and trembling' and  
in my speeches and the sermons that I gave,  
there were none of the arguments that  
belong to philosophy; only a demonstration  
of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so  
that your faith should not depend on human  
philosophy but on the power of God.

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

## Gospel Acclamation John 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
the man who follows me  
will have the light of life.

## Gospel Matthew 5:13-16

*Your light must shine in the sight of men*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.'

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

## Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 106: 8-9

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,  
his wonders for the children of men,  
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,  
and the hungry he fills with good things.

### 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 Morning Tea

The parish morning tea this Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February in the Presbytery carport after the 8am Mass. Please use the side door facing the Church to enter the carport. All Welcome.

## Anointing of the Sick Mass

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

## Ash Wednesday Services

Ash Wednesday will be celebrated on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February and the Basilica will have Masses with 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 20<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm. Stations will then continue every Friday evening up to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March. All Welcome.

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday 7 February

6pm Vigil Mass: Srecko Hrvatin

### Sunday 8 February

8am Mass: Roman Tyszecki (dec'd)

11am Mass: Fortunata & Jose De Abreu (dec'd)

5pm Mass: Andrea Pellegrino (dec'd)

### Monday 9 February

Midday Mass: Holy Souls

### Tuesday 10 February

Midday Mass: John Goncalves (dec'd)

Felice Turco (dec'd)

### Wednesday 11 February

Midday Mass: Pasquale De Gennaro (dec'd)

### Thursday 12 February

Midday Mass: Callum Lochhead (Int)

### Friday 13 February

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

### Saturday 14 February

Midday Mass: Jose Goncalves (dec'd 2<sup>nd</sup> anniv.)

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

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

Parish Morning Tea

### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Anointing of the Sick

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February

Ash Wednesday

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February

Stations of the Cross commence