

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Sunday 15th 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
Marietta Damos	Christian Thompson
Steven Daly	

St Patrick's Community Support Centre

12 Queen Victoria Street, Fremantle WA 6160
Reception Hours Mon to Fri 8.30am to 4.30pm
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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 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,

Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today's reading is part one and deals with the Law. Part two deals with worship and religious practice and contains the Lord's Prayer. Part three deals with trusting God and deeds of loving service to our neighbor.

When Matthew speaks of "the Law and the prophets" he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of scripture will be done away with. Instead it will be fulfilled. Matthew's Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires.

The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. As Jewish Christians who had always been faithful to the Law Matthew's community need a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom he brings have made. They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through "the Law and the prophets." But God's work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God. The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God. (source Loyola Press)

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil Mass: Aquinas Schola (Director: Hugh Lydon)
Organist: Alessandro Pittorino
Sun 8am & 11am Masses: Gilbert Rodgers (Cantor)
Organist: Vince Basile
Sun 5pm Mass: Joshua Adams (Cantor)
Michael Peters (Organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Paul Taylor – Mass of St Francis
Processional Hymn: CWB 619 Alleluia Sing to Jesus
Thanksgiving Hymn:
CWB 615 A new commandment I give unto you
Recessional Hymn: CWB 640 Christ is made the sure foundation

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 30: 3-4

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading Ecclesiasticus 15:16-21

He never commanded anyone to be godless

If you wish, you can keep the
commandments,
to behave faithfully is within your power.
He has set fire and water before you;
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.
Man has life and death before him;
whichever a man likes better will be given
him.
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is almighty and all-seeing.
His eyes are on those who fear him,
he notes every action of man.
He never commanded anyone to be godless,
he has given no one permission to sin.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118(119):1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34

Response: Happy are they who follow the law
of the Lord!

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

*God predestined wisdom to be for our glory before
the ages began*

We have a wisdom to offer those who have
reached maturity: not a philosophy of our
age, it is true, still less of the masters of our
age, which are coming to their end. The
hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our
mysteries is the wisdom that God
predestined to be for our glory before the
ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the
masters of this age have ever known, or they
would not have crucified the Lord of Glory;
we teach what scripture calls: the things that
no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things
beyond the mind of man, all that God has
prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has
revealed to us through the Spirit, for the
Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even
the depths of God.

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

Gospel Acclamation cf Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the
kingdom.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 5:20-22,27-28,33-34,37

You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors; but I say this to you

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 77: 29-30

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

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 launch Project Compassion for 2026. Please collect your donation boxes or envelopes from the side foyers of the Church. **Next weekend 21/22 February we will have a third collection for Project Compassion at all Masses.**

Sacramental Information Evening

A Parent Sacramental Information Evening will be held on Tuesday 17th February at 6pm in the Parish Centre. If you have a child who attends a Catholic School or a non Catholic School and requires to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation please attend the information evening so that you can get the necessary information for the Sacraments and the Prep Program. For more information contact the parish office on 9335 2268 or parishmanager@fremantlestpatricks.org.au.

Ash Wednesday Services

Ash Wednesday will be celebrated on Wednesday 18th 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 20th February at 6.30pm. Stations will then continue every Friday evening up to Friday 27th March. All Welcome.

ALPHA

The current session of ALPHA has well and truly commenced and is being enjoyed by a large group. Let us keep them all in our prayers as they journey over the next 6 weeks together.

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 6th 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 8th March in the Presbytery carport after the 8am Mass. All Welcome.

A Lenten Reflection with Bishop Don Sproxton

Parishioners are invited to come together in this time of Lent to reflect with Mary and her Magnificat of humility and grace. On Saturday 14th March 2026, St Columba's Catholic Church, South Perth. RSVP by 7th March. See noticeboards for more information.

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 17th 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 welcome Father Superior to Fremantle.

We have a few items of furniture that are looking for a new homes. A black desk, small black desk cabinet, small side cabinet, large bamboo bookshelf, a white bookshelf, two small side tables with drawers, a few different size small side tables, a few different size lamps, two computer monitors,. If you are interested please see the parish office or one of the priests and they can show you the items. Donation accepted.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 14 February

6pm Vigil Mass: Teodora Aberca (dec'd)

Sunday 15 February

8am Mass: Special Healing Intention

11am Mass: For the People

5pm Mass: Sam (Salvatore) Ambrogio (dec'd)

Monday 16 February

Midday Mass: Christina & Tony (dec'd)

Tuesday 17 February

Midday Mass: Emanuele Family (int)

Wednesday 18 February - Ash Wednesday

Midday Mass: Caporn Family (int)

6.30pm Mass:

Thursday 19 February

Midday Mass:

Ante, Maria & Ivko Separovich (dec'd)

Friday 20 February

Midday Mass:

Manuel De Freitas & Family (dec'd)

Saturday 21 February

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

Sunday 15th February

Project Compassion Sunday

Tuesday 17th February

Sacramental Parent Information Evening

Wednesday 18th February

Ash Wednesday

Friday 20th February

Stations of the Cross commence

Saturday 21/Sunday 22 February

Project Compassion Special Collection