

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

The Third Sunday of Lent, Year A
Sunday 8th March 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

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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 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 today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is startling in that it happens at all because Jesus was an observant Jew who was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law.

The climate of Israel and the importance of water is fundamental to the conversation between Jesus and the woman. At first, the woman understands Jesus' promise of "living water" in a literal sense: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." The daily trip to the well by the women of the community was of paramount importance and they would have travelled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day, signifying that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her "many husbands."

Samaritan religion included worship of Yahweh but was also influenced by the worship of other gods and like the Jews, the Samaritans believed that a Messiah would come. So, the high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. His answer to the Samaritan woman's questions about worship is meant to predict a time when worshipping in truth and spirit will become the way to worship.

After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus the Messiah. The townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many come to believe in him.

The encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people.

The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit.

The disciples return and are quite confused to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan, and a woman at that! But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah. (source Loyola Press)



Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil Mass: Aquinas Schola (Conductor: Hugh Lydon)
Alessandro Pittorino (Organist)
Sun 8am & 11am Masses: Paul O'Neill (Cantor)
Vince Basile (Organist)
Sun 5pm Mass: Joshua Adams (Cantor)
Michael Peters (Organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Missa Simplex
Processional Hymn: CWB 746 May this Lenten discipline
Thanksgiving Hymn:
CWB 631 Bread of the world in mercy broken
Recessional Hymn: CWB 634 By your Priestly power, O risen Lord

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 24: 15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

First Reading Exodus 17:3-7

Strike the rock, and water will flow from it

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?'

Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' the Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9

Response: If today you hear his voice, harden not
your hearts.

Second Reading Romans 5:1-2,5-8

The love of God has been poured into our hearts

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. And this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation cf John 4:42. 15

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst
again.

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Gospel John 4:5-16,19-26,39-42

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering
and who it is that is saying to you:
Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask,
and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water
will get thirsty again;
but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give
will never be thirsty again:
the water that I shall give
will turn into a spring inside him,
welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.'

Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman,
the hour is coming
when you will worship the Father
neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.
You worship what you do not know;
we worship what we do know:
for salvation comes from the Jews.
But the hour will come
– in fact it is here already –
when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth:
that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants.
God is spirit,
and those who worship
must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,
the water I shall give will become in him
a spring welling up to eternal life.

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

Message from Fr Andrew Chen, Oblate Provincial

Fr Andrew wishes to advise the following changes to the Fremantle Oblate Community. Fr Patrick has been appointed as Administrator to Cannon Hill, Queensland. Fr Luan Ha has been appointed as Assistant Priest and Hospital Chaplain in Fremantle. Fr Patrick will say his farewell Mass on Sunday 22nd March at 11am in the Basilica.

Parish Morning Tea

The parish morning tea will be held this Sunday 8th March in the Presbytery carport after the 8am Mass. All Welcome.

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.

Reader required 8am Sunday Mass

We require a permanent reader for the Second and Fourth Sundays of each month at 8am Mass. If you can assist please contact the parish office.

MAMI Appeal

The parish will have a leaving collection after all Masses on the weekend 14th/15th March to support the Oblates working among the poor and marginalised in Indonesia, China, Vietnam, Australia and throughout the world. Your support helps maintain sustainable projects, promote peace and justice and support the education of young people. There are Donation envelopes available on the pews which can be used on that weekend. Thank You for your assistance.

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 warmly welcome Father Superior to Fremantle.

Early Notices of Coming Events in the Parish

Palm Sunday 29th March, reminder bring your own palms.

Holy Thursday 2nd April, timetables out shortly.

Good Friday 3rd April, timetables out shortly.

Holy Saturday 4th April, timetables out shortly.

Easter Sunday 5th April, timetables out shortly.

Oblate Retreat and Congress 12th April to 19th April, more information to come.

Jubilee Migrant Cross Saturday 25th April, more information to come.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 7 March

6pm Vigil Mass: Maria Terese Caputo (dec'd)

Sunday 8 March

8am Mass:

11am Mass:

Fortunata & Jose De Abreu (dec'd)

5pm Mass:

Vittorio & Maria (int Wedding Anniv.)

Monday 9 March

Midday Mass:

Tuesday 10 March

Midday Mass: John Goncalves (dec'd)

Wednesday 11 March

Midday Mass: Pasquale De Gennaro (dec'd)

Thursday 12 March

Midday Mass:

Friday 13 March

Midday Mass:

Saturday 14 March

Midday Mass:

6pm Vigil Mass:

Josephine Piromalli (dec'd anniv.)

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

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MAMI Appeal

Monday 16th/Tuesday 17th March

Oblate Superior General's Visit to Fremantle