

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

# Basilica of St. Patrick

The Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year A  
Sunday 15th 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 Luan Ha OMI (Assistant Priest)  
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)  
email:  
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  
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  
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 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,

As we did last week, we are reading today from the Gospel of John. In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man.

The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment.

The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind. (source Loyola Press)



PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

# Music Ministry

## Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil Mass: Aquinas Schola (Conductor: Hugh Lydon)  
Andrew Brown (Organist)  
Sun 8am & 11am Masses: Gilbert Rodgers (Cantor)  
Vince Basile and Andrew Brown (Organists)  
Sun 5pm Mass: Sophie Rodgers (Cantor)  
Michael Peters (Organist)

## Hymns

Mass Setting: Missa Simplex  
Processional Hymn: CWB 833 The Lord's my Shepherd  
Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 830 The Lord is my Shepherd  
Recessional Hymn: CWB 740 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Entrance Antiphon Cf. Is 66: 10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

### First Reading 1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13

*David is anointed by Samuel*

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him: God does not see as man sees: man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

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

### Responsorial Psalm Psalm 22(23)

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

### Second Reading Ephesians 5:8-14

*Anything exposed by the light will turn into light*

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,  
rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.

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

### Gospel Acclamation John 8:12

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus  
Christ!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will have the light of life.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus  
Christ!

## Gospel John 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38

*The blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored*

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man, and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

The gospel of the Lord.

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

### Communion Antiphon

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed,  
I saw and I believed in 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

We welcome Fr Luan Ha OMI this weekend to the Fremantle Parish who joins us as the Assistant Priest and Hospital Chaplain. Please make him feel welcomed.

## Fr Patrick's Farewell Mass

A farewell Mass for Fr Patrick will be held on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 11am, this will be followed by a cuppa in the parish centre. A third collection will be taken up during that Mass for Fr Patrick. 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.

## 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.

## Palm Sunday

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March is Palm Sunday. Please bring your own palms to be blessed at all Masses.

## Holy Week Services

Timetables with services for Holy Week are now available in the side foyers of the Church. Please pick up a copy and give one to your family and friends.

**Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Any queries please email [parishmanager@fremantlestpatricks.org.au](mailto:parishmanager@fremantlestpatricks.org.au). Thank You.**

## Parish Leadership Team - Ministry Portfolios (see noticeboards in foyers)



Shereen Banner  
Coordinator, Liturgy & Hospitality  
Assistant Coordinator, Welcoming, Sacraments  
Property Maintenance



Steven Daly  
Coordinator Music, Sacraments, Youth & Property Maintenance  
Assistant Coordinator, Liturgy and Hospitality



Sonia La Macchia  
Assistant Coordinator, Liturgy, Justice & Peace



Marietta Damos,  
Coordinator, Welcoming  
Assistant Coordinator, Hospitality



Christian Thompson  
Coordinator, Justice and Peace  
Assistant Coordinator, Music and Youth

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday 14 March

6pm Vigil Mass:  
Josephine Piromalli (dec'd anniv.)

## Sunday 15 March

8am Mass:  
Ligia, Naomi, Virginia, Islda & Families (Int)  
11am Mass: Jack Craul (dec'd)  
5pm Mass: For the People

## Monday 16 March

Midday Mass: Sam Ambrogio (dec'd)

## Tuesday 17 March

Midday Mass: Liliana Da Silva (dec'd)

## Wednesday 18 March

Midday Mass: Holy Souls

## Thursday 19 March

Midday Mass: Leonardo Ferreira (int)

## Friday 20 March

Midday Mass: Holy Souls

## Saturday 21 March

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

## Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> /15<sup>th</sup> March

MAMI Appeal

## Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Oblate Superior General's Visit to Fremantle

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

Stations of the Cross

## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Farewell Mass for Fr Patrick